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"My ideal would be the society based on liberty, equality and fraternity..."

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

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BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES

(Source: - Ministry of Home Affairs)

In April, 2010 issue of the monthly NE Newsletter details of the Border Area Development Programme in North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya were published. As mentioned therein, 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.

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. 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.

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Position on implementation of the BADP in remaining States of North East viz. Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura is as follows:-

1. BADP in Mizoram

1.1 BADP is being implemented in 16 border blocks of

1.2 Allocation, Releases and Utilization of funds under BADP

Year	Final allocation	Release	Amount utilized	Unspent balance	UCs received	UCs pending
2007-08	2086.00	2086.00	2086.00	-	2086.00	-
2008-09	2535.00	2535.00	2532.27	2.73	2532.27	2.73
2009-10	2494.42	2494.42	-	2494.42	-	2494.42

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 2506 lakh has been allocated to Mizoram for BADP.

1.3 Specific Area/cluster Projects:

- Rs. 960.00 lakh sanctioned to Mizoram for various schemes during 2006-07:
- During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 264 lakh was spent on reconstruction of community halls repairs of buildings and administrative expenditure on monitoring of BADP programmes.

2.2 Allocation, Releases 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
received	UCs pending					
2007-08	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	-	1000.00	-
2008-09	2674.47	2674.47	2674.47	-	2674.47	-
2009-10	1950.00	1950.00	-	1950.00	-	1950.00

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 1200.00 lakh has been provided for BADP programmes.

2.3 Specific Area/cluster Projects:

- During 2008-09 additional works amounting to Rs. 1524.47 were sanctioned.
- During the year 2009-10 additional works involving an expenditure of Rs. 800 lakh were sanctioned.

6 border districts of Mizoram. State Government utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, Public Health Centres (PHCs), Community Centers, roads, paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure, drinking water facilities, agriculture sector etc.

2. BADP in Nagaland

2.1 The Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is being executed in 7 identified border blocks of 4 districts, which share land border of about 215 kms with Myanmar. State Government has utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, Public Health Centres (PHCs), Community Centres, roads, paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure, drinking water facilities, agriculture sector, development of Model Villages, etc.

3. BADP in Sikkim

3.1 The Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is being executed in 17 identified border blocks of 3 districts (west Districts & North Districts) of Sikkim which share land border of about 351 kms with 3 neighbouring countries viz. China, Nepal & Bhutan.

3.2 Allocation, Release and Utilization of funds under BADP:

Year	Final allocation	Release	Amount utilized	Unspent balance	UCs received	UCs pending
2007-08	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	-	1000.00	-
2008-09	1150.00	1150.00	592.04	557.96	592.04	557.96
2009-10	1520.50	1520.50	-	1520.50	-	1520.50

During 2010-11 an amount of Rs. 1200.00 lakh has been provided for BADP programmes

3.3 Specific Area/cluster Projects:

- (i) During 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 103.00 lakh has been provided for training for skill development to youth and flood protection work over and above the sanctioned schemes.
- (ii) During the year 2009-10 additional schemes involving an expenditure of Rs. 370.50 lakh have been sanctioned.

4. BADP in Tripura

4.1 BADP is being implemented in 24 border

blocks of 4 border districts of Tripura. State Government has utilized funds under BADP mainly on construction of school buildings, Public Health Centres (PHCs), Community Centres, roads, paths, culverts and bridges, social infrastructure etc.

4.2 Specific Area/cluster Projects:

- (i) During 2007-08 an additional amount of Rs. 382.21 lakh was sanctioned for construction of playground, boarding house for deaf & dumb, veterinary sub-centre.
- (ii) During the year 2009-10 additional schemes involving an expenditure of Rs. 268.00 were sanctioned.

ITBP CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME

(Source: - Ministry of Home Affairs – Pers Division)

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police was conceived on October 24, 1962 for security along the India's border with the Tibet.

Besides security, the force is also involved in various Civic Actions as a part of border management work in its area of responsibility with a view to create awareness amongst the local population to integrate them into the national mainstream. This leads to better understanding between the force and locals and contribute to the overall safety and security of the area.

ITPBs programme generally focus on tapping the potential of youth in areas such as educational excursions and sports activities. It also organizes medical and veterinary camps and provides solar lights, laying of water pipe lines, projects pertaining to livestock management, bee keeping fisheries, agricultural technique and much more.

ITBP carried out the following activities under the Civic action Programme:-

- (i) Various sports activities were organized in Upper Dibang, Lower Dibang and Lohit Districts of Arunachal Pradesh with an aim to encourage local youth to take part in sports activities.
- (ii) A cricket and football tournament was organized at Anini, distt-upper Dibang Valley (AP), in which eight teams participated. In the football tournament organized at Lohitpur, Distt- Lohit (AP), 5 teams of Sr. Secondary School, Jaffargaon, High School upper Loiliang gaon, GGIC Tezu and Inter Mediate School Tezu participated. Besides, an athletics meet (long jump, high jump, 100 mtr, 200 mtr, 400 mtr race) was organized at Roing, distt Lower Dibang (AP), in which 65 athletes participated.
- (iii) A drawing competition was organized at Lohitpur in which 25 school going girls participated.

In every event, active participation was seen. A large crowd of locals witnessed the tournaments and applauded the initiative taken by the ITBP to develop a sense of belonging and cohesiveness among the local populace.

SECURITY RELATED EXPENDITURE (SRE) SCHEME FOR NORTHEAST

In order to deal with the insurgency situation in North Eastern States, Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme for the North Eastern States.

2. Under the scheme, expenditure incurred by the State Governments on raising of India Reserve (IR) Bns., making necessary provisions for CPMFs/Army deployment, ex-gratia grant and gratuitous relief to the victims of extremist

violence, Petrol, Oil and Lubricants (POL) (75%), Home Guards used for security, Village Defence Committees/Force, NSA detainees and surrender & rehabilitation of militants, is reimbursed in full. The scheme is applicable to Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura. Details of funds released to North Eastern States under the SRE Scheme, from 1997-98 to 2010-11 (till date), are as follows:-

Details of Security Related Expenditure (S.R.E)							
Released	Assam	Nagaland	Manipur	Tripura	Meghalaya	Rs. in Crore Arunachal Pradesh	Total
1997-98	131.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.91
1998-99	78.86	35.61	19.43	28.55	0.00	0.00	162.45
1999-00	52.17	17.88	3.44	17.53	0.00	0.00	91.02
2000-01	63.97	7.50	14.18	15.00	3.21	1.00	104.86
2001-02	92.86	12.71	7.75	27.70	0.60	1.90	149.52
2002-03	68.01	22.42	7.64	29.85	8.35	0.95	137.22
2003-04	50.80	19.17	4.00	34.33	1.92	2.47	112.69
2004-05	75.40	26.49	9.44	36.17	1.56	1.35	150.41
2005-06	63.91	24.83	33.65	27.00	13.17	1.35	163.91
2006-07	90.86	25.55	13.60	18.24	3.91	1.28	153.44
2007-08	75.61	21.97	14.45	16.47	5.88	3.02	137.40
2008-09	108.60	33.13	21.58	45.04	6.24	5.45	220.04
2009-10	60.56	41.23	27.26	11.85	1.93	7.17	150.00
2010-11 (as on 31.5.10)		12.57	2.52	3.77		5.18	24.04
Total	1013.52	301.06	178.94	311.50	46.77	31.12	1882.91

MODERNIZATION OF POLICE FORCES (MPF) OF THE NORTH EASTERN STATES

The Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a Non-Plan scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) to meet the emerging challenges to internal security in the form of terrorism, naxalism etc. All major items of Police infrastructure have been included under the Scheme i.e. construction of secure Police stations, outposts, Police lines, mobility, modern weaponry, security, surveillance, communication, forensic equipment, up gradation of training infrastructure, Police housing, computerization etc.

Under this scheme, States have been categorized as category 'A' and 'B' with 100% and

75% central funding respectively, from the year 2005-06. All the North Eastern States, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim have been placed in category 'A' and thus, are entitled to receive 100% Central assistance for implementation of their annual approved plans.

Details of funds released to the North Eastern States from 2000-01 to 2009-10 are as follows:-

DETAILS OF FUNDS RELEASED UNDER MODERNIZATION OF POLICE FORCES (MPF) SCHEME TO NE STATES DURING 2000-01 TO 2009-10

Rs. in Crore

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
A.P.	6.53	5.21	10.61	8.06	9.13	7.00	11.53	11.71	14.72	11.50
Assam	59.03	56.80	32.11	36.89	41.37	56.68	52.18	88.12	68.12	60.79
Manipur	10.61	8.57	12.22	17.52	15.24	16.97	14.09	32.06	39.04	27.44
Meghalaya	7.89	8.43	5.43	5.32	7.58	6.57	8.59	15.41	10.82	9.73
Mizoram	9.31	9.15	13.64	8.51	7.45	6.00	10.48	10.98	12.69	11.48
Nagaland	9.35	19.39	25.83	23.29	13.09	17.52	22.68	30.72	38.43	31.50
Sikkim	3.89	3.76	1.83	0.95	5.90	2.43	3.46	4.42	6.12	4.72
Tripura	20.20	13.92	15.96	19.89	11.17	11.83	11.34	8.85	20.66	22.92
Total	126.81	125.23	117.63	120.43	110.93	125.00	134.35	202.27	210.80	180.08

PADMA SHRI AWARDEES

Shri Ayekpam Tomba Meetei

Shri Ayekpam Tomba Meetei is the General Secretary (Thouburel) of the Meetei Phurup and is the Chief Executive member consulting for all welfare works within the territories of India and abroad.

Born on 8th April, 1930, Shri Meetei graduated from the Manipur College. He has been engaged in child-welfare activities, and has written a Thesis on 'State Emblem of Manipur State', in consultation with Government Officers. On request of the Chief Secretary of Manipur, he submitted his thesis, which was finally accepted as the Emblem of Manipur (Kangleipak).

Shri Meetei has been instrumental in setting up of various welfare organizations, such as Destitute Children Homes, Creches, balwadis and early child education centers. He has been instrumental in rehabilitation of over 300 destitute boys. At present, five boys from his Children Home are living in the International Rubber Plants & Factory in Mumbai, Grawal East. A number of poor women and girls have



also been given rehabilitation, from time to time.

Recipient of 'National Award' for child Welfare, Shri Meetei along with 111 volunteers, including 56 women and 55 males marched to New Delhi in 1992 with the demand of inclusion of Manipuri (or Meeteilol) language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. The demands were accepted.

Ms. Betha Gyndykes Dkhar

Ms. Bertha Gyndykes Dkhar is the Headmistress of Jyoti Sroat School, Shillong – a programme of Bethany Society, Meghalaya, an NGO working for building an "inclusive, barrier free, rights based society for all, especially for children with disability."

She is visually impaired but has made a unique contribution to Northeast region, particularly to Meghalaya, for establishing a model for inclusive education.

Born on September 14, 1959, Ms. Dkhar graduated in Honours (Education) from St. Mary's



College, Shillong (North Eastern Hill University) and followed it with an MSW from Bangalore University in 1982, inspite of her failing eyesight due to Retinitis Pigmentosa. In 1983, she could not accept appointment in the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya, because of loss of functional and print vision.

In 1993, Ms. Dkhar joined Jyoti Sroat School as one of its first teachers. She learnt Braille and immediately composed Grade I Khasi Braille Code so that local blind students, unfamiliar with English, could be educated in their mother tongue.

She received Teacher Training in Special Education from NIVH, Dehradun in 1995-96. On return to Jyoti Sroat School, she composed Grade II Khasi Braille, accepted by the Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya. In 1999, she was appointed Headmistress of Jyoti Sroat School, which gave her an opportunity to put into practice her creative ideas for education.

Equality of opportunity for all children in a stress free environment is her passion.

She introduced a child protection policy into the system and worked in collaboration with the Education Department to ensure inclusion of children with disability into the SSA Programme. She conducted workshops on inclusion, upgraded the Braille production unit to make available textbooks in Braille and opened her own school to move from exclusion to inclusion.

Her model is being hailed as unique and worthy of replication. She has also opened a music school, which has the distinction of having a band where all members are blind. Over the last six years all her students have been successful in the Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education.

Besides being on the Governing Body of Bethany Society, Ms. Dkhar has also been President of The Society for the Welfare of the Disabled, Shillong for the last ten years. She is also a founding member and mentor to the Association of Challenged People, a registered state level association of person with disability in Japan. She is on the State Coordination Committee under the PWD act and is a member of the Braille Council of India.

She was one of the members, who drafted the Meghalaya State Policy on Disability in 2009. Ms. Dkhar received National Award for Child Welfare in 2000 from the Ministry of Women and Child Development. She won the Meghalaya State Award as Best Teacher in 2009.

Shri Lalzuia Colney

Born on 8th August, 1937, at Farkawn village in Eastern Mizoram, Shri Lalzuia Colney is a writer of established reputation in Mizo language known for his uncompromising taste and acuteness.

He graduated from the North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, in 1977, and served as Headmaster of Chawngtlai Middle School from 1964 and as High School teacher from 1979 which post he held upto superannuation in 2006. During his long career, Shri Colney showed an exemplary performance of duty beyond the claim of service by lending his expertise to the development of the vernacular language and literature in various capacities including literary, social, religious and political, through popular media.



Shri Colney has 14 books to his credit and has written more than 800 articles. Eight essays, a book and a poem from his pen have been prescribed for College and High School Syllabi.

He has been a regular contributor to the All India Radio Literary Magazine with 57 talks. Besides his contribution to the literary societies such as the Mizo Writers' Association, the Mizo Academy of Letters and Mizo Language Committee continuously as executive member, Shri Colney has also been Member Expert of the Mizoram Board of School Education from 1987 to 2009. Shri Colney has also made an unusual contribution as scrutinizer of Bible translation under the Bible Society of India.

Shri Colney was elected President of the YMA (Young Mizo Association) at five different branches during 1962-1975.

He has received 28 awards for his literary compositions.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION: A BOON FOR NE PEOPLE

(Source: Asian News International)

India has made education a basic right of each child from April 1 this year. 'The right to free and compulsory education Act' has been greatly appreciated by the people of northeast, especially the underprivileged. 60-year-old Padumai Paishya, from Jugashree Nagar village in Assam has three children, who have received no basic education because of financial constraints and today they work as daily wage laborers. And the thought of her grandchildren working as wage laborers used to give her nightmares until now.

But, the Right to Education Bill has ensured that Padumai's grandchildren can now go to school. And many people like Padumai, whose finances did not allow them to send their kids to school, have reason to be happy as well.

Millions of children in the age group of 6-14, who do not go to school, will benefit from the scheme. And to ensure its success, the Centre & States have accepted to share the fiscal load in the ratio of 55:45.

Finance Commission has provided Rs. 25,000 crore to the States and for the Year 2010-11, the Central Government has permitted an outlay of Rs. 15,000 crore for the scheme. Education definitely improves the standard of living and thinking. The kind of jobs people do reflect the level of their education. Those with poor or no education are the worst affected.

In Northeast, average literacy rate is between 60-70 per cent, and with the introduction of the Act, this rate is expected to go up, especially in the rural areas. Education was affected by militancy, but with insurgency on a decline, the thrust is on development of the region and providing employment to the youth. And the stepping-stone to this goal is education.

READERS COLUMN

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brings out the publication incorporating important information/developments concerning North Eastern States.

Ministry of Home Affairs, through the Newsletter, would request for inputs for the Newsletter from the Government agencies, institutions and individuals highlighting the area specific issues, problems, special features including potential for tourism, environmental protection or special efforts/achievement in various fields. The views and write-ups from intellectuals professionals and others in North-Eastern States are also invited on specific issues/problems and possible measures for resolution thereto.

It is requested that articles/columns should be sent in a hard copy format accompanied by floppy/CD version along with photographs. Articles should be accompanied by an abstract of a maximum of 150-200 words. Papers should not have been simultaneously submitted for publication to another journal or Newspaper. Readers are encouraged to send comments and suggestions (300-400 words) on published articles. All letters should have the writer's full name and postal address. The selected articles will be suitably incorporated in the monthly NE Newsletter in its subsequent editions and contribution will be welcomed and suitably rewarded.



During the opening ceremony of Raas Festival, artists of Kakching performing Basanta Raas at JN Dance Academy, Imphal.



A cultural rally is being taken out by the "Upper Assam Muslim Kalyan Parisad" at their 4th Central Conference at Sivasagar.

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