

# AR Ching-Tam Run For Unity And Peace

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Kakching Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) organized a Ching-Tam Run on 29 Dec 2018 to showcase the vision of people of Manipur towards peace and prosperity in the state. The collaborative initiative of Assam Rifles, people from Sugnu, Kakching, Chakpikarong, Ex - Serviceman Association and Sugnu Football club received an overwhelming support from the locals and marks a new beginning in the Sugnu-Chakpikarong area of Manipur. The event exhibited the ushering peace and prosperity in parts of Manipur and people's passion for sports.

The run was conducted on a 13 km route from Chakpikarong Football ground to Sugnu Public



ground. A total of 722 runners participated in this mega event. The run had two categories- open category (male and female) and below 14 yrs (male and female). The event was graced by respected elders, veterans of Army and Assam Rifles and political dignitaries of Kakching and Chakpikarong. The winner of Ching-Tam

Run of open category male was Kh Ramajit and female was N Chaoba Devi. The winners were felicitated by dignitaries and Commandant of Kakching Battalion. The undaunting spirit shown by senior citizens and veterans in completing the run was commended by each and every one. Separate motivational prizes were given to

senior citizen and veterans.

The collective efforts of Assam Rifles and people of Manipur made this event a new symbol of unity and friendship between all sections of society. This endeavor will go a long way in strengthening the bond of brotherhood between Assam Rifles and people of Manipur.

## Assam: After Bogibeel bridge, focus on double railway track from New Bongaigon to West Bengal

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Bongaigon Dec 30,

After the inauguration of Bogibeel Bridge, India's longest rail and road span, the Railway Ministry has focused on doubling the arterial railway track in Assam for faster movement of trains to and from the Northeast.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the 4.94 km Bogibeel Bridge on Christmas Day, 21 years after his predecessor H.D. Deve Gowda had laid its foundation stone. That while addressing a

review meeting of senior officers at the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) headquarters in Guwahati's Maligaon on Saturday evening, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said his ministry would soon approach the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for clearing the double track project in the region.

The initial thrust is on doubling the railway line from western Assam's New Bongaigaon to Guwahati via Rangiya, a junction from where the track to Bogibeel in eastern Assam starts. The bridge has a double

track in place.

Double track, existing from New Bongaigaon to West Bengal westward, is expected to cut down train travel and consignment delivery time by three-five hours in the Northeast.

"Prepare a plan of action within a week towards doubling of railway lines in the region for capacity enhancement," Mr Goyal said, urging Assam's Forest Minister Parimal Suklabaidya to ensure quick soil procurement permission that "is hampering the progress of projects" in the State. Railway officials told Mr.

Goyal that several new projects including the international line from Jogbani in Bihar to Biratnagar in Nepal would be ready very soon.

The Railway Minister also praised NFR's Rangiya Division for using rural innovation to successfully install a mechanism where the sound of bees is amplified whenever elephants are spotted near railway tracks to chase them away. Such mechanism to prevent elephants from being hit by trains would be considered for replication elsewhere in the country.

## AR Conducts Friendly Basketball Match

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a friendly basketball Match at Sawbung Company Operating Base.

The match was played between the team of Local Youth of Sawbung and troops of Assam Rifles. The teams played with great zeal and enthusiasm and displayed great sportsmanship during the course of the match. The villagers appreciated the effort shown by Assam Rifles towards creating a healthy environment and developing friendly relations with local populace.

## sounded in Jammu after armed men fire at sentry outside military station

Agency  
Jammu Dec 30,

An alert has been sounded in Jammu city and its surrounding areas after two suspects allegedly fired at a sentry posted at Ratnuchak Military Station during wee hours of Sunday. However, there was no loss of life or injury.

Advertising Giving details, a defence ministry spokesperson Lt. Colonel Devender Anand said that sentry noticed a suspicious movement near the boundary wall of the military station around 1.50 am. He challenged the suspects who were moving towards the boundary wall. However, as they did not stop, he fired warning shots in the air. The suspects too fired back and fled, he said, adding that searches are going on in the area. Meanwhile, sources said that senior police officials along with reinforcements have also reached there and laid nakas at sensitive places. An alert has been sounded and searches launched in nearby residential areas.

## Man killed, 10 vehicles torched by Maoists in Bihar

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Aurangabad, Dec 30,

One person was killed and 10 vehicles were torched by Maoists in Bihar's Aurangabad district, a senior police officer said Sunday. Superintendent of Police, Satya Prakash said the Maoists attacked Sudi Bigaha village under the jurisdiction of Deo police station area late on Saturday night and shot dead a man identified as Narendra Singh (55). Singh is

## MNPF Recruiter Apprehended



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Shangshak Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) in a major breakthrough apprehended one of the primary recruiter of MNPF, Ramror Ramthor. He was apprehended between Gwalabi and

Monglenjang vill on 28 Dec. Ramror Ramthor joined MNPF in 2013. He was working with PR department of MNPF and was responsible to carryout recruitment for his group by luring youngsters during christmas season when maximum youth are available in the villages

by making false promises to them. The youth were lured into his trap with the promise of employment and finally forced to join the UG group. He was frequently on mov from one village to other to avoid being caught. He was finally apprehended and handed over to police by Shangshak Battalion.

## AR Spreads Christmas Joy In Remote Areas Of Somsai



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Somsai Battalion under the aegis of HQ 10 Sector Assam Rifles and HQ IGAR(South) organised a number of festive events from 22nd to 28th December 2018 as part of Christmas celebrations in different villages of

Ukhrul district. The events included sports, Church service, assistance to orphanages and presenting cakes and gifts. Sincere endeavours were made to contribute to the happiness and joy of the local populace and offer assistance in their festivities. The events were organized in the

remote corners of Ukhrul district including remote villages like Tusom, Chingaroi, Huishu, Hata, and Kharasom which created an all round atmosphere of bonhoime and collective celebration. The populace has expressed gratitude for the initiatives taken by the battalion.

## Full text of PM Narendra Modi's 51st Mann Ki Baat

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New Delhi Dec 30,

My Dear countrymen, Namaskar. The year 2018 is about to conclude. We shall soon enter 2019. At such a juncture, it is natural to reflect on the year gone by; it is equally so, to hear about resolutions for the year being ushered in. Whether it be the life of an individual, the life of a society at large or the life of a Nation collectively, everybody has to look back & ponder; at the same time one has to try & look forward to the best extent possible. Only then can the gains of experience be availed of, only then can one's self-confidence renew further. What exactly should we do in order to ensure a change in our lives, simultaneously contributing our bit in taking our country & society forward? Many good wishes to all of you for the year 2019. You must have wondered how to keep 2018 etched in your memory! It is important to bear in mind HOW India as a country,

as a collective entity powered by the might of a hundred & thirty crore people remembers the year 2018; something that swells our hearts with pride. The year 2018 saw the launching of the world's biggest health insurance scheme 'Ayushman Bharat'. Electricity reached each & every village of the country this year. Noted world institutions have accepted that the country has taken strides in the area of poverty alleviation at a record pace. On account of the unwavering resolve of our countrymen, swachhata, sanitation coverage is rapidly advancing towards crossing the 95% mark.

After Independence, for the first time ever, the tricolor was hoisted at Red Fort on the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Azad Hind Government. In honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who bonded the entire country around a common thread of unity, India witnessed the coming up of the tallest statue in the world, 'Statue of Unity'.

The country secured a place of pride & glory in the entire world. The highest United Nations Environment Award 'Champions of the Earth' was conferred upon India. The world duly took notice of India's efforts in the areas of Solar Energy & Climate Change. The first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance was held in India. It is due to our collective efforts that our country has seen unprecedented improvement in the 'Ease of doing business' rankings. The country's self defence mechanism got further reinforced. It was during this very year that our country has successfully accomplished the Nuclear Triad, which means we are now armed with nuclear capabilities in water, on land and in the sky as well. Daughters of the country have done her proud by circumnavigating the globe through the NavikaSagarParikrama. India's first inland waterway was launched in Varanasi. This has laid

the foundation of a new revolution in the waterways sector. The longest rail-road bridge, Bogibeel Bridge was dedicated to the Nation- Sikkim's first & India's hundredth airport, Pakyong commenced operations. India scripted a thumping win in the under- 19 Cricket World Cup and the Blind Cricket World Cup. This time, India clinched a large number of medals in the Asian Games. India also performed very well in the Para Asian Games too. By the way, if I continue enumerating examples of the Purusharth, the character & the mettle of Indians, or those of our collective endeavour, this episode of Mann Ki Baat will go on and on, perhaps to the point when 2019 makes an entry! And all this has been possible due to the relentless efforts of a 130 crore countrymen. I sincerely hope that India's journey on the path of advancement & progress continues through 2019 too. Taking her to newer heights with her inner strengths.

## Legendary filmmaker Mrinal Sen passes away at 95

Agency  
Kolkata, Dec 30,

Dadasaheb Phalke award-winning film director Mrinal Sen passed away on Sunday after a prolonged battle with age-related ailments, family sources said. He was 95. The Padma Bhushan awardee, best known for films such "Neel Akasher Neechey", "Bhuvan Shome", "Ek Din Achanak", "Padatik" and

"Mrigayaa", was one of the most acclaimed filmmakers of the country and an ambassador of parallel cinema. "Sen passed away today around 10.30 am due to age-related ailments," a family member said. The auteur, who has won multiple National Film awards, was known for his artistic depiction of social reality. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee condoled

the demise of Sen on Twitter. "Saddened at the passing away of Mrinal Sen. A great loss to the film industry. My condolences to his family," she tweeted. CPI Secretary General Sitaram Yechury also remembered the filmmaker for his humanistic narrative. "Mrinal Sen's passing away is a big loss not only to Cinema but to the world of Culture & India's civilisational values. Mrinal da radicalised cinematography by his people-centric humanistic narrative. Deepest condolences," he wrote. Bengali film industry also mourned the loss of the illustrious director. Parambrata Chatterjee tweeted, "End of an era... an epoch... legends never die... bhalo thakben (stay well).". Prosenjit Chatterjee said, "At the end of the year receiving news like demise of the legend Mrinal Sen saddens and shocks us. Mrinal jethu gave a new perspective to Indian Cinema. It's a huge loss for all of us. May his soul rest in peace."