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**"JOINT CULTURAL PROGRAMME WITH BANGLADESH" ON THE EVE OF  
GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR OF BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR**

On the eve of 50 anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 War, the Border Security Force and its Bangladesh counterpart Border Guard Bangladesh organized a "Joint Cultural Programme" at Integrated Check Post (ICP) Fulbari on 14th Dec 2021 (Tuesday) under the dynamic leadership of Shri Ravi Gandhi, Inspector General, BSF NB Ftr, Kadamtala for better relations between Bangladesh & India. "Mukti Yoddhas (Liberation warriors)", historians and eminent speakers of both countries were invited to the cultural programme at ICP Fulbari.

"The BSF played a very important role in the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971 right from the beginning and fought shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army. Twenty-three BSF units were deployed under the Army's operational control and they displayed their mettle in both defensive and offensive actions against enemy positions independently, as well as in conjunction with the Army".

Sh Ravi Gandhi, IG BSF NB said India provided extensive aid, training and shelter to the "Mukti Yoddhas" who were fighting the Pakistani Army during the Liberation War. The relations between the two countries were further cemented with the signing of the India-Bangladesh Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Peace on March 19, 1972. The pact was also known as Indira-Mujib Treaty, named after its signatories – Prime Minister of India and Bangladesh, Indira Gandhi and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, respectively.

Shri Ravi Gandhi, Inspector General, BSF North Bengal, Kadamtala light the lamp at ICP Fulbari on 14th Dec 2021 (Tuesday) marking the commencement of the Joint Cultural Programme. Cultural troupe from both the countries presented ethnic folk dances on this occasion. Eminent historians, Mukti Yoddhas and war veterans from both countries shared firsthand account and their personal experiences of the Liberation war. BSF Jazz band also performed during the august ceremony. Prominent local leaders, civil dignitaries, local population, BSF & BGB Officials and media witnessed the Joint Cultural Programme.