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We are all knit together by bonds of blood.....None can segregate us..... no impassable barriers can be set up between us.

Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel

DEVELOPMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State (Home), Govt. of India and Shri Shambhu Singh, Joint Secretary (NE) visited Assam on 7.6.2014 to review the security situation in the State of Assam and also attended the funeral ceremony of Late Nityanand Goswami, Superintendent of Police, Hamren who was killed during exchange of fire with KPLT (Karbi People's Liberation Tigers) extremists on 5th June, 2014.
2. A meeting was held on 30.6.2014 under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary to review the security situation in Assam and updation work of NRC in Assam.
3. Extension of notification declaring the whole State of Nagaland as "Disturbed Area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 has been granted by the competent authority for a further period of one year beyond 30.6.2014.

PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN BY MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

During the month of June, 2014 the Regional Directorates of North East Zone i.e. Guwahati, Tinsukia, Imphal and Siliguri conducted 65 Programmes for 2566 workers.

(i) *CBWE Regional Directorate Guwahati:*

The Regional Directorate, Central Board for Worker's Education (CBWE), Guwahati organised 2 days training programme for Scheduled caste workers specially for handloom workers on 19th and 20th June, 2014 at Borchapori, Hajo block of Kamrup district in coordination with the department of handlooms, govt. of Assam.

The programme was conducted to help the workers to avail benefits under various social and economic programmes. The course contents of the programme are management of society, skill development in weaving, marketing etc. The participants appreciated the programme.

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(ii) *CBWE Regional Directorate Tinsukia:*

Two special programmes of 2-day duration were conducted for scheduled caste workers at Anganwadi Centre, village- Niz Rahmoria, Block- Lahowal under the district of Dibrugarh on 18th & 19th June, 2014 attended by 40 female participants and another at the residence of Sri Manju Das, village- Geniehuk, P.O. Mahmoria, block- Labowal under the district of Dibrugarh on 23rd & 24th June, 2014 attended by 40 female participants.

The 1st programme was valedicted by Smt. Anjali Dutta

Baruah, Member Gualchak Anganwadi centre, Lahowal ICDS project, Dibrugarh and the 2nd programme was valedicted by Smt. Pranati Das, President, Rahmoria Gaon panchayat and Sanjay Baruah, Secretary adarsha Seuji Krishi Pam. Rahmoria Gaon, Dibrugarh.

The participants appreciated these programmes.

(iii) *CBWE Regional Directorate, Imphal*

The following Self Help Groups (SHGs) were formed by the participants after the training programme conducted by Regional Directorate, CBWE, Imphal during last years.

S.No.	Name of the programme	Duration	Name of SHG
1.	2 day spl. Programme for ST (TSP) conducted at Nungourok village, Machi TD Block, Chandel, district, Manipur.	6 th – 7 th July, 2013	"Widow Welfare Self Help Group" Nungourok village, Machi TD Block, Chandel, district, Manipur (Chairperson- Smt. B. Sandory, Secretary, D. Solomi)
2.	2 day special programme for ST conducted at Tuishimi Village, Machi TD Block, Chandel, district- Manipur.	17 th – 18 th September, 2013	"Chandreil Self Help Group" Tuishimi village, Machi TD Block, Chandel District- Manipur (Chairperson- Smt. D. Shangkhui)
3.	2 day Rural Awareness programme conducted at Anganwadi Centre, Patroi Part-I, Patsoi G.P. Imphal West, district- Manipur	21 st – 22 nd August, 2013	"Patsoi Khongnangkhang Bazar Nupi SHG" opened Bank account at Bank of Baroda Yurembam Branch A/c No. 23710100010685 and "Patsoi Part- I Bazar Women SHG" opened Bank account at Bank of Baroda, Yurembam Branch, A/c. No. 23710100010858

Impact of the programme

S.No.	Name of the programme	Duration	Impact
1.	Empowerment camp for Rural Sector Workers conducted at Koloipai High School Khumbong, Imphal West, district- Manipur	6 th – 9 th September,	After attending the programme, Smt. K. Ahanbi Devi was empowered to set up a pickles unit in the name of "Ipa Chairenkhomba Pickles" at Khumbong Imphal West district-Manipur for which first phase registration at DIC, Imphal West has been done.

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal Pradesh has made a significant progress in gradually doing away with the age-old practice of jhum cultivation or shifting agriculture which degrades the environment.

According to Arunachal Pradesh's Agriculture Department Press Release, the state with 72 per cent forest cover had been able to reduce the total area under jhum cultivation from 1,10,000 hectares to 80,000 hectares in the last 10 years.

The Agri & allied sector's contribution to state GDP too has increased from 24.9 percent in 2006-07 to around 33 percent during 2012-13. The crop production in the

State grew at around 8 percent in the first two years (2012-14) of the XII plan against targeted growth rate of 6.5 percent.

The growth rate achieved in the recent years is a good news for the State which had seen rampant burning down of fields and clearing away of forest areas for fresh cultivation in the past few years. Fortunately, due to good soil conditions and abundant rainfall, agricultural production has good potential despite the damages done in the past.

Apart from cereals, the state grows vegetables in large quantities, many have been named after popular Hindi film stars.

RURAL AREAS IN TRIPURA REAP PEACE DIVIDEND

Development work has gained momentum in the rural areas of Tripura, where people have access to better facilities. Change is clearly visible in Anandanagar village in west Tripura district. Situated under the foothills of

Baramura hills, Anandanagar village is mostly inhabited by tribals. Once a hotbed of militancy, the village was least developed with no 'pucca' roads, education and health facilities.

With decline in the militant activities in the recent years, the village has seen rapid development. The road infrastructure has improved with the implementation of various government-run schemes. "Earlier, there were no pucca roads. Now, we have good roads and bridges. Earlier it was difficult to transport a patient to hospital, but now, the vehicles go up to our house," said a villager, Kamal Debbarma.

The village has access to regular supply of electricity and children can study at nights, watch television and do other household chores. With support from various projects like Integrated Tribal Development Project under the Tribal Development Fund provided by NABARD or the Forest Right Act which has provided them with land, the villagers are growing various crops. The villagers, who were earlier engaged in traditional farming, have taken up progressive farming like horticulture and pig rearing. 'I was provided 40 banana plants, 20 Amrapali mango saplings and papaya plants to grow in the forest land. We were also provided money for fencing to protect the orchards. After three months of plantation we

have started producing bananas. This has been a great help for the poor farmers," said a banana orchard owner, Sachindra Debbarma.

The classrooms in the village school, that once used to be empty, have full attendance. Under the Centre's 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan' scheme the school infrastructure has been upgraded and students get free mid-day meal, books and stationery. "We get free dress, shoes, books and meal from school. I am very happy as teaching has improved and we are taught properly," said a student, Babulal Debbarma. The village now also has a health care facility where they get free treatment and medicines. "We have a dispensary in the village and there is no need to go to the city. We get free treatment and medicines," said a patient, Sabita Debbarma.

The transformation in Tripura's Anandanagar village has been possible with the decline in militancy. Other villages in the north-east can also reap the dividend by rejecting violence.

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

(A) Programmes organised by Assam Rifles

1. **Medical Camps** The details of medical camps conducted by various units of the Force in the NE Region during the month of June, 2014 are as under:-

Date	Unit	Place	State	No o f Patients treated
06 Jun 14	36 Assam Rifles	Batasipur	Assam	2317
12 Jun 14	1 Assam Rifles	Wakka & Nisa	Arunachal Pradesh	315
13 Jun 14	41 Assam Rifles	New Tusom	Manipur	250
15 Jun 14	1 Assam Rifles	Dadam	Arunachal Pradesh	154
15 Jun 14	HQ 27 Sector Assam Rifles	Khengjang	Manipur	215
17 Jun 14	44 Assam Rifles	Kasong	Manipur	75



Medical camps organised by Assam Rifles

2. Awareness Drives

- 16-Assam Rifles organized an awareness camp on HIV/AIDS at Yaingangpokpi village on 9th June, 2014. 36 villagers from nearby villages attended the camp.
- 41-Assam Rifles organized a Motivation Lecture

on various 'Entry Schemes available to 12th class students' at Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Ukhrul district, Manipur on 4th June, 2014. The aim of the event was to attract the youth towards a career in the Security Forces. 342 students attended the lecture.



Awareness camp on HIV AIDS and motivational lecture on various 'Entry Schemes available to 12th class students' organised by Assam Rifles

- (iii) 14-Assam Rifles organised a lecture on 'Drug Menace' at Government School, Hnahlan village, Mizoram on 6th June, 2014. About 24 students attended the lecture.
- (iv) 21-Assam Rifles organised a Health Awareness and Career Guidance Camp at Sajik Tampak in Chandel district, Manipur on 8th June 2014, during which local youth were given guidance on career options and were informed about various avenues for joining the Security Forces. About 500 youth attended the camp.
- (v) 26-Assam Rifles organised two days awareness campaign on 'World No Tobacco Day' and 'Cancer Survivors Day' at Community Hall, Beheng village and Catholic Church at Thinghat in Manipur. The primary



objective of the camp was to motivate the youth to refrain from Tobacco use and educate people on Cancer. Approx 1500 leaflets in English and local language with a slogan 'MAKE HEALTH YOUR 'NEW HIGH' IN LIFE, SAY NO TO TOBACCO' were distributed by the unit to civil population including school students at different locations in its area of responsibility.

- (vi) Headquarters 27-Sector Assam Rifles organized an Awareness Campaign on the occasion of 'Blood Donors Day' at Khuga village, District Churachandpur, Manipur. The aim of the campaign was to raise general awareness among the people to safe blood donation & AIDS. About 250 locals attended the event.



'World No Tobacco Day', 'Cancer Survivors Day' and 'World Blood Donor Day' organised by Assam Rifles



- (vii) 40-Assam Rifles organized coaching programme of 3-weeks duration for National Defence Academy (NDA)/ Combined Defence Service (CDS) aspirants under 'Youth Empowerment' with effect from 13th June, 2014. 18 aspiring candidates attended the Programme.
- (viii) 1-Assam Rifles organised an awareness programme on 'Entry Schemes' in Security Forces for local youth of Dadam village, district Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh on 16th June, 2014. 32 locals attended the programme.
- (ix) 30-Assam Rifles organised a Hygiene and Sanitation awareness camp for school children at Paramount School, Leikoching village district Imphal East, Manipur on 17th June, 2014.
- (x) Headquarters 9-Sector Assam Rifles conducted an IED awareness campaign for students in Mayang Imphal on 19th June, 2014. The campaign was aimed at creating IED awareness among the local populace. About 150 villagers including school children from various schools of nearby areas attended the programme.
- (xi) Assam Rifles Training Centre and School organised a lecture on 'Environment Protection' at Sokhouvi, Nagaland. A guest lecture on preserving the environment was conducted by Dr Anamika Sharma, senior scientist, Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR). The Assam Rifles troops, their families and a large number of locals were educated on environment related issues and means to preserve the nature.





IED Awareness Campaign for students lecture on 'Environment Protection' organised by Assam Rifles



Observance of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking organised by Assam Rifles

3. **Observance of International Day against drug abuse and illegal trafficking.** Drug abuse and illegal drug trafficking is major social menace being faced by the locals of the NE Region. In order to enhance awareness against the abuse, Programmes were organized by all the formations and units of the Assam Rifles in their respective areas of responsibilities on 26th June 2014, the International Day Against drug abuse and illegal trafficking. These programmes included seminars, lectures, skits, demonstration, interactive sessions, display of banners, conduct of marches/rallies and distribution of leaflets/educational materials.



4. **Canning plant.** On 17th June, 2014, the Director General, Assam Rifles inaugurated the Canning plant at Medziphema village, district Dimapur, Nagaland. The plant has been established by 37-Assam Rifles for the locals of Medziphema under the Civic Action Programmes(CAP). The project was conceived keeping in view the abundant production of Pineapples in the area of Medziphema and for generating employment for the locals. The plant will provide employment to twelve residents of Medziphema including four women and one ex-serviceman. A Co-operative Society has been formed comprising members from Village Council of Medziphema and Assam Rifles for smooth functioning/management of the plant.
5. **Celebration of World Environment Day.** The Assam Rifles training centre and school, Sokhouvi, Dimapur

district, Nagaland conducted the following activities on the occasion of the World Environment Day:-

- (i) **'Run for Fun'** was organized for children, troops and their families. It highlighted the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and keeping fit.
- (ii) **'Drawing competition'** on environment related issues was organised for children between the age of 5 to 15 years at Sukhovi, district Dimapur, Nagaland.
- (iii) **'Fashion show'** was conducted for children between the age of 3 to 16 years. The theme of the show was "Go Green".
- (iv) **'Trekking for Fun'** was organised for children as an outdoor activity to bring them closer to nature and they were also educated on the importance of saving the environment.



'Fashion Show' and 'Trekking for Fun' organised by Assam Rifles



- (v) **Debate competition.** In order to discuss issues related to the environment, a debate/competition was conducted for children to generate general awareness amongst the audience.
- (vi) **Creativity workshop.** A creativity workshop was organised for ladies, wherein creative ideas of Environment conservation were discussed.
- 6. **Tree plantation drive.** On the occasion of World Environment Day on 6th June, 2014, a number of events including tree plantation, painting competitions, lectures for locals on environmental issues etc, were conducted by Assam Rifles formations and units in their respective areas. While 1000 saplings were planted at the HQ DGAR, Shillong, the events organised by different Formations/units were as under:-
 - (i) Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) organised a '**GO GREEN CAMPAIGN**'. The plantation drive was aimed at saving and regenerating the depleting flora in Manipur and reclaiming the natural beauty of yester years as also to preserve the ecological balance. Planned over the entire area of responsibility, the campaign covered areas around Mantripukhri, Pallel, Tengnoupal, Somsai, Chassad, Shangshak, Keithalmanbi, Thoubal, Kakching, Sajik Tampak and CCpur. Over 60,000 saplings of fruit bearing, medicinal and ornamental trees were planted during the campaign.
 - (ii) Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) and under command sectors conducted '**Tree Plantation Drive**' wherein approximately 3600 saplings of various type planted in various locations.
 - (iii) Headquarters 6-Sector Assam Rifles organised a plantation drive at Dimapur, during which locals, school children and NCC Cadets of Dimapur were also involved. Approximately, 1500 saplings of various variety of trees were planted during the drive.
 - (iv) 11-Assam Rifles organised a plantation drive in collaboration with Kikuma Students Union at Chieswema area, Kohima district, Nagaland. 400 saplings of various varieties of trees were planted during the drive.

- (v) 34 Assam Rifles organised a **tree plantation drive** at Thanlon areas wherein local populace including civil dignitaries, officials of Border Road Task Force and school children of Churachandpur district, Manipur were also invited. A painting competition was also organised for the school children during the event.
- (vi) Assam Rifles training centre and school organised a tree plantation drive in Sokhouvi, Nagaland. The school students, Jawans and their families participated in the tree plantation drive. Approximately 1500 saplings of varieties of trees were planted during the drive.
- (vii) Headquarters 27-Sector Assam Rifles conducted '**Go Green Drive**' at various locations in Churachandpur district, Manipur on 23rd June, 2014. Approximately 1000 saplings of ornamental, fruit bearing and medicinal trees were planted.
- (viii) 3-Assam Rifles undertook a '**Go Green**' drive in Sehlon village, district Chandel, Manipur on 16th June, 2014. 100 saplings of varieties of trees were planted during the event.
- (ix) 20-Assam Rifles conducted a '**Go Green Campaign**' at Bongyang village, district Chandel, Manipur for locals. Approximately 800 saplings were planted during the campaign.
- 7. **Promotion of Sports.**
 - (i) 15-Assam Rifles organised a friendly **volleyball match** between Nabadapara Village Youth and Assam Rifles at Nabadapara village ground, district Dhalai, Tripura. At the end of the match, sports items were presented to the Nabadapara Village Youth Team.
 - (ii) Headquarters 9-Sector Assam Rifles organised an '**exhibition football match**' between the Awangiri and Maibom villages at Awangiri football ground on 6th June 2014, district Thoubal, Manipur. The match was organized with the aim of promoting the sport in the Region.
 - (iii) **Distribution of sports items.** 40-Assam Rifles distributed sports items to the Sports Association, Lilong Haoreibi, district Imphal West on 7th June, 2014 and UJB School, Kamu Tongnom village, district Senapati, Manipur on 24th June, 2014.



Volleyball Match and Exhibition Football match organised by Assam Rifles

8. Assistance to locals.

- (i) Headquarter 9-Sector Assam Rifles saved two civilians of Thoubal district, Manipur who were bitten by venomous snake on 16th June, 2014. The victims were brought to the Unit Hospital in a critical condition and immediately attended by the medical team of the Unit, who administered life saving anti snake venom drugs to the patients, thus saving their lives.
- (ii) 9-Assam Rifles constructed an office for welfare of ex-



Assam Rifles constructed an office for welfare of ex-servicemen of CAPFs and conducted a ceremony to felicitate ten local candidates who cleared the CEE-2014

- (iii) 41-Assam Rifles conducted a ceremony at Somsai in Ukhrul district, Manipur, to felicitate ten local candidates who cleared the CEE-2014 examination to get enrolled in the Indian Army. These candidates were handpicked and given special pre recruitment training by the Assam Rifles which helped them clear the examination.



9. Vocational Training Centre.

- (i) 14-Assam Rifles conducted a two week **stitching course** for local youth of Serchhip, Mizoram with effect from 3rd June, 2014. Eight youth attended the course.



Stitching Course for local youth and tailoring Course for local women organised by Assam Rifles

- (ii) 45-Assam Rifles conducted a two week **tailoring course** for local women of Naisingpara village, Tripura with effect from 3rd June, 2014. 25 ladies attended the course.



- (iii) 14-Assam Rifles conducted a two week **plumber course** for local youth of Farkawn village, Mizoram with effect from 16th June, 2014. 9 locals attended the course.



Plumber Course for local youth and Pre-Recruitment training for tribal youth organised by Assam Rifles

- (iv) **Pre-recruitment training.** 8-Assam Rifles conducted pre-recruitment training for the tribal Youth at Khowai Company Operating Base (COBs), district Tripura west,



from 13th – 24th June, 2014. The aim of this training is to impart physical and mental training to the tribal youth and also provide them necessary guidance about the basic procedure for getting enrolled in Security Forces. 17 candidates attended the training.

- (v) 18-Assam Rifles conducted **basic computer course** for 15 students at vocational training centre, Jalukie, district Peren, Nagaland from April to June 2014. On completion of the training, student received basic computer handling certificates which will help them get employment.



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