(9) Cross border security challenges in North East. Examine various challenges across India-myanmar boder and steps to counter.

India shares borders with myanmar around 1650 km. Border which is mostly forested, inhabited by tribal who have livelihood dependence on both side.

Result of inaccessibity, infrastructure unavailability border facing security challenges.

Cross border security challenges in North East-

1) **Livelihood of inhabitants-**
- FMR (free movement Regime) of 16 km along the border is illegally used by insurgents

2) **Golden Triangle-**
- this region belong to human trafficking, drug smuggling, counterfeit currency, kidnapping and extortion rackets for illegal activities.

3) **Cross border operations-**
- Insurgents conducts operations on Indian soil and return back to base in myanmar.

(eg. 2015-Manipur Ambush on Army convoy

4) **Infrastructure** to protect border is not adequate due to geography and topography of region.

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5) many secessionist, separatist groups who provide support (financial, logestics, reconnaince) to insurgents.

6) Use of technology is minimal of use.
eg. satellite tracking, imaging is difficult due to dense forests.

Steps to counter cross-border security challenges:

1) Capacity and technological advancement of forces working in area.
-like Assam Rifles should be provided with latest advance rifles, laser and heat imaging sensors.

2) Local people should be taken into confidence and make first point of 'eye and ear' to administrative and security agencies.

3) FMR should be well proteered and review along security line should be done frequently.

4) Livelihood of locals should be taken into account by providing more autonomy, financial powers to schedule V & VI areas so that secessionist attitude would be reduced.

5) Co-operation with myanmar forces
eg. Hot persuit by Indian forces in 2015 on border.

6) CIBMS should be quickly installed.

Overall, there is need of man-machine-technology integrated approach for security challenges.

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