

6,500 enter Assam, 13 in judicial custody: Lakhimpur SP



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GUWAHATI : The situation in Lakhimpur district, 400 kms away from Guwahati, is still tense as the deadline issued by the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union and All Nichi Students' Union to the people living without inner-line permit, expires tomorrow. Top official sources said around 6,500 people have descended in Assam since July 4 and the flow is continuing. "All the people have gone under scrutiny and they we detained 31 people under suspicion. However, 18 of them were able to produce proper certificates from village heads and they were allowed to go. Now 13 people are in judicial custody and if they fail to produce any proper document, then law will take action," Lakhimpur Superintendent of Police (SP) NF Haque told this writer. The district administration is taking every precautionary measure to prevent outbreak of any chaos following the entry of panicked-people from the neighbouring State. The Arunachal Pradesh government has intensified its drive against illegal migrants staying in the state in violation of inner line permit rules, official sources said. An order issued by district authorities said it was being observed that most of the suspected Bangladeshis were engaged in manual works at construction sites, agricultural fields and as domestic servants, hawkers, vegetable sellers and scrap collectors and were entering the State through Assam with provisional ILPs.

The Papum Pare district administration covering the state capital has taken several steps to regulate entry of outsiders as the number of Bangladeshis have increased manifold in the district, the sources said. Following the directive and quit orders issued by the students' bodies, thousands of people living and working in Arunachal Pradesh have entered Lakhimpur via Bandardewa Gate. The Lakhimpur district administration has set up two check-gates at Bandardewa and Laluk to screen the people.

The BJP has protested the entry of fleeing people in Lakhimpur terming them as 'Bangladeshis'. National president of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Ashok Sarma and State vice president Nabarun Medhi met the DC and SP of the district and urged them to take action against the people arriving in Asom. The organization will also meet Governor today.

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