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*Democracy is a form and method of government whereby revolutionary changes in the economic and social life of the people are brought about without bloodshed.*

**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**

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## BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES.

*(Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)*

1.1 The Border Area Development Programme (BADP), is being executed in 148 identified border blocks of 44 districts of 8 North Eastern States (including Sikkim) which share land border of about 5484 km with the neighboring countries viz. China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

1.2 The funds under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) are provided to the States as a 100% non-lapsable Special Central Assistance for execution of projects relating to infrastructure, livelihood, education, health, agriculture, and allied sectors to meet the special development needs and inculcate sense of security among the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international border. While Govt. of India lays down the broad guidelines, the scheme/projects are finalized and executed by the State Governments.

1.3 During the last 3 years (2007-08 to 2009-10) a sum of Rs. 857.65 crore has been released to the North Eastern States.

1.4 Position on implementation of the BADP in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya in the North-Eastern region is as follows:-

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## BADP in Arunachal Pradesh

1.1 BADP is being implemented in 37 blocks of 12 border districts of Arunachal Pradesh. State Government has utilized funds mainly on construction of School buildings, hostels, Construction of Public Health Centers (PHCs),

purchase of Ambulances, mobile dispensaries, construction of community centres, construction of roads, paths, culverts and bridges, tracks, mule tracks, social infrastructure, forest conservation, drinking waters facilities and power generation through micro hydel projects.

### 1.2 Allocation, Releases and Utilization of funds under BADP:

Position as on 31.03.2010

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Year    | Final allocation | Releases | Amount Utilized | Unspent balance | UCs received | UCs pending |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2007-08 | 6608.00          | 6608.00  | 6606.45         | 1.55            | 6606.45      | 1.55        |
| 2008-09 | 7965.62          | 7965.62  | 4512.00         | 3553.62         | 4512.00      | 3453.62     |
| 2009-10 | 6647.45          | 6647.45  | -               | 6647.45         | -            | 6647.45     |

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 5850.00 lakh has been allocated under BADP

1.3 Besides the schemes/projects included by the State Government in the Annual Action Plan of BADP, additional works amounting to Rs. 1875 lakh during 2007-08 and Rs. 4695 lakh during 2008-09 have been sanctioned over and above the allocation of the State out of the savings. During the year 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 800.00 lakh has been sanctioned for various works.

## 2. BADP in Assam:

2.1 BADP is being implemented in 28 blocks of 07 border districts of Assam. State Government utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, construction of public health centres (PHCs), construction of community centre, construction of roads, paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure and drinking water facilities.

### 2.2 Allocation, Releases and Utilization of funds under BADP:

Position as on 31.03.2010:

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Year    | Final allocation | Releases | Amount Utilized | Unspent balance | UCs received | UCs pending |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2007-08 | 1969.00          | 1969.00  | 1950.19         | 18.81           | 1950.19      | 18.81       |
| 2008-09 | 2106.87          | 2106.87  | 1076.81         | 1030.06         | 1076.81      | 1030.06     |
| 2009-10 | 2395.62          | 2395.62  | -               | 2395.62         | -            | 2395.62     |

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 2424 lakh has been allocated for BADP Schemes.

## 3. BADP in Manipur

3.1 BADP is being implemented in 8 border blocks of 3 border districts of Manipur. State Govt. has

utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, construction of public health centres (PHCs), construction of community centers, construction of roads, paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure, drinking waters facilities etc.

### 3.2 Allocation, Release and Utilization of funds under BADP

Position as on 31.3.2010

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Year    | Final allocation | Releases | Amount utilized | Unspent balance | UCs received | UCs pending |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2007-08 | 1244.63          | 1244.63  | 1244.63         | -               | 1244.63      | -           |
| 2008-09 | 1533.37          | 1533.37  | 901.44          | 631.93          | 901.44       | 631.93      |
| 2009-10 | 2086.00          | 2086.00  | -               | 2086.00         | -            | 2086.00     |

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 1343.00 lakh has been allocated for BADP schemes.

3.3 Besides the schemes/projects included by the State Government in the Annual Action Plan of BADP, additional works amounting to Rs. 300 lakh during 2007-08 and Rs. 750 lakh during 2009-10 have been sanctioned over and above the allocation of the State out of the savings.

#### 4. BADP in Meghalaya

4.1 BADP is being implemented in 10 blocks of 05 border districts of Meghalaya. State Government has utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, construction of public health centres, construction of roads/paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure, and fisheries.

#### 4.2 Allocation, Releases and Utilization of funds under BADP;

| Year    | Final allocation | Releases | Amount utilized | Unspent balance | UCs received | UCs pending |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2007-08 | 1127.80          | 1127.80  | 1127.80         | -               | 1127.80      | -           |
| 2008-09 | 1267.00          | 1267.00  | 1141.25         | 125.25          | 1141.25      | 125.75      |
| 2009-10 | 1647.19          | 1647.19  | -               | 1647.19         | -            | 1647.19     |

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 1247.00 lakh has been allocated for BADP schemes.

4.3 Besides the schemes/projects included by the State Government in the Annual Action Plan of BADP, additional works amounting to Rs. 98.80 lakh during

2007-08 and Rs. 400.19 lakh during 2009-10 have been sanctioned over and above the allocation of the State out of the savings.

(Details of BADP programme in Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura to be continued in the next issue.)

### NORTH EASTERN YOUTHS PARTICIPATE IN BHARAT PARIKRAMA PROGRAMME

(Source: NYKS)

During 2009-10, Ministry of Home Affairs supported 05 major programmes through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) in North Eastern States namely Knit India Yuva Yatra Programme, Bharat Parikrama Programme, North Eastern Music Concert programme, Street Theater / Kala Jatha Campaign for local peace and harmony and life skills programme.

Bharat Parikrama Programme, one of the Knit India Yuva Yatra programmes was organized by

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. Under this programme 77 North Eastern Youths (45 male & 32 female) selected from 08 States of North East India alongwith 04 official escorts were provided opportunities to visit important places which included Kolkata (West Bengal), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Delhi and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh). A series of meaningful interactive programmes and activities as well as field

visits were organized. A brief summary of Bharat Parikrama Programme is as follows:

At **Kolkata** the Bharat Parikrama Participants stayed for 03 days from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. Here, they got the opportunity to visit Krishi & Shilp Mela, International Kolkata Book Fair and interact with students of Ramakrishna Vivekananda University and Shri D.P.Ray, Ex M.P and former member of NYKS, Board of Governors. Shri Ray called upon the North Eastern youth to shun their regional differences and broaden their knowledge & information about people living in different parts of India and develop appreciation of their distinct life style, tradition and culture by taking full advantage of the opportunities to travel different places of India. The participants visited famous market places, Netaji Park, Victoria Memorial & also saw Howrah Bridge, Eden Garden etc.

The Bharat Parikrama Participants arrived at **BHUBANESHWAR** on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 and stayed from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. The participants visited KIIT AND KISS UNIVERSITY founded by Dr. A. Samanta. The university provides free education and vocational Training in various trades to about 10000 Tribal Students including students from North East. During their 03 days stay, they also met His Excellency Governor of Orissa Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare who lauded the joint efforts of MHA and NYKS for creating opportunity for a group of youths from North Eastern States to visit different places of India. As part of their field visit, participants visited the famous "ADIVASHI MELA, 2010", Santi Stupa(Peace pagoda) Dhauligiri, Konark Temple, Lord Jagannath Temple at Puri, Udaygiri Khandagiri caves and Puri Beach etc.

The Participants arrived at **BHOPAL** on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 and stayed for 04 days i.e. upto 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. Prof. P.B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Delhi Technical University, Captain V.P.

Singh(retired)-Eminent Social Worker, Digvijay Singh-Ex Chief Minister of MP, and other dignitaries addressed the participants. Prof. P.B. Sharma highlighted the various aspects of national integration and the need for assimilation of different cultures of India and promotion of peace and ethnic harmony in North East India. Participants also visited T.T.Nagar market, famous Shiva Temple and Bhopal Lake. Before their departure to Delhi, participants also met his Excellency Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Rameshwar Thakur.

In **DELHI**, the of participants on the very first day of their arrival at Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2010, had interaction with Shri G.K.Pillai, Home Secretary and Shri. Naveen Verma, Joint Secretary (North East) and other officials of Ministry of Home Affairs at North Block. All the team leaders shared their experiences of the journey and said that wherever they passed through any public or market place people in general treated them as if they were foreigners but when they came to know that "We are youths from North East India, they wondered with great happiness. And, the kind of love and respect people showered on us at every place, we felt proud to be an Indian." Home Secretary told them about the vastness of India and linguistic & cultural differences which can only be bridged by progressive young generation of this country. He also asked them to visit President House and other Historical Places of Delhi during their 04 days stay in Delhi.

The participants visited Rashtpati Bhawan and Mugal Garden as well as Gandhi Smriti at 30 January Marg, apart from Teen Murti, Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple, Rajghat, Kishanghat, Samata Sthal, Chandini Chowk, Lal Quila etc.

On 20.3.2010 in **LUCKNOW** the participants interacted with the participants of National Integration Camp organized by NYKS UP Zone.



Shri B.B. Chobal, Chief General Manager of SBI, addressed the joint gathering on the role of banking sector for social and economic welfare of young persons. The participants visited Deva Sharif Dargah, Yuba Bikash Kendra and Jahangirabad Educational Trust Group of Institutions in Barabanki District. They interacted with District Magistrate of Barabanki. Participants also visited important historical, religious and social places like "Samajik Prajyatan Sthal, Ambedkar Park, Bhool-Bhulaiyan and famous Residency Palace associated with 1857 First War of Independence situated in different parts of Lucknow.

The Closing Function of Bharat Parikrama Programme was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010. Dr. Lalit Burma, Principal Secretary, Department of Youth Welfare, Govt. of UP, Shri S.A.Khan, Director General, (Youth Welfare) and Shri Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', Minister of Institutional Finance (Govt. of UP) were present on the occasion and all of them highlighted the necessity to organize such youth exchange programmes and appealed to the youths from different districts of North East to carry with them the most vital and important message to believe in the merit of the Indian democracy and build a modern progressive and peaceful North East India.

### **CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME IN NORTH EASTERN REGION CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE**

*(Source: Ministry of Home Affairs)*

(a) On 18.2.2010, CISF organized a 'Free Medical Camp' for the public of Salakab and surrounding villages in co-operation with PGCIL Management. The Camp was inaugurated by, Dy. General Manager, SBSS/PGCIL Salakati and about 400 people from nearby villages availed medical treatment. The medicines were supplied by the Director, Medical & Health of District, Kokrajhar and Chirang (Assam) for free distribution amongst the villagers. The sponsoring managements had also procured medicines worth Rs. 16,000/- for free distribution in the Camp. In their closing address, organizers were all praise for CISF personnel for their assistance in making the Camp a success. Several noted Physicians and



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specialists from the Districts of Kokrajhar and Chirang rendered assistance by providing free medical services for the said Camp.

(b) On 2.3.2010, a world Harmony Rally (Vishwa Sadhavana daud) was organized at Sibsagar District (Assam) wherein representatives of different religious organizations put forth their views on the need and importance of 'World Harmony'.

(c) On 6.3.2010, a Cycle Rally was conducted by CISF Unit OPS Noonmati (Assam) personnel in the market area of Narangi and Patharquary to spread awareness in public regarding the importance of security in general public life.

## CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME IN NE REGION BY ASSAM RIFLES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010

(Source: DG ASSAM RIFLES)

| State             | Name of Projects   | Amount     |
|-------------------|--|------------|
| Manipur           | (i) Provision of Solar Lanterns at Tullaphai vill, Zenhang Lamka vill, Pangsang Sajal Vill. T Lhanghoimoul Vill Down School (Lallam Veng) vill, Kolte Vill and Khengjang Vill of Churachandpur Dist. | 85,000/-   |
|                   | (ii) Construction of Mercy Home at D Phallen Village at Churachandpur.   | 40,000/-   |
| Nagaland          | Construction of Children Park at Chieswema Garrison by AR  | 1,00,000/- |
| Arunachal Pradesh | Provision of Solar Street Light at Loktong Village by 25 AR  | 2,00,000/- |
| Mizoram           | (i) Provision for Six TV Sets and DTH to Six village of Mizoram  | 60,000/-   |
|                   | (ii) Provision for Water Storage Sintex Tank at Laskar village   | 75,000/-   |

## PADMA SHRI AWARDEES FROM NORTH EASTERN REGION

### Shri Arun Sarma

Shri Arun Sarma, one of the most versatile dramatists of Assam who has been instrumental in shaping modern Assamese drama is equally at home in the medium of creative writing and is a significant novelist of the present times. His novels are very sensitive and of the classical mould, wide in their scope, rich and varied in their characterization and drama. A harbinger of modernity in Assamese drama, he is one of those rare writers who observe the world with a clinical detachment but with sensitive concern.

2. Born on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1931, Shri Sarma graduated from Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam. He joined the Guwahati Station of All India Radio in 1960 as Producer, Educational Broadcast and retired as Director, North Eastern Service of All India Radio in 1989. He was then Editor of 'Purbanchal', a weekly news magazine from where after two years, he became Director of the Information service (Tea Centre) of India Tea Association, Calcutta.

3. Shri Sarma is a renowned broadcaster specializing in educational programmes with his 6-month training in BBC, London. He is also a well known radio playwright with about fifty radio plays to his credit and an ace radio documentary programme maker. He has been President of Asom Natya Sanmilan, the largest



drama organization in the North East of India for five years and is now associated with a number of important state and national level social, literary and cultural advisory committees.

4. Shri Sarma has the distinction of having received Sahitya Akademi award for literature and Sangeet Natak Akademi award for his contribution to drama. He also received Assam Valley Literary award instituted by Williamson Magor Education Trust in recognition of his lifetime achievement in the field of literature. He has also received Assam Sahitya Sabha (Drama) award and Assam Natya Sanmilan award. He is also recipient of international awards like Japan Prize International, Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union

(ABU) award and Prix Future Berlin award for his documentaries dealing with subjects like distressed children and environment.

### **Smt. Haobam Ongbi Ngangbi Devi**

Smt. Haobam Ongbi Ngangbi Devi has been among the foremost exponents of Manipuri Ras. She received her initial training in Ras Leela, Nata Sankirtan and Lai-Haraoba from renowned gurus including Maishnam Amubi Singh, Haobam Atomba Singh and Kshestrimayum Ojha Bidhu Singh and the Manipuri martial arts from Ojha Pheijao Sana and Ojha Damu Singh.



2. Born on August 1, 1924 in Imphal, Manipur, Smt. Ngangbi Devi joined Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal in 1954 as a musician and over the years gained eminence as a teacher and performer. She also won wide popularity in Manipur as Ras Leela performer, excelling in dance as well as in vocal. Smt. Ngangbi Devi served as Vice-Principal of Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy from 1973 to 1985, where she trained a large number of students who are leading performers at present. In 1936 and 1937, she also performed as an actress in the Manipur Dramatic Union (MDU) and Aryan Theatre, leading theatre groups of Manipur. Smt. Ngangbi Devi visited Rangoon in 1964 as member of the Indian cultural delegation sponsored by the Government of India.

3. Smt. Ngangbi Devi was awarded Gold medal and Birangana in 1951 by the Governor of Assam for her excellent dance performance. She was honoured with Manipur State Kala Akademi Award in 1980; Nriitya Bhushan by the Manipur Sahitya Parishad in 1985. She also received the Sangeet Natak Adademi award in 1993 for her contribution to Manipur Ras in 1994.



### **Shri Rajkumar Achouba Singh**

Shri Rajkumar Achouba Singh, former Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal and Baar Senapati of Manipur Gondajee Temple Board, Imphal is widely recognized as a leading scholar and Guru in Manipuri dance specially in Ras and Laiharaoba. He has been playing pioneering role in dance, music and direction specially dance drama for the last 40 years.

2. Born on December, 5, 1938, Shri Rajkumar obtained diploma in Manipuri dance in 1972, post graduate degree in Leiharaoba and post graduate degree in Ras from J.N. Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal in 1974. He has been visiting Guru at Govindajee Natralaya, Government Dance College, Imphal.

3. Shri Rajkumar has been Founder-Honorary Director of Anoi Shindampham Imphal since 2003. He has visited all capital cities of India with Manipuri Cultural troupes in the last 45 years and also visited South Korea, Phillipines and Thailand with Indian contingents. Shri Rajkumar also served as a regular guest lecturer on Manipuri Dance with attachment training for IAS probationers from 2007-2009.

4. Shri Rajkumar Achouba authored books on Penna Anoi based on dance and music of Manipuri culture in 1997. He has also been a regular writer and contributor to leading national journals on heritage of Manipur.

5. Shri Rajkumar is recipient of many awards and honours. He was conferred fellowship on Laiharaoba Dance by the Manipur State Kala Academy Imphal in 1972 and State Award on Laiharaoba Dance in 1996. He has been a member, Eastern Zone Cultural Centre, Calcutta and North Eastern Zone Cultural Centre Dimapur, Nagaland.



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The NE monthly Newsletter is being published in English, Assamese, Bengali and Manipuri and has circulation of 40,000. Ministry of Home Affairs brings out the publication incorporating important information/developments concerning North Eastern States.

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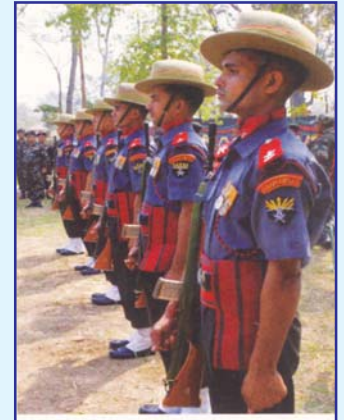
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