Status of Gorkhaland Agitation

Why in news?

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The stir for a separate Gorkhaland state now had entered its fifth week.

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What is the present status of the agitation?

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- Seven people had lost their lives so far.
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- There are lots of twist and turns in the agitation
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- A “fast-unto-death” programme has been announced by senior leaders, It has also been decided that the agitation will continue indefinitely
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- The officials barred the internet connections across the area where the agitation is on progress.
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What is the stand of Sikkim?

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- Sikkim is the very closer state to the Darjeeling area.
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- Sikkim appears to have positioned itself in the emerging political configuration.
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- It gave its open support to the Gorkhaland cause by making public a letter to Union Home Minister, has created ripples.
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- Sikkim has begun suffering disruptions in essential supplies.
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What are the apprehensions about the agitation?

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- The Bengal government believes the agitation is encouraged by union government for a political turmoil.
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- The insurgency groups around the chicken neck region making plans for the agitation.
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- There are also suspicions that the agitation is funded by foreign forces like China and Nepal.
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Quick fact

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Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC)

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- It was a semi-autonomous body that looked after the administration of the hills of Darjeeling District in the state of West Bengal, India.
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- It was operational from 1988-2012, also once known for a short period of time as Darjeeling Gorkha Autonomous Hill Council (DGAHC).
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- DGHC had three subdivisions under its authority: Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and Kurseong and some areas of Siliguri subdivision.
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