

## Assam Rifles continues service for the people



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Assam Rifles troopers continue its service for the welfare of the community particularly the youth of the state by organizing various programme to improve their skill at many field.

Yesterday, the 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) at Chandrakong Company Operating Base, Thoubal district organized a Career Guidance counselling programme for the local

youths at its Battalion.

The career guidance programme aims to motivate and guide local youth for the upcoming Indian Army recruitment rally, an Assam Rifle statement said. The youths were guided about the recruitment procedure and eligibility criteria. A total of 20 young boys attended the programme and expressed their gratitude to the Assam Rifles, the statement added. On the other hand Mantripukhuri Battalion of HQ 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South)

also organised a cleanliness drive as part of Swatch Bharat Abhiyan at Chingarel Village, Imphal East District. A total of 23 peoples along with the troops of Sawombung Company Operating Base actively participated in the drive. Chingarel Village and surrounding areas were cleaned and the idea of Swatch Bharat was promoted. The villages appreciated the efforts and pledged to work relentlessly towards a clean environment and healthy living.

## Prog. on "Anaemia Detection and Awareness on Blood Disorder"

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WE CARE FOUNDATION, Khurai in association with TLYC Club Heirok a one day awareness campaign on "Anaemia Detection and Blood Disorder" at Heirok Higher Secondary School in Thoubal district.

The programme was jointly sponsored by INTAS Pharmaceutical Ltd. and SRL. Asst. Prof. from Anil Singh, Hemato Oncologist of the Medicine Department JNIMS while speaking on the occasion said that We Care Foundation is organizing the



programme to make the people aware of blood related diseases and also to take up immediate precautionary measures to prevent such diseases.

The Foundation started the programme from Heirok and is aiming to continue at Thoubal and Kakching as people lacks awareness about blood related diseases, he said.

## Healthy Dietary Haibasida Interaction Program held



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Thoubal, Aug. 26:

District Police of Thoubal today organized a one day discussion programme on Healthy Dietary Habits and Means of Losing Weights at the recreation hall of District Superintendent of Police. Speaking on the occasion District Superintendent of

Police Goutam said that the change has brought so much change to the dietary inputs. The changing time has created obesity, illness of unknown diseases which were alien and it is important we of today generation understand what the causes of these unknown diseases are, Goutam added. He said that control in dietary system is the only means to protect us from alien diseases

and alien diseases. For civilians there are various programme to give awareness but for those in the armed force there are hardly not much programme, that is why the programme is organized specially for the police personnel, the SP added. Retd. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ksh. Manglem spoke on "Food and Nutrition in Health as resource person.

## National & International News

## Violence over Panchayat boards formation: One dead, several hurt in clashes across West Bengal

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One person was killed and several were injured during clashes in many districts over the formation of panchayat boards on Saturday, police said. The violence took place a day after the Supreme Court refused to interfere in the seats won unopposed by the TMC in the panchayat polls. The deceased, Lal Mohammad (50), was killed during a clash in Islampur area of North Dinajpur over the election of the president of Panditpota 1 gram panchayat. He was the previous panchayat pradhan. Around 6 people have been detained in the case.

"The deceased was hit by a

crude bomb. A case has been lodged. Investigation is on," Cooch Behar SP Anoop Jaiswal told The Sunday Express.

Six seats in the area had been clinched by Trinamool Congress during the panchayat elections, while the other five went to independents. Later, all the independents joined TMC. Sources said the clash broke out as the two factions were fighting over the pradhan's post.

"In Islampur of North Dinajpur district, clashes erupted with bombs and pistols between two factions of TMC on Saturday morning over formation of the panchayat board. One person was killed

and few were injured. But the police are inactive. Even Trinamool workers are not safe in Bengal," the CPM tweeted from its official handle.

Speaking to reporters, Trinamool Congress district president Amal Acharya said, "This groupism won't be tolerated. Both factions have to be accountable to the party for this."

Aside from North Dinajpur, violence was also reported from Nadia, Malda, Birbhum and Cooch Behar. A large police force was deployed in Pochagarh gram panchayat area of Cooch Behar, where tensions rose after a section of the TMC openly resisted party orders and elected a different

pradhan, said sources.

In Malda, a BJP member's house was allegedly set on fire while in Sadaipur of Birbhum, a victory rally by TMC was allegedly attacked by BJP supporters. The ruling party had taken out the rally to celebrate the SC verdict. During the three-tier state panchayat elections in May, Opposition parties claimed they could not file nominations for 20,698 seats. These seats were won uncontested by the TMC. Of the remaining seats that went to polls, the TMC won 95 per cent of zilla parishad seats, around 81 per cent of panchayat samitis, and nearly 67 per cent of gram panchayat seats.

## Flood-ravaged Kerala's wait for full central aid package could be long

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Flood-ravaged Kerala may have to wait a few months to get the complete financial aid package from the Centre as the process of assessing the extent of damage and fund release is time-consuming, officials said.

After the initial release of funds, the central government follows certain rules and guidelines before awarding the final aid to any state for a natural calamity, a Home Ministry official, privy to such circumstances, said. The Centre has so far released Rs 600 crore for Kerala, which witnessed its worst flood in a century. The death toll in Kerala floods has touched 293 since August 8 while 15 people are still missing.

According to the existing guidelines on disaster relief funds, the central government's contribution to the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) is 75 per cent for general category states and 90 per cent for special category states of hilly regions.

But the amount is released in each financial year in two instalments — in June and December.

However, the central government, upon being satisfied that exigencies of a

particular calamity so warrant, may recommend an earlier release of the central share but that too up to just 25 per cent of the funds due to the state in the following year.

But this release will be adjusted against the instalments of the subsequent year. Similarly, for getting relief from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), the state government will have to first submit a memorandum showing sector-wise damage with proper justification for requirement of funds and then it is assessed whether a case for additional assistance from NDRF is made out under the existing guidelines.

This itself is a time-consuming exercise for a state which is still trying to recover from the disaster, the official said.

An official statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs, which was issued on August 23 giving details of the flood relief measures taken by the central government in Kerala, noted that the submission of the memorandum by the state will take time.

The memorandum from the state government, when comes, will be examined to assess the likely requirement of funds as per items and norms of expenditure under the SDRF/

NDRF.

If the preliminary examination reveals that there are adequate funds in SDRF for providing relief as per norms, the state would be advised accordingly. If the preliminary examination reveals that the state is in need of assistance, a central team will be deputed for making an on-the-spot assessment, the guidelines say. After the tour and assessment, the central team will submit a report.

The report of the central team will be examined by the sub-committee of the national executive committee (SC-NEC) headed by the Union Home Secretary.

The SC-NEC will assess the extent of assistance and expenditure which can be funded from the NDRF as per norms and make recommendations.

Based on the recommendations of the SC-NEC, a high-level committee, headed by the Union Home Minister, will approve the quantum of relief to be released from the NDRF.

The release of assistance from NDRF will be subject to adjustment of 50 per cent of the balance in the SDRF as on March 31 of the preceding financial year.

Upon the approval of the high-

level committee, the Ministry of Finance will release assistance from the NDRF to the state.

Another official said the whole exercise normally takes three to six months and hence the final award from the central government to a state comes late. Expenditure from the NDRF is meant to assist a state to provide immediate relief in those cases of severe calamity, where the expenditure required is in excess of the balance in the state's SDRF.

According to the guidelines, the expenditure on reconstruction, restoration, disaster preparedness and mitigation should not be part of the SDRF or NDRF and is to be met from the normal budgetary heads or plan heads.

On August 21, the central government had released Rs 600 crore as immediate relief to the Kerala government.

Citing a 2004 decision, the central government has announced that it would not accept any assistance from a foreign government, which created a huge controversy.

The statement of the Ministry of External Affairs came after Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that the United Arab Emirates had offered to give Rs 700 crore as assistance to his state.

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