



Jharkhand HC Warns About Illegal Immigration from Bangladesh

Why in News?

Recently, The **Jharkhand High Court** directed the state government to take **immediate action against illegal Bangladeshi immigrants** entering the state through the [Santhal Parganas](#).

Key Points

- The court noted that **illegal immigration is likely to increase due to the current unstable situation in Bangladesh**.
- The bench ordered the director of the [intelligence bureau](#), **director general of the Border Security Force (BSF)**, [Chief Election Commissioner of India](#), and **director general of the Unique Identification Authority of India** to be made parties in the case.
 - The court, while issuing notices, instructed them to submit a response in the matter.
 - Additionally, the court **recommended that the government conduct surprise inspections** of [Aadhaar cards](#) and [voter identity cards](#).

Current Situation in Bangladesh

- **Protests and Unrest:** Bangladesh has been engulfed in protests **over job quota issues fueled by authoritarian policies and suppression of opposition**, leading to significant unrest, the largest seen since Sheikh Hasina's tenure began in 2008.
- **Economic Challenges:** Sheikh Hasina's departure raises concerns about the country's economic recovery from the [Covid-19 pandemic](#), which has already been strained by rising [inflation](#) and [currency depreciation](#).
- **Political Landscape:** The Bangladesh Army is set to form an interim government, emphasising the fluidity of the situation.
 - The potential return of **radical Islamist forces could threaten Bangladesh's secular governance**.
- **Disruption in Export Flow:** [Bangladesh's textile sector](#), which significantly contributes to its export revenue, is facing major disruptions. The ongoing unrest has led to a breakdown in supply chains, affecting the movement of consignments and production schedules.
 - Bangladesh is a major player in the global clothing industry, **accounting for 7.9% of global trade in clothing**. The country's **USD 45 billion garment sector, which employs over four million workers, represents more than 85% of its merchandise exports**.
 - The country has a significant market share in the [European Union](#), the UK and the US, with a 10% share in the US market.
 - International buyers are reassessing their supply sources due to the uncertainty in Bangladesh. **This could result in a shift of orders to alternative markets, including India**.
 - India stands to gain substantially if it captures a **portion of the displaced orders from Bangladesh**.
 - Industry experts estimate that **India could see an additional USD 300-400 million** in monthly business if **10-11% of Bangladesh's textile exports are redirected to Indian**

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