

## Assam Rifles Conducted Medical Camp in Old Samtal



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Sehlon Battalion of 28 Sector, Assam Rifles under aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organized a day long medical camp in Old Samtal village of Khengjoi sub division, Chandel District on 10 Dec 2018 under OP S A D B H A V A N A initiative. The aim of this initiative was to provide free medical treatment and consultation to the remote villages of Old Samtal and neighbouring village of Sejang and S Bonjai. Sehlon Battalion understood the medical

needs of these villages, where not even a Primary Health Centre (PHC) exists and even if, there is any, they are located far away from the reach of these villagers. Further due to poor road infrastructure along the Indo Myanmar Border (IMB), in these areas majority of the villagers do not have access to hospitals or PHCs for treatment. Hence the team of Sehlon Battalion took initiative to provide requisite medical facilities to maximum villagers of these remote and inaccessible villages and conducted the medical camp.

The medical camp received overwhelming response from local populace where ARMO of Sehlon Battalion alongwith staff provided medical treatment to 218 people and distributed free medicines. Village Chief of the village expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Sehlon Battalion for this initiative and appreciated this gesture immensely. The battalion's continuous efforts in increasing the bonhomie between the Security Forces and local populace have resulted in strengthening of relations between the locals and the Security Force.

## Popular Front condemns Andhra Police abuse at minority educational event

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Popular Front of India General Secretary M Muhammed Ali Jinnah has strongly condemned the disturbances created by some police officers at a scholarship programme in Andhra Pradesh organized by the Popular Front and the arbitrary unjust arrest and torture of its zonal secretary and district leaders on false charges. He demanded the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu to immediately intervene in this issue of minority rights violation in the state. What happened today at Punganur, in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh was sheer abuse of police power on students and innocent people at an educational event. It was a scholarship programme at Sumaiya Hall, a full day event with different motivational, counselling and skill development sessions for the beneficiary students. When the Sub-inspector and Head Constable from Punganur Police station tried to disturb the programme and intimidated the participants by taking their photographs, the organizers intervened and informed the police that it was a public event and that they were happy to give photographs taken by themselves, which they did. While the matter should have ended there peacefully, the officers were not ready to let go. To the shock

of the organizers and the students, officers came back after a little while and defiled the hall arrangements and arrested innocent people. The arrested include Popular Front Zonal Secretary Muhammed Arif Ahmed and Popular Front Punganur district president Fayaz Ahmed among others. They are presently under judicial custody under false charges of obstructing police duty.

Popular Front Scholarship is unique scholarship scheme in the country and it is in existence since more than a decade. Thousands of poor meritorious students belonging to the Muslims and other deprived sections have benefited from it. This kind of police hooliganism on an education programme can only be viewed as attack on the efforts for educational empowerment of backward sections in the country. It is shameful for a civilized society and for a government that claims to uphold secular democratic values. We call upon Chandrababu Naidu government to take action on the officers who are responsible for the abuse and take necessary steps for the unconditional release of the four innocent people arrested. Popular Front will continue the struggle against the police high handedness through democratic and legal efforts. We appeal to the civil society to come out against this police excess.

## Assam Rifles installs ten Solar Street Lights in Malom

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Tulihal Battalion of HQ 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) installed and handed over ten solar street lights on the request of Malom Gram Panchayat as part of the 'Operation Sadbhavana Project' on 10 December.

The Battalion on receiving the request for installation of solar lights in its monthly security meet, provided and installed these lights in each of the wards of Malom Gram Panchayat. These street lights will certainly address the security concerns of the area.

The inaugural programme witnessed attendance by over 150 villagers of Malom during which Brigadier Amit Kabthiyal, Sena Medal, Commander 9 Sector Assam Rifles officially handed over the solar street lights to the Pradhan of Malom Gram Panchayat. While praising the efforts of Tulihal Battalion, Brigadier Kabthiyal assured the villagers that Assam Rifles



will continue its work for welfare of the people of Manipur. Two Ex-servicemen of the Indian Army were also felicitated by Brigadier Kabthiyal during the event.

The villagers of Malom appreciated the Battalion for the kind initiative and said that this gesture of the Army would go a long way in cementing the bond between the people and the Forces and the people of Malom would forever keep Tulihal Battalion in their hearts, even when the Battalion moves out of the area on completion of its tenure. Provision of solar lights

is one among the many initiatives taken up by the Tulihal Battalion, who had also spearheaded the flood relief operations in the Imphal Valley in June this year for which it was felicitated by the Honourable Governor of Manipur. The Battalion also plans to carry out more projects for betterment of the people of Manipur in the near future. The villagers conveyed their heartfelt appreciation to the Assam Rifles and the Army for the kind gesture, thereby reaffirming the faith of the people in the Force, besides ensuring peace in the region.

## 5 Chhattisgarh BJP ministers trailing

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Raipur, Dec 11

Five ministers in the Raman Singh-led BJP government in Chhattisgarh were trailing in the Assembly polls as per latest trends, a poll official said Tuesday. The five Brijmohan Agrawal (Raipur City

South), Kedar Kashyap (Narayanpur constituency), Mahesh Gada (Bijapur), Dayaldas Baghel (Nawagarh) and Amar Agrawal (Bilaspur) - are trailing, as per trends in the state Assembly polls. However, state presidents of the BJP and the Congress - Dharamlal

Kaushik and Bhupesh Baghel - were leading from Bilha and Patan seats respectively. Leader of Opposition T S Singhdeo and Congress MP from Durg Lok Sabha seat Tamradhwaj Sau were leading in Ambikapur and Durg Rural seats, respectively.

## Chilly morning in Delhi, light rains likely in evening

Agency  
New Delhi, Dec 11

It was a chilly morning in the national capital on Tuesday, with an official from the Met Department predicting light rains in a few areas towards the evening. The minimum temperature recorded at 8.30 am was

8.8 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year, he said. The humidity level was recorded at 92 per cent. The weatherman has predicted that the clear sky may become partly cloudy towards the afternoon and there can be light rains in a few areas of the city towards

the evening. "The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to settle at around 23 and 8 degrees Celsius, respectively," the official added. On Monday, the maximum and minimum temperature had settled at 24.8 and 8.2 degrees Celsius, respectively.

## Blood screening report confirms, Guwahati scribes maintain good health

Guwahati, Dec. 11

The city based scribes maintain good health as most of them have performed well in a recent blood screening camp conducted by Assam's celebrated healthcare institute Dispur Hospitals. Nearly 80 scribes, age limit from 30 to 60 years, participated in the free camp, where their blood samples were collected to test thyroid, haemoglobin and sugar. Only 11 scribes were diagnosed with high thyroid stimulating hormone (more than 7 milli-international units per liter or mIU/L), where

four participants were with low haemoglobin (less than 12 gm/dl) and five with high random blood sugar (more than 140 mg/dl), said a statement from Guwahati Press Club, where the camp was organized last week. Dr Jayanta Bardoloi, managing director of Dispur Hospitals offered free consultations to the participating member-journalists, so that they can start medication in need. Interested scribes may arrive at his hospital in Ganeshguri locality of the city for necessary consultation and medications.

## Congress leads in close fight with BJP in Madhya Pradesh

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Bhopal, Dec 11

A resurgent Congress in Madhya Pradesh was Tuesday leading over the ruling BJP by a slender margin, as per trends available in all the 230 Assembly seats. The Opposition Congress was leading in 110 seats, a far improved performance over the 58

seats it has in the outgoing House, while BJP was ahead in 108 constituencies. Chief Minister Shivravi Singh Chouhan was leading in Budhni seat over his nearest Congress rival by a margin of 19,293 votes. State Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia was leading in Shivpuri seat by a margin of 10,780

votes. Women and Child Development Minister Archana Chitnis was leading in Burhanpur, while Agriculture Minister Gaurishankar Chaturbhuj Bais was ahead in Balaghat. Revenue Minister Umashankar Gupta was leading in Bhopal South West seat by a slender margin of 249 votes.

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Manager

## Sensex down by over 500 points, rupee crashes 1.5% following RBI governor's resignation

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New Delhi, Dec. 11

The rupee slumped 1.5 per cent against US dollar and the Sensex was down by 521 points or 1.49 per cent at 34,438 on Tuesday morning following the shock exit of former RBI Governor Urjit Patel and amid uncertainty ahead of the Assembly election results of five states - Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Rajasthan. Advertising The rupee was trading at 72.46 against the US dollar, down 1.5%, as compared to Monday's close of 71.32. The Nifty too fell by 1.28 per cent or 134.65 points to trade at 10,353.80.

Meanwhile, a day after RBI governor Patel's resignation, eminent economist and columnist Surjit Bhalla resigned as part-time member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). Bankers and fund managers are bracing for volatility in the markets on Tuesday. Soon after Patel's resignation, which came following a months-long fractious faceoff with the government, the Nifty and Sensex had plunged around 2 per cent on Monday to register their worst closing levels in four weeks. The rupee too slid over 1.1 per cent (72.46 to the US \$ at 6.30 IST) in the

overseas (Non-Deliverable Forward) market. The Sensex closed at 34,959.72 points, down 713.53 points, while the Nifty closed at 10,488.45, down 205.25 points or 1.92 per cent. Fund managers had predicted on Monday that the resignation would be "taken negatively by the market" on an immediate basis and his replacement would hold the key. Markets have been volatile this year following rising crude oil prices and depreciation of the value of rupee. The lowest levels for the Sensex and Nifty this year were at 32,483.83 and 9,951.9 on March 23.