

## Assam Rifles Celebrates Armed Forces Flag Day



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All the Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) celebrated the Indian Armed Forces Flag Day on 07 December 2018 with full zeal and enthusiasm along with the students of various schools in Imphal valley. Keithelmanbi Battalion celebrated the day with school students at Canchipur and Lilong Company Operating Base as well as Assam Rifles Public School (ARPS) Keithelmanbi. The Lilong and Canchipur Company Operating Bases organised lectures and distributed sweets to the students of Arapati Primary School and GT Memorial Academy. The Battalion organised a special assembly at Assam Rifles Public School Keithelmanbi with a two minute silence in the

honour of the soldiers of our country, a lecture giving out the significance of the day, patriotic songs, signing of graffiti board and screening of a video on "Know and Love Our Armed Forces" which was special for the students as the video was made by the teachers of the school. Sawombung Company Operating Base of Mantripukhari Battalion celebrated the Day with the students of Leishamba English School and Thoubal Battalion with students of Haokhongchong Primary School, Chandrakong and Assam Rifles Junior High School, Thoubal. Tulihal Battalion celebrated the day with the students of Recent Higher Secondary School, Sagolomba and Yurembam High School, Imphal West District with an inspirational lecture

narrating the valour of the Indian Armed Forces along with Weapon Display for the students at the Patsoi Operating Base, Nambol. Company celebrated the day with students of Nambol High School in which students were familiarised with various ways to join the Indian Armed Forces as well as the vast potential of the North Eastern India in contribution towards the Nation building. The Day witnessed participation by students and teachers from various schools all across the area of responsibility of the Sector. Everyone appreciated the efforts of the Assam Rifles and expressed their earnest gratitude for having celebrated the event with them and making them aware of the sacrifices made by the Indian Armed forces.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Medical Camp at Chassad

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Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) is organising a medical camp at Kamjong Public Ground, Kamjong district on 07 and 08 December 2018. The programme is part of the larger OP SADBHAVANA initiative. On the first day of the camp, close to 500 locals including children were treated by the team of doctors for various ailments and free medicines were distributed to all. The aim of this initiative is to provide free medical treatment and consultation to the remote villages of



Kamjong district where requisite medical facilities are yet not available due to poor road infrastructure along the Indo Myanmar Border

(IMB). An awareness workshop was also organised on the sidelines of the medical camp to educate the locals on various life style diseases such as High BP, diabetes etc. Apart from providing necessary medical assistance, basic know how on health education, hygiene and sanitation was also imparted. The village Headmen and villagers appreciated the initiative taken by the Assam Rifles and expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the medical camp at their doorstep. Such camps, if organized regularly, will go a long way in bringing the people of Manipur and Assam Rifles closer for sustained peace and prosperity in Manipur.

### Cheque lost

I, the undersigned, Rajkumari Sophia Devi, have lost 5 (five) number of Cheque leaf of my Cheque book issued by the State Bank of India (SBI) Kwakeithel Branch, for my account number 37040703434. The Cheque leafs lost are from Serial No 923010-923014. The Cheque leafs were lost on the way between keishamthong to kwakeithel Bazar. Finders are requested to hand over the same to the undersigned.

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C/o Ningthoujam Sachindrajit Singh  
Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai  
Leirak Achouba, Imphal West

## CM Chairs Review Meeting Of Water Resources And Minor Irrigation Departments

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As part of the series of review meetings planned for all Government Departments, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh chaired a joint review meeting for Water Resources and Minor Irrigation Departments at the Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister Secretariat yesterday. Secretary (Water Resources and Minor Irrigation) Jatintha Lazarus made detailed presentations on the works, achievements and issues of the two Departments at the meeting.

As a long term measure to check frequent occurrence of floods in the State, the Department put up a proposal to construct dams/ reservoirs for retention of water on Imphal River at Kangpokpi, Iril River at Yangnoi (near Saikul), Kongba River at Eshingthenbi in order to regulate water volume and check breaching of river banks and flash floods in the State during rainy

season. Another important suggestion brought up during the meeting was diversion of Chakpi River to Manipur River near Serou to check back flow of flood water of Chakpi River.

The Chief Minister asked the officials of the Department to prepare a DPR for the construction of a tunnel under the molehill located between the two rivers. He also directed the officials concerned to convene another meeting to be attended by the officials of National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd., Loktak Development Authority (LDA) and Water Resources Department to jointly determine flood prevention measures at the earliest.

Other long term measures suggested by the Department were development of water bodies, reservoirs, community ponds, desiltation of Loktak Lake, Ikop Pat, Kharung Pat, Pumlun Pat, Irum Pat and Utra Part to increase the

volume of flood water absorbing capacity. The Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to prepare a comprehensive project within a month to check flood in the State permanently. On the other hand, short term measures suggested by the Department included scientific assessment of flood prone areas followed by vulnerability mapping, stabilising/ strengthening of river bund by raising and widening and river bund protection works like retaining walls and bored piling etc. Status reports of works/schemes taken up under the funding of North Eastern Council (NEC), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Special Development Fund (SDF) and Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) etc. were also presented at the meeting.

Regarding Dolaitabi Barrage Project, it was

informed to the Chief Minister that a trial run for releasing canal water up to 7.54 km of common canal and left main canal was done on October 20, 2018. Water for the remaining 7.54 km to 17.30 km will be done within this month. However, the gates of Dolaitabi project is now closed from October 22 to store water for regular irrigation to the fields for Rabi crops. In the meantime, works on water transmission system and right main canal of Thoubal Multipurpose Project are in good progress and the contractors/agencies have been advised to complete all the works by March 2019.

Jatintha Lazarus also made a presentation on the works, achievements and issues of Minor Irrigation Department as well. Under AIBP (now known as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana), the Department has completed 843 schemes during the financial year 2012-13 at a cost of Rs. 303.43 crores and 43,692

hectares of cultivable land has been brought under its command. Moreover, five schemes under NLCPR funding and around 100 schemes mainly repairing and renovation of old schemes under NABARD funding were also taken up. The Department also took up 102 MI schemes under PMKSY during 2014-15 and 2015-16 fiscal years.

The Chief Minister asked the officials of Command Area Development Authority (CADA) and Minor Irrigation Department to form a dedicated team to co-ordinate works to effectively provide irrigation facilities for Rabi crops at Konhoujam, Keirao, Kakching, Bishnupur and Sekmai etc.

Chief Engineers of CADA, Water Resources and Minor Irrigation Departments and Project Director of Loktak Development Authority and other high ranking officials of these Departments were also present at the meeting.

## National Integration tour from Joupai to Delhi, Agra

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Jhoupai Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of Inspector General (South) is organizing a National Integration Tour to Delhi- Agra and back.

The tour was flagged off by Commandant 29 Assam Rifles at Joupai village. The NIT tour consisting 20 students (09 boys and 11 girls), 03 teachers and team of 29 AR will visit various tourist and historical places in Delhi and Agra during 18 days long tour. The excursion tour consists of students residing in far flung areas lacking basic amenities required in day to day life and these areas are highly isolated from hinterland.

This National Integration Tour is aimed at providing an exposure to the students to the rich cultural heritage of the country and an

opportunity to visit various places and interact with eminent dignitaries. The tour will imbibe a feeling of national pride and develop patriotism from an early age. The tour will definitely kindle ambition and dreams within students to find jobs in big cities. The children and team will be given an opportunity to interact with the Honble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijju, Dr Jitender Singh of PMO Office and Lt Gen A B Mistry, AVSM, SM, VSM General Officer Commanding Delhi Area.

The students will visit various places of interest like India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Nehru Planetarium, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri before returning to Joupai on 23 Dec 18.

## Science and Crafts Fair Organized by Assam Rifles Public School Pallel



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Assam Rifles Public School, Pallel of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised science and Arts exhibition at their School premises on 07 December 2018. A total of 28 items were displayed in the event by students of classes 1st to 10th. The naive and unique ideas

and innovation included hydraulic lift, electronic robot, pin hole camera and many more unique projects. The children enjoyed the event as much as the visitors, who were full of appreciation for the young minds. Addressing the children, the chairman of Assam Rifles Public School Pallel, Deputy Commander 26 Sector Assam Rifles stressed for continuous need of

innovation to counter the increasing issues of the new generation.

Assam Rifles Public School Pallel has a strength of 365 students including civilian wards of Pallel and neighboring towns. The school also supports education for Orphans and wards of troubled and oppressed women without any distinction of caste or creed.

## Surgical strikes were overhyped, says former Army officer who oversaw operations

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Retired Lieutenant General DS Hooda said it is not good when military operations get politicised. Retired Lieutenant General DS Hooda, who was the Northern Army Commander in September 2016 when Indian troops carried out "surgical strikes" on terror launch pads across the Line of Control, on Friday said the strikes were overhyped,

reported Agency. On September 29, 2016, the Indian Army claimed to have carried out "surgical strikes on terror launchpads" across the Line of Control to neutralise alleged infiltrators the previous night. The strikes followed an attack on an Army base Jammu and Kashmir's Uri, in which 17 Indian soldiers were killed. Hooda was moderating a

discussion on "Role of Cross-Border Operations and Surgical Strikes" at the Military Literature Festival in Chandigarh. "Did the overhype help? I say, completely no," *The Indian Express* quoted him as saying. "If you start having political resonance in military operations, it is not good. There was too much political banter, on both sides, and when military operations get politicised,

that is not good." Hooda told ANI that the strikes were important and that the Army "had to do it". "Now how much should it have been politicised, whether it was right or wrong is something that should be asked to the politicians," he said. Hooda said there were accusations that the surgical strikes had been politicised and that there was an "attempt to keep a purely military operation in

the political domain by selective leaks of videos, photographs etc".

Responding to a question from the audience, Hooda said in hindsight, it would have been better if the surgical strikes were carried out secretly, reported *Hindustan Times*. "The aim of any such offensive had to be not only tactical but strategic too, which substantially hampers enemy morale," he said.