

## India and China to discuss trade-related issues in New Delhi today

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Senior officials of India and China will meet in New Delhi today to discuss trade-related issues, particularly matters concerning the agriculture

sector. The Chinese side will be headed by Li Guo, Vice Minister of the General Administration of Customs of China (GACC). From the Indian side, officials from different departments including

commerce, agriculture, animal husbandry and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) would participate in the meeting. The meeting assumes

significance as India is seeking greater market access for its manufactured and agricultural products in the Chinese market to bridge the widening trade deficit. Recently, India has identified and shared with China a list of 380 products, including horticulture, textiles, chemicals and pharmaceuticals products, as their shipments hold huge export potential.

Increasing exports of these products will help India narrow the widening trade deficit with China, which stood at 50.12 billion US dollar during April-February 2018-19.

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In Odisha, five Maoists, including three women, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Koraput district on Wednesday.

The encounter took place in a forest under Padua Police Station limit when the personnel of Special Operations Group (SOG) and District Voluntary Force (DVF) were conducting

a combing operation in the area. Police said, Maoists fired at the SOG and DVF men after noticing them and the security personnel retaliated the fire killing five Maoists. The security forces had started the combing operation following a tip of that around 15 Maoists are hiding in the forest. Five guns were recovered from the encounter site.

Two Naxals were also killed in an encounter in Dantewada district of neighbouring Chhattisgarh.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meets

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Mantripukhri and Thoubal Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted security meets at Yainganpokpi and Chandrakhong Company Operating Bases. The security forums were attended by village Pradhans, ward members, councilors, members of village youth club

and locals of the respective areas.

During the meet the locals were sensitised and updated on the current situation existing in the area of responsibility. An interaction was carried out on necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps, recruitment in the

Assam Rifles and the Indian Army as well as career counselling for youth.

The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meet concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

## A R Conducts 'Know Your Army' Cum Career Counselling Mela

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To provide a glimpse of the Indian Armed Forces and motivate the youth to join the Defence Forces, a 'Know your Army' cum Career counselling mela was organised by Shangshak Battalion under the aegis of HQ 10 Sector Assam Rifles and IGAR (South) on Yesterday.

The first of its kind Mela in the region was organised as an awareness programme for the people of Shakpao and nearby villages so as to give them a deeper insight into the Armed Forces.

The prime focus of the initiative was to reach out to the masses, generate goodwill among the local populace and to familiarise the youth with a career in the army, so as to provide requisite stimuli and

motivation to the youth to join the armed forces.

The event included equipment display, information on recruitment rallies and commissioning as an officer, followed by screening of motivational movie, which was well received by the audience. Local populace from Shakpao witnessed the event with school children being enthralled by the display.

## Assam Rifles Conducts First Aid Programme



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Tuliha Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) observed this year's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day by organising an awareness programme on First Aid at Imphal Valley Academy, Ghari on 08 May 2019.

As part of the awareness programme, the Battalion conducted a lecture cum demonstration for the students of the academy. With an aim to train and educate the youth on First Aid, the Battalion Medical

Team under the Regimental Medical Officer educated the students on provision of basic first aid and demonstrated the ways and means to save precious lives during any medical emergency.

The students were given demonstrations on common first aid procedures like ABCD (Airway, Breathing, Circulation and Deadly Bleeding) and Recovery Position. A demonstration on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was also shown to the students. The students were also taught how to deal with snake bites cases and measures to avoid

snake bite.

In addition, the students were briefed on the correct steps and measures to be taken in case of burn injuries, correct dressing procedure on cut injuries, control on blood loss and sprain treatment. The programme concluded with word of thanks by the school staff. The students and staff of the school appreciated the kind gesture of the Assam Rifles in reaching out to them and hoped that this effort would go a long way in further cementing the bond between the people of Manipur and Assam Rifles.

## Launch Of Assembly Technology Expert In Gurgaon

From a Correspondent  
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The Bossard Group – a Swiss based company is a leading international supplier of product solutions and services in industrial fastener and assembly technology. It is a global network of companies with 2,500 employees in 77 locations and with its launch in Gurgaon, it marks its foot steps to provide services to the people of Delhi-NCR.

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## Assam Rifles Extends Humanitarian Assistance



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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) along with Sunbird Foundation extended humanitarian assistance to the children of Carmel Jyoti Children's Home, Korengai on 07 May 2019. As part of the assistance, the battalion distributed utility items to the young children as well as interacted with them to bring smiles to their faces.

As part of the goodwill gesture by the battalion, utility hampers were distributed to 87 children of Carmel Jyoti Children's Home. In addition, a lecture was taken on various Central and State Government initiatives for upliftment of children and various private schemes currently being undertaken by civil administration. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various queries of the children were answered along

with healthy discussion on various issues concerning them. During the event, an entertainment programme was also organised for the children and staff of the children's home. The event witnessed attendance of over hundred locals of the areas in and around Korengai along with children and staff of the children's home. The event culminated with light refreshments for all attendees.

## Differences crop up between RSS leaders, groups over women's entry in Sabarimala Temple

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Differences have cropped in the RSS over the Supreme Court's verdict allowing women of all ages into Kerala's Sabarimala temple as some senior leaders have called for changes in age-old rituals and suggested intervention by religious leaders to take a decision.

But Sabarimala Karma Samithi, an apex body of Hindu outfits that spearheaded the agitation against the top court's verdict in September last year, and Ready to Wait activists have vehemently opposed the stance. Both took to social media to vent out their ire. Ready to Wait is a collective of women floated after the top court gave its judgment and

have said they will enter the hilltop shrine only after they attain the permissible age.

It all began after senior RSS leader and former all-India boudhik pramukh R Hari's articles in Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh-supported weekly Kesari exhorting religious leaders to help change some of the "outdated" customs and rituals in the community. Hari had also written an article hailing the Supreme Court verdict in RSS mouthpiece 'Janmabhumi' last year.

Hindu Ikyu Vedi leader RV Babu had also supported him, saying "these changes should come from religious leaders, not from the government." But for Sabarimala Karma Samiti and Ready to Wait, the suggestions were difficult to

digest and they came out openly against the senior leader.

Sanku T Das, one of the vocal leaders, alleged in his Facebook post that Hari has a personal interest in supporting the entry of all women in Sabarimala. He also said Hari has taken his position as belongs to the Gowda Saraswath Brahmin community, which is against tantric rituals. "During the election, the CPI(M) took out copies of articles written by Hari to embarrass the BJP's candidates," he said adding his arguments provided enough fuel to those who supported the verdict.

Ready to Wait has also decried the move to dilute the ongoing struggle. "Many suffered badly during the agitation. But

now we feel it was a part of a larger political agenda," wrote Padma Pillai of the collective. Women in the 10-50 age group (childbearing age) were barred in Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta district citing the celibate nature of the presiding deity, Lord Ayyappa. But the custom was revoked by the Supreme Court on September 28, 2018, leading to massive protests in the state.

Initially, everyone welcomed the verdict but later some political parties including the BJP jumped on the bandwagon to protest the order sensing widespread resentment of devotees and traditionalists. The Bharatiya Janata Party even made it an issue in the recently-held Lok Sabha election in the southern state.