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All of us belong to some religion, we are born in some part of India, we have a particular mother tongue. But none of these should come in the way of our Indians, of our being an Indian.

Smt. Indira Gandhi

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DEVELOPMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. A Tripartite Meeting was held on 31st January, 2013 by Shri P. C. Halder, Government of India Representative with NDFB (Progressive) to finalize the Memorandum of Settlement. Joint Secretary (NE), Ministry of Home Affairs, Principal Secretary (Home) and ADG (SB), Government of Assam also attended the meeting.
2. As a result of a major initiative taken by the Government of India, three Meitei insurgent groups have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India and the State Government of Manipur on 13.02.2013 for joining the mainstream. The following groups have come forward for this.
 - (i) The United Revolutionary Front (URF), comprising various factions of Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and its military wing, Manipur Army (MA). The main constituents of URF are KCP (Lanheiba), KCP (Chingkheinganba) and KCP (Sunil Meitei).
 - (ii) The second group that signed MoU was KCP (Lamphel) comprising three factions of KCP, namely KCP (Lamphel), KCP (City Meitei) and KCP (Taibanganba).
 - (iii) The third group to sign MoU are two factions of Kanglei Yawal Kanna Lup (KYKL), namely, Athouba faction and Achouba faction.

A total of 197 cadres of these groups handed over their arms on 13.2.2013. The leaders and cadres who joined the peace process will be rehabilitated as per the rehabilitation policy notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in December, 2012 and approved by the State Cabinet of Manipur. The cadres will get a monthly stipend of Rs. 4,000/- for a period of two years. They will also be paid an amount of Rs. 2,50,000/- per cadre for rehabilitation purpose. This amount will be kept in fixed deposit in the name of the cadre after a lock-in period of two years. The cadre will be provided vocational training and training in art of living. If a cadre wish to seek self-

employment before the expiry of lock-in period of the fixed deposit, the State Government will facilitate loans from bank against the security of the amount kept in fixed deposit. Government will make efforts to employ

the cadre subject to their eligibility. These groups will be temporarily stationed with Army or Assam Rifles camps and later shifted to the designated camps which will be constructed.

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

(A) Programmes undertaken by Assam Rifles

1. Medical/Veterinary Camps

- (i) 17-Assam Rifles organised a medical camp at Chudi village, Wokha district, Nagaland on 1st Feb, 2013. About 205 persons were given medical treatment.
- (ii) 41-Assam Rifles organised a free eye check up camp at Ukhrul town, Manipur on 2nd Feb, 2013. About 102 persons were provided medical treatment.
- (iii) 17-Assam Rifles organised a medical camp at Roni village, Wokha district Nagaland on 3rd Feb, 2013. About 200 persons were given medical treatment in the camp.
- (iv) 27-Assam Rifles organised a medical camp cum health awareness programme at Wangu village in Thoubal district, Manipur on 4th Feb, 2013. 156 persons were treated and provided free medicines.
- (v) 18-Assam Rifles organised a free veterinary camp

- at Jalukie town, Peren district, Nagaland on 6th Feb, 2013. Approximately 3578 animals received medical treatment and free veterinary medicines and vaccines.
- (vi) 45-Assam Rifles organised a medical camp at Joysree village, Tripura North district, Tripura on 7th Feb, 2013. About 450 persons received medical treatment and provided free medicines.
- (vii) 18-Assam Rifles organized a medical camp at Punyabhumi village, Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh on 9th Feb, 2013. About 552 persons received medical treatment.
- (viii) 19-Assam Rifles organised a medical camp at Henumbe village, Kohima, District Nagaland on 16th Feb, 2013. About 153 persons received medical treatment.
- (ix) 16 Assam Rifles organized a medical camp at Shangshak Phunghon village, Ukhrul district Manipur on 18th Feb, 2013. About 235 persons were given medical treatment and provided free medicines.



Medical camps organized by Assam Rifles

2. Awareness Camp

On 1st Feb, 2013, 27-Assam Rifles organised a lecture on "Sanitation and Health Awareness" at Waikhong for

the villagers of Thongjao, Thoubal district, Manipur. A documentary on 'Social and National Integration' was screened after the lecture.



3. Sports Events

- (i) 40-Assam Rifles along with Assam Rifles Archery Team organised an archery demonstration at Keithelmanbi on 3rd Feb, 2013. Shri Subhash chandra Meitei, a bronze medalist in national games, apprised the gathering about the various state of the art equipments and facilities available for training. Assam Rifles called upon the youth to use the facilities available at Keithelmanbi to showcase their talent and encouraged them to join the team.

- (ii) 39-Assam Rifles conducted inter village football tournament at Maullam village in Churachandpur district, Manipur on 6th Feb, 2013. Sports equipment were distributed to all the participating teams.
- (iii) 10-Assam Rifles conducted a football tournament at Nonei, Tamenglong district, Manipur from 9th Feb, 2013 to 15th Feb, 2013. 16 teams participated in the tournament.
- (iv) 45-Assam Rifles conducted a football tournament at Kanchanpur, Tripura North district, Tripura from 6th Feb, 2013 to 8th Feb, 2013. Teams from Anandbazar,



- Kanchanpur, Khedachara and Sabual (Jampui Hill) participated in the tournament.
- (v) 13-Assam Rifles organised "Tamenglong Unity Cup" football tournament from 5th Feb, 2013 to 16th Feb, 2013 at Tamenglong district, Manipur. A Trophy and cash prizes were distributed along with sports equipment.
- (vi) 41-Assam Rifles organised Late Major BOB Khathing Memorial Football Tournament at Somsai, Ukhrul district, Manipur on 19th Feb, 2013. Twelve teams from different parts of Manipur participated in the tournament.



Football tournaments organized by Assam Rifles

4. Peace March

41-Assam Rifles organized a Peace March for the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Lambui on 2nd Feb, 2013 with the objective of spreading the message of peace and harmony in the state of Manipur. The children walked from Lambui to

Ukhrul town holding colourful banners and placards with messages of peace, harmony and national integration.

- 5. 21-Assam Rifles donated two PVC tanks (5000 litres) for storage of drinking water to Amiphoto Colony, Zunheboto district, Nagaland on 1st Feb, 2013.



Peace march organized by Assam Rifles



PVC tanks provided by Assam Rifles

6. National Integration Tour

- (i) 30-Assam Rifles organised a national integration tour to Delhi and Dehradun for 25 children and three teachers of Manipur from 4th Feb, 2013 to 19th Feb, 2013. In Delhi, the participants interacted with

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 8th Feb, 2013 and Shri R.P.N Singh, Minister of State for Home Affairs. The students visited Red Fort, Rajghat, India Gate, Humayun Tomb, Indira Gandhi Museum, Nehru Museum, Lotus temple and ISKON temple in Delhi.



National Integration Tour organized by Assam Rifles



- (ii) 26-Assam Rifles organised a national integration tour from Aizwal to Agra via Delhi from 12th Feb, 2013 to 22nd Feb, 2013. 21 members of PAMERA participated in the tour. The group interacted with Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Union Home Minister and also visited a number of historical places in Delhi and Agra.
- (iii) 35-Assam Rifles organized a national integration tour to Delhi and Agra from Manipur on 15th Feb, 2013 to 1st March, 2013. 20 students and two teachers from the Sajik Valley of Manipur participated in the tour.

7. Encouraging IT Literacy and Sports

- (i) 6-Assam Rifles distributed sports items such as football, volleyball, boxing kit and badminton kits to the villagers of Tiru village, Mon District Nagaland on 1st Feb, 2013.
- (ii) 19-Assam Rifles presented one computer with UPS and printer to the village council, Phesama village on 2nd Feb, 2013. On 8th Feb, 2013, the unit presented two computers, UPS and printers to the Students Union of village Jotsoma.



Sports items and computers distributed by Assam Rifles



- (iii) 6-Assam Rifles presented 3 Computers to the Govt School at Namsa village, Mon district, Nagaland on 5th Feb, 2013.

- (iv) 15-Assam Rifles distributed sports items to the Upper Khoripok village Youth Club, Thoubal district Manipur on 7th Feb, 2013.



Computers and sports items distributed by Assam Rifles



8. Solar street lights

- (i) 39-Assam Rifles distributed 4 solar street lights to new Lanchah village of Thoubal district, Manipur on 4th Feb, 2013.
- (ii) 27-Assam Rifles distributed 6 solar street lights to



- (iii) 31-Assam Rifles handed over 3 solar lights to Impur village, Mokokchung district, Nagaland under the Civic Action Programme on 18th Feb, 2013.



Solar lights distributed by Assam Rifles

- 9. 18-Assam Rifles distributed 250 mosquito nets to the villagers of Punyabhuni, Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh on 9th Feb, 2013.



- 10. 6-Assam Rifles presented 150 plastic chairs and 20 tables to Lungwa village council, Mon district, Nagaland on 18th Feb, 2013.



Mosquito nets and plastic chairs distributed by Assam Rifles

11. Assam Rifles organised picnic

On 9th Feb, 2013, 19-Assam Rifles organised a picnic for 45 children of Kohima orphanage and destitute home at the Highland park in Merima village, Kohima district, Nagaland.

(B) Programmes undertaken by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

67-Bn CRPF organised a pulse polio immunization programme from 21st Jan, 2013 to 23rd Jan, 2013 at transit point near main gate of 67-BN Hqr, Distt-East Khasi Hills, Shillong, Meghalaya in association with Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong. Under this

programme, 150 children of nearby villages were given oral polio drops. The unit has set a motto that not a single child should miss the immunization in their area of responsibility, leaving no chance of polio occurrence. Oral polio drops were given to children upto the age of five years. The unit had organised similar programme during last year as well. Personnel of 67-Bn were deputed at the pulse polio booth to help unit medical staff for mobilizing children to pulse polio booths. The programme has also been used as a platform to educate the parents on the importance of polio vaccination at birth, 6 weeks, 10 weeks and 14 weeks of age.

NORTH EASTERN POLICE ACADEMY (NEPA)

The North Eastern Police Academy (NEPA), earlier known as the “Regional Police Training College”, was established in the year 1977. It organised basic training courses for the newly recruited Deputy Superintendents and Sub-Inspectors of the North Eastern States. From 1979 onwards it started training and functioning as a college for newly recruited ASIs, SIs and DySsP and organized three in-service courses- one promotion course, a refresher course and a specialized course respectively with limited trainees of 166. In May 1980, “Regional Police Training College” was renamed as “North Eastern Police Academy”.

NEPA is a full fledged premier training institution under the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. The Director, NEPA as the Head of the institution, supervises day to day functioning of the institution, while the NEPA Board does annual stock taking, supervises and also makes recommendations to the Ministry. The Board comprises the Union Home Secretary as the Chairman; Secretary (IS) MHA ; Secretary DONER, Secretary NEC; two Chief Secretaries of NE States by rotation; Jt. Secretary (Police), MHA, Jt. Secretary (NE) MHA; DG BPR & D; Director, NPA, DGPs of all the eight NE States and VC NEHU are members and the Director, NEPA functions as its Member/Secretary.

The indoor training schedule adopted in the Academy is broad-based with scientific approach to the role of the police in modern society. The training methodology is based on theory and practical, which comprises simulation exercises, case studies, workshops, role plays etc. Subjects related to investigation and prosecution of cases viz. I.P.C., Indian Evidence Act, Minor/Local Acts, Forensic Science, Forensic Medicine, Crime Investigation and Computer Awareness & CIPA Application are taught and demonstrated through a combination of simulation exercises, case study

methods, interactions and laboratory demonstrations. The trainees are made to write all the records connected with the investigation of the case namely, FIR, case diary, arrest report, charge sheet etc. The trainees are also exposed to social sciences to familiarize them to the latest research findings in human behaviour, criminology, management, police – public relations and other similar subjects. The Academy has introduced Human Rights as a separate discipline imparting knowledge about protection of Human Rights to ensure better policing in the present scenario of the region.

While Basic Course continues to be the focus of all training activities in the Academy, some in-service courses are also conducted keeping in view the emerging trends in crime and policing. The Academy focuses on courses like Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare; Critical Incident Management Courses; Collection of Intelligence and Interrogation techniques; CCTNS; Ethical hacking etc.

The probationers and cadets are trained in various outdoor activities in order to build stamina, physical & mental strength & professionalism in subjects like Physical Training (PT); Assault Course; Drills; Unarmed Combat (UAC); Guard Mounting; Fire Fighting; Weapons Training; Vehicle Driving; Horse Riding; Field Craft; Jungle Training; Route March; Counter Insurgency; Range Course; Map Reading; Games etc.

The 39th Basic Course started from 28th January, 2013. A total of 135 trainees (48 DySsP 85 S.Is. and 2 A.S.Is.) from the States of Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh are undergoing basic training.

PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE AEGIS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal

Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal was taken over by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare from North Eastern Council in 2007. The Institute has an intake capacity of 100 undergraduate and 73 + 77 post graduate Degree/Diploma seats. The institute offer PG Course in Transfusion Medicine & M. Ch course in urology plastic & reconstruction surgery. The institute also conducts

M. Phil course in Clinical Psychology with an intake 7 students per annum.

OPD and IPD attendance during 2010-11 was 281604 and 36000 respectively.

There is a proposal for increasing MBBS seats from 100 to 154 at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal at an estimated cost of Rs. 202.00 crore.

North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRHMS), Shillong

North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRHMS), has been established in Shillong on the lines of AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh with the objective of providing advanced specialized health-care to the people of North East Region.

The MBBS and post graduate courses in four departments i.e. Anaesthesiology, obst. & Gynaecology, Microbiology and Pathology are affiliated to North Eastern Hills University. A team of NEHU officials visited the institute on 30.08.2011 for grant of renewal of provisional affiliation for MBBS course.

Besides, the Institute has started DM Course in Cardiology and has also applied for affiliation to start MD Course in Radio diagnosis, General Surgery and Anatomy.

A proposal for setting up of an undergraduate Medical college with hostel facility at an estimated cost of Rs. 196.02

crore is under consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. These is a proposal under consideration of Health Ministry for expansion of the Nursing College and increasing seats in B.Sc (Nursing) at an estimated cost of Rs. 50.12 crore.

REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF PARAMEDICAL AND NURSING SCIENCES (RIPANS), AIZAWL

Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences (RIPANS) was set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in 1992-93 to develop adequate paramedical manpower to provide much needed basic paramedical health care facilities in the health institutions of the North Eastern Region. The Institute is under the Administrative control of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare since 1.4.2007.

Presently the institute is offering following five four-years degree courses and two Diploma courses:-

1. B.Sc. Nursing

2. B.Sc. MLT (Medical Laboratory Technology)
3. Bachelor of Pharmacy
4. Bachelor of Optometry and Ophthalmic Technology (BOOT)
5. Bachelor of Radio Imaging Technology (BRIT)
6. Diploma in Optometry
7. Diploma in Radio Imaging & Cardio Instrumentation technology (RICIT)

The institute has 468 students in various courses.

Programmes Undertaken by Ministry of Labour and Employment

During the month of February, 2013 the Regional Directorates of North East Zone i.e. Guwahati, Tinsukia, Imphal and Siliguri conducted 66 programmes attended by 2517 workers.

- (i) A-2 day quality of life programme of organized sector was conducted on 18th – 19th February, 2013 at Printing and Stationary, Government of Assam, Bamunimaklan, Guwahati – 21. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Md. Jakir Hussain, Director, Printing and Stationary, Government of Assam.
- (ii) 3-day North East Special programme for Trade Union Activists was conducted on 20-22 February, 2013 at NTUM Hall, Upper Health Aizwal, Mizoram. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. Colney, Principal, Government Law College, Aizwal, Mizoram. He emphasized the need of development to bring peace without violence.
- (iii) After 2-day Special Programme for Unorganised Workers at Shiva Nagar, Guwahati, Kamrup District on 19th and 20th June, 2012 enlightened participants of the programme formed a workers union specially for the domestic workers. Smt. Ranjita Sharma and Smt. Binu Das were elected as President and Secretary of the union respectively.
- (iv) A Self Help Group namely “Tanaya Atma” and “Sahayak Got” have been formed by the participants of 2-day special programme for unorganized workers organized at Gariapara village, Pachim Mangaldol Block of Darrang District, Assam on 10th and 11th December, 2012.

(B) CBWE Regional Directorate: Siliguri:

- (i) 3-day State level training programme was held at Gangtok with effect from 19.11.2012 to 21.11.2012 with

30 participants nominated by All Sikkim Democratic Labour Front, Gangtok from all the 4 Districts of Sikkim. The programme was inaugurated by Shri C. P. Dhakal, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Department of Election, Gangtok, Government of Sikkim.

- (ii) 5-day Special training programme on Enhancing Efficacy of NGOs through CBWE was held from 18.2.2013 to 22.2.2013 at Gangtok with 30 participants nominated by different NGOs of the North Eastern States. The programme was inaugurated by Professor Jyoti Prakash Temang, Dean, Science Faculty of Sikkim University, Gangtok.

(C) CBWE Regional Directorate: Tinsukia:

- (i) An Empowerment Camp for Unorganised Sector was conducted at Panchayat Hall, Saikhowa Gaon Panchayat Officer Villages- Ningchee Sonari Gaon, Khalol Gaon, Kakojan Sonari Gaon and Ahom Gaon, P.O. Saikhowa, Block – Saikhowa District- Tinsukia from 4th to 7th February, 2013 with 40 Agricultural workers. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Rabina Kujur, President, Saikhowa Gaon Panchayat. The participants expressed the view that the programme has helped them gain useful information.
- (ii) An Empowerment camp for weaker section was conducted at Balioni Yuba Sangha, Village- Bordhadum Gaon, Bilioni Gaon and Nathun Dhadun Gaon, P.O. – Horudhadum, Block Saikhowa, District – Tinsukia from 10th to 13th February, 2013 with 40 Agricultural Workers. Shri Lambeswor Sonowal, President, Zilla Pathar Parichalna Samity, Tinsukia inaugurated the training programme. The Participants appreciated the training programme and expressed the view

that they gained many useful information from the training.

- (iii) An Empowerment camp for Rural Labour was conducted at Nava Yuvak Club, Village – Geleki Gaon, Diring Tea Estate and Metnoni Tea Estate, Block- West Golaghat District- Golaghat from 10th to 13th February, 2013 with 40 Agricultural Workers. The participants appreciated the usefulness of the programme.
- (iv) An Empowerment camp for Unorganised sector was conducted at Lokbari Puthibharal, Lokbari Gaon, Village- Panbari Adarsha Missing Gaon, Borbeta Gaon and Panbari Missing Gaon, Block- West Golaghat, District – Golaghat from 14th to 17th February, 2013 with 40 Rural Artisans. The participants appreciated the usefulness of the programme.
- (v) A special programme on quality of life for workers and their spouses (Un-organised Sector) was conducted at Borpathar Boys High School Community Hall, Borpathar Gao, Village- Kuhlarbari Gaon, Godabani Gaon, Dighola

Goan, Na-Dighola Gaon and Udoypur Jopora Gao, P.O. Rajebheta, Block – Borboruan, District – Dibrugarh from 18th to 21st February, 2013 with 40 Agricultural Workers.

The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Rubi Gogoi, President Borpathar Gaon Panchayat, Dibrugarh. The Participants expressed their view that attending the programme has helped them gain many useful information.

(D) CBWE Regional Directorate: Imphal

Enlightened trainees of a Rural Awareness Programme conducted by CBWE, Regional Directorate, Imphal at the residence of Shri O. Kumar Singh, Borayangbi Village, under Bishnupur District- Manipur on 21-11/5/2008 formed a Weaving Self Help Group (SHG) i.e. “Boryangbi Thongkha Weaving SHG” Boryangbi, Bishnupur District Manipur and opened their Bank Account at Manipur Rural Bank, Kumbi Branch, Bishnupur district.

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