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In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

Narendra Modi

DEVELOPMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO NORTH EAST REGION

1. Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs took a meeting on 9.1.2015 at Guwahati with Chief Secretary, DGP Assam and other senior officers to review the security situation in the State of Assam.
2. Joint Secretary (NE) visited NE States from 19.1.2015 to 22.1.2015 for setting up of immigration point at Moreh (Manipur) and attended meetings with the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, DGP of Manipur and Assam to discuss various security related issues.

66TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED WITH ENTHUSIASM IN THE NORTHEAST

Pomp, pageantry and patriotic fervor were on display as the 66th Republic Day was celebrated across India with much enthusiasm. Celebrations marked the occasion in the Northeast as well. Republic Day celebrations in Itanagar took place with Lt Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh unfurling the flag and calling on the people to work together for development.

"I have full faith that a bright future awaits us and we will be the best in the country in terms of development, peace and progress. We will show the rest of the country that Arunachal doesn't only rise first but we are the best in every field", Hon'ble Governor said. Dance performance by school children and traditional dances by different tribes entertained the audience while a number of tableaux depicted the development in various departments and schemes. A large number of people turned out to attend the function.

In Manipur, people defied threats by the insurgents to boycott the event and came out in large number to take part in the celebrations. The Chief Minister O Ibobi Singh unfurled the flag at Kangla fort while a total of 96 contingents, including those of security forces, schools, colleges, band platoons and other agencies participated in the Republic Day parade.

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Republic day celebrations in North East

The Chief Minister also gave away medals for meritorious service to the security personnel. Performance of various ethnic dances and 14 tableaux of different government departments were a major attraction. Elaborate security arrangements were in place all across the state. Prasad Keshriwal, a local said, "We are feeling very good. In spite of disturbances, we have come here."

Despite boycott call, people from all walks of life came out in large numbers to participate in the celebrations in Tripura. Chief Minister Manik Sarkar hoisted the national flag at the Assam Rifles parade ground in Agartala and took the guard of honor. "There is peace in Tripura now and development work is going on in full swing. But we shouldn't be satisfied just with that. I have noticed that some negative elements are trying to disrupt peace and progress", the Chief Minister said.

The event was marked by march-past by different paramilitary forces, State police and NCC cadets. Dalia Debbarma, a local said, "People have gathered here at the Assam Rifles Parade ground to enjoy the Republic Day programme. Thousands of people including many tribal and even old people from remote places have come here. There is a lot of enthusiasm." As a goodwill gesture, the BSF personnel stationed along the India-Bangladesh border at Akhaura also gave sweets to their Bangladeshi counterpart.

Along with the rest of the country, the 66th Indian Republic Day was celebrated at Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January, 2015. Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya unfurled the National Flag and took salute from the 17 parade contingents.

Cultural dances by various Naga tribes, march past by different contingents and award distributions were the main highlights of the event. A Dog show by the 22nd Army Dog unit was a major attraction for the visitors.

Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi unfurled the tricolor at the Veterinary Playground in Khanapara and took the guard of honor. People in Assam participated in the Republic day revelry despite a boycott call given by some militant groups. A Similar spirit of enthusiasm marked the celebration of the day in Mizoram, Sikkim and Meghalaya. The participation of people in the celebrations across the region reflects their faith in democracy.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME BY CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES

Programmes undertaken by Assam Rifles

- 1. Medical Camps.** The Assam Rifles have been organizing medical camps in areas where adequate health care facilities are not available to the villagers. Fifteen medical camps were conducted by various units of the force in the NE Region during the month of 15th January, 2015. About 6083 patients were treated and provided free medicines during the camps.
- 2. Veterinary Camps.** Five veterinary camps in the border/remote towns/villages of Changtongya, Noklak, Mekukla, Sitmi and Jalukie were conducted by various units of the force in Nagaland during the month of January, 2015. About 9108 animals belonging to the populace in these remote and inaccessible areas were treated during the camps.
- 3. Blood Donation Camps.** Five blood donation camps



Medical camps organised by Assam Rifles

were conducted by various units of the force in Manipur and Tripura during the month of January, 2015. Approximately 300 Assam Rifles personnel donated blood during the camps.

- 4. Pulse Polio Immunization Camps.** The Assam Rifles has also been contributing in implementation of various immunization programs launched by the Government like Pulse Polio and Hepatitis B immunization programmes. The details of immunization camps conducted by various

units of the Force during the month of January, 2015, are as under:-

- (a) 26-Sector Assam Rifles organized a Pulse Polio Vaccination Camp at Nodal Hospital, Pallel, district Chandel and 40 Assam Rifles at Keithelmanbi, Lilong and Andro villages of Imphal West district, Manipur on 18th January, 2015 during which the medical team administered polio drops to children below 5 years of age. Another vaccination camp was organized by units of 28-Sector Assam Rifles at Sehlon, Joupri, Sajik Tampak and Kakching villages. A total of 685 children were administered with the life saving drops during the camps.
- (b) 1-Assam Rifles conducted a Pulse Polio Immunization Camp at Khonsa, district Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh. About 72 children below 5 years of age were given polio drops during the camp.
- (c) 42-Assam Rifles conducted a Pulse Polio Immunisation Camp at Jairampur on 18th January, 2015 at Unit Hospital. About 108 children were administered the vaccine in the unit hospital.



Hepatitis 'B' Vaccination drive and Pulse Polio Immunization drive organized by Assam Rifles

- 5. Awareness drives.** The Assam Rifles conducted various awareness drives in the NE Region to address various local health issues like Malaria/AIDS, drug abuse and also to update the populace about various Government schemes and employment opportunities available, for the benefit of the

locals. The details of awareness drives conducted by various units of the force during the month of January, 2015, are as under:-

- (a) 9-Sector Assam Rifles organized a Painting competition with the theme 'United India' for the students at St. John's High School, Nambol village, district Imphal West, Manipur on 3rd January, 2015. This effort is part of the drive to create awareness and involvement of students and youth in keeping India United. Over 100 students participated in the competition.
- (b) 10-Assam Rifles organized a lecture cum awareness drive on Prevention of Water Borne Diseases at Champhai, Mizoram on 9th January, 2015. 18 locals attended the event.
- (c) 40-Assam Rifles organized a cleanliness campaign named "Swachh Manipur" at Keithelmanbi Garrison and nearby villages on 16th January, 2015. The programme was organised as part of untiring efforts by the Assam Rifles for cleaning the area



in and around Keithelmanbi Garrison. The campaign was undertaken by everyone including villagers and Police representatives to reiterate the responsibility for clean and healthy surroundings.

- (d) 41-Assam Rifles conducted a lecture on joining 'Security Forces' through National Defence Academy (NDA) for the students of Jawaharlal Nehru Navodya Vidyalaya at Shakvao, district Ukhrul, Manipur on 19th January, 2015. The programme was organized as part of the initiative to encourage the youth to join the Security Forces. About 46 students attended the lecture.
- (e) 39-Assam Rifles conducted lecture on 'Know your Army' and organized weapon display at Aizawl, Mizoram. About 505

students attended the lecture.

- (f) 38-Assam Rifles conducted a series of 'motivational lectures' for the youth in order to acquaint them with the career prospects in Indian armed forces on 21st January, 15 at Government High School, Umrangso

and Hagjer M J College Diyungmukh, district Dhalai, Tripura. The children were exposed to various aspects of the armed forces such as professional advancement, job satisfaction & security, economic stability, quality of life and sports & adventure opportunities.

6. National Integration Tours. The force continued with its efforts to attempt to connect the people of North East Region to the rest of the country by means of National Integration tours, especially for the students and villagers who have never had any opportunity to see any other parts of the country. The details of various National Integration tours conducted by units of the Force during the month of January, 2015, are as under:-

- (a) 18-Assam Rifles organised a National Integration tour



from Peren (Nagaland) to Delhi, Agra and Jaipur from 8th – 21st January, 2015. The tour was flagged off by Mrs Tashile, Principal, Heraka Vidya Mandir, Jalukie town on 8th January, 2015. The tour comprised 17 students including nine boys and eight girls along with three teachers from Jalukie, Peren, who visited various historical places in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur and also interacted with Shri Haribhai P Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs at New Delhi on 15th January, 2015.



- (b) 25-Assam Rifles organised a National Integration tour from Jwalamukhi (Manipur) to Kolkatta and Jamshedpur from 12th – 24th January, 2015. The tour was flagged off from Jwalamukhi, district Senapati on 12th January, 2015. The tour comprised 15 students and three teachers from various schools of Senapati district of Manipur. The students during their 12 days long tour visited important places in and around Kolkatta and Jamshedpur.
- (c) 39-Assam Rifles organised a National Integration tour from Aizawl to Delhi and Agra from 16th – 25th January, 2015. The tour was flagged off by Hon'ble Governor of Mizoram, Dr Aziz Qureshi on 16th January,

2015. The tour included 24 students along with two teachers from Aizawl, Mizoram. The tour included visits by the children to various historical places in Delhi and Agra and also interaction with Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs at New Delhi on 19th January, 2015.

7. Vocational Training Activities and Promotion of Self Employment.

The force has been providing vocational training and imparting specialized skills in various disciplines as varied as welding, computer literacy, tailoring, beautician courses, wireman/ electrician, agriculture productivity, motor training, nursing assistance, etc. In addition, the Assam Rifles has also been distributing materials to enable the locals to gain from the vocational training imparted and making them more employable / self reliant, with the long

term objective of the social and economic development of the region. The details of vocation training activities carried out by various units of the Force during the month of January, 2015, are as under:-

(a) 2-Assam Rifles distributed embroidery machines to the Weavers Cooperative Society of Sangaiyumpham, Thoubal district, Manipur on 9th January, 2015.

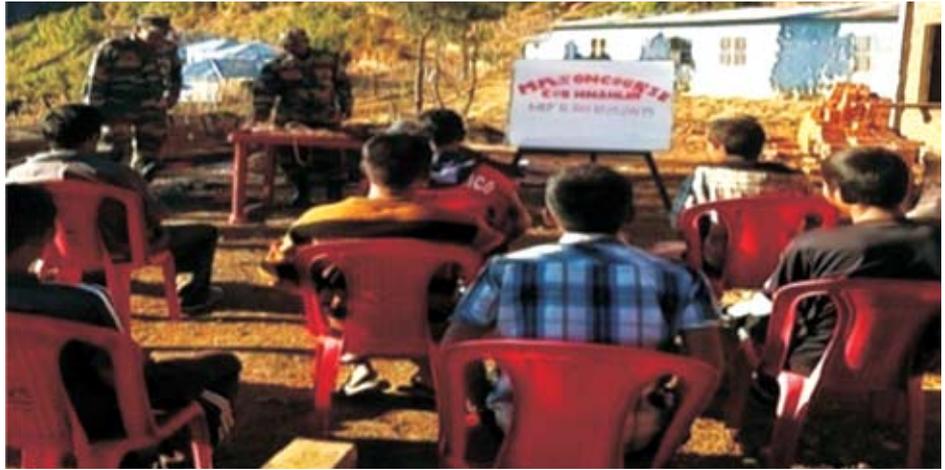
(b) 39-Assam Rifles conducted a two weeks driving & maintenance course at Ngopa village,



Embroidery machines distributed by Assam Rifles First Aid course organized by Assam Rifles

Mizoram from 17th -31st January, 2015. 6 youths attended the course.

- (c) 10-Assam Rifles conducted a two week long First Aid course at Vaphai, Mizoram with effect from 19th January, 2015. 15 youths attended the course.



Embroidery machines distributed by Assam Rifles First Aid course organized by Assam Rifles

PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN BY MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

During the month of January, 2015, the Regional Directorates of North East Zone i.e Guwahati, Tinsukia, Imphal and Siliguri have conducted 51 programmes for 1886 workers. Highlights of the programme are as under:-

- (i) *Central Board for Workers Education (CBWE) Regional Directorate, Guwahati*

A 3-days NE special programme for Panchayati Raj functionaries of Borigog Block of Nalbari district was conducted from 27th to 29th January, 2015. Block Development Officer of Borigog Banbhag Block of Nalbari district expressed his views that the Panchayati Raj functionaries have been exposed to areas of such leadership qualities through CBWE training programme which will enable them to properly guide the rural people and CBWE do commendable services for the benefit of Panchayati Raj Functionaries and rural people in general.

- (ii) *CBWE Regional Directorate, Tinsukia*

A 3-days NE special programme for trade union activists was held at conference hall, hotel Maruti, district-Tinsukia, Assam from 21st to 23rd January, 2015 and it was inaugurated by Shri Baikuntha Nath Sharma, Treasurer,

ACKS, Panitola Circle, district- Tinsukia. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Baikuntha Nath mentioned about the significance and importance of training programmes for trade union activists particularly in the light of globalised era and the thrust on "Make in India". He mentioned about the difficulties faced by the trade union organization in the changing economic scenario and the effect it has on the unions. He expressed happiness over the initiative of CBWE, Tinsukia in organizing the training programme. He appealed to the trade union activists (participants) to take keen and active interest so as to get maximum benefit in achieving the objective of the training programme.

Another 3-day NE special programme for trade union activists was held at conference hall, hotel Maruti, district-Tinsukia, Assam from 27th to 29th January, 2015. Shri Ranjan Choudhury, secretary, AITUC, district- Tinsukia emphasized trade union to play a positive and encouraging role in the changing globalised era to contribute to economic development of the nation. He thanked CBWE for conducting such a useful programme and advised the participants to become responsible members of their union.

PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

1. **National Institute of Electronics And Information Technology (NIELIT)**

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, (erstwhile DOEACC Society), an autonomous scientific society under the administrative control of department of electronics & information technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications and information Technology, Government of India, was set up to carry out Human Resource Development and

related activities in the area of Information, Electronics & Communications Technology (IECT). NIELIT is engaged both in formal & non-formal education in the area of IECT besides development of industry oriented quality education and training programmes in the state-of-the-art areas. NIELIT has endeavoured to establish standards to be the country's premier institution for examination and certification in the field of IECT. It is also one of the national examination

body, which accredits institutes/organizations for conducting courses in IT in the non-formal sector.

1.1 NIELIT, AIZAWL

- (a) A two days' workshop on e-Governance was conducted at Saikuti Hall, Lunglei district on 2nd and 3rd December, 2014 in association with Mizo Students Union (MSU) Headquarter, Lunglei. The workshop was attended by approximately 300 participants from the NGOs/public.
- (b) The workshop was inaugurated by Shri. H Dolianbuaia, Additional D.C., Lunglei. Various issues regarding NEGP 2.0, Change Management etc. were discussed and presented by experts from NIELIT, ICT Department, ZENICS.
- (c) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Aizawl Centre, conducted a certificate distribution programme for 3 months' certificate course in e-Governance on 15th December 2014 at NIELIT, Aizawl. In this programme, Shri Lalthlamuana, Chief Informatics Officer, ICT was invited as chief guest. He addressed the trainees and inspired them to accept challenges in using their knowledge to move forward for the development of the country.
- (d) NIELIT, Aizawl conducted a two days' workshop on "cyber security awareness" at (i) Saikuti Hall, Lunglei District on 2nd and 3rd December, 2014, (ii) District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Training Hall, Aizawl on 15th December, (iii) Higher & Technical Education Conference Hall, Aizawl on 16th December, 2014, (iv) Government Chaltang Higher Secondary School on 9th December, 2014, (v) Government & P.C.R. High School, Serchhip on 11th December, 2014 for school/college students and Government employees.

1.2. NIELIT, Imphal

- (a) NIELIT, Imphal had opened a "Mobile Study Centre" on 10th September, 2014. The first training was conducted at Langthabal Chingthak club in which training was imparted to 33 students in NIELIT's Course on Computer Concepts (CCC). The second batch of training at Ragailong, Imphal was inaugurated on 8th December, 2014. Sh. Minlianhang Vaiphei, IAS, Director, Tribal Affairs and Hills, Sh Th Prameshwar Singh, Director, NIELIT, Imphal and Sh. David Kamei, Village Chief, Ragailong were the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor and President respectively, A total of 60 students were enrolled in the 6 months' course on "Diploma in Computer Application, Network Administration and Soft Skill".
- (b) As a part of the observance of Good Governance, a workshop on Jeevan Pramaan- Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners, was conducted at NIELIT, Imphal on 23rd December, 2014. Representatives from 10 centres attended the workshop.
- (c) A brief description about Jeevan Pramaan was

delivered by Mr. Wangkhen Dilip Singh, Senior Executive (State Anchor), Common Services Centre-Special Purpose Vehicle (CSS-SPV). He mentioned that Jeevan Pramaan aims to streamline the whole process of securing a digital life certificate is recognized by I.T. Act. Pensioners have to enroll to their nearest centres only once and later they can generate Jeevan Pramaan using biometric authentication.

- (d) The working process and installation was demonstrated by Mrs. Monita Wahengbam, Scientist 'B', NIELIT, Imphal. She stated that for enrolment through Jeevan Pramaan Online Portal, the Pensioners should have Aadhaar number, Name of Pensioner, PPO number, Account number, Type of Pensioner and Sanctioning Authority. 10 Biometric Morpho MSO 1300 devices were distributed by Mr. Y. Subhaschandra Singh, Scientist 'D', NIELIT, Imphal to the centres followed by questions and answers.

1.3. NIELIT, Agartala

- (a) NIELIT, Agartala Centre has conducted a six-weeks' Residential Training Programme on Basic Course in IT with English skills for 2 batches of candidates at Tripura JICA Project, Burathali & Tripura JICA Project, Hatipara from 17th November to 26th November, 2014 and 24th November, 2014 to 3rd January, 2015 respectively.
- (b) A team of six officials, headed by the Director-in-charge of the Centre, visited the Govt. Degree Colleges at Teliamura, Longtharai Valley and Kanchanpur to verify and monitor the proceedings of IT and Soft Skills training in these colleges and to identify the issues at the grass root level.
- (c) The team also paid a visit to the Kanchanpur Sub Divisional Hospital, Unokoti District Hospital, Kailasahar RGM Sub Divisional Hospital and Kamalpur Sub Divisional Hospital for inspection of the status of working and non-working Bio-Medical Equipment at various Sub Divisional Hospitals (SDH), Community Health Centre (CHC), Primary Health Centre (PSC) and District Hospital (DH). The duration of the visit was from 11th to 14th December, 2014.
- (d) As instructed by DeitY, 25th December, 2014 was observed as 'Good Governance Day' at NIELIT, Agartala centre. In this regard, a meeting was conducted in the conference hall of NIELIT, Agartala centre, Indranagar campus. The session was presided over by the Director-in-charge of the centre and it was attended by all staff of the centre (teaching & non-teaching).
- (e) In his opening remarks, Sh. Anurag Mathur, Director-in-charge mentioned the importance of good governance in achieving organizational objectives, which include various stages like assigning targets, developing strategies, performing strength weakness opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis, adopting business process re-engineering (if required), implementation, monitoring and measuring and finally recognition. He stressed on the importance

of developing work culture in the organization, nurturing a sense of responsibility and feeling of ownership amongst the employees towards the organization, time to time SWOT analysis, meeting targets/deadlines by the stipulated time. He also

stressed on the importance of recognition as well as felicitation of employees of the organization on the basis of their remarkable performance/contribution towards the organization as motivating factor for good governance.

MEGHALAYA JOINS INDIAN RAILWAY NETWORK

The North Eastern State of Meghalaya has been added to the country's railway map as the first passenger train between Meghalaya that was mendipathar and Guwahati covering a distance of 131 km was inaugurated. With this commissioning, Meghalaya, that was the only state among the seven sister of the Northeast not having any railway line, has been brought into the railway map of India. The

expected cost for the project is about Rs. 275 cr. Out of the total length of this railway line, 19.75 km comes under Assam and 9.49 km in Meghalaya. The Dudhnoi-Mendipathar railway line will pass through the Goalpara district of Assam. The three stations on this route would be Dudhnoi, Nolbari and Mendipathar. This section will initially have a speed potential of 65 kmph and later of 100 km.

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