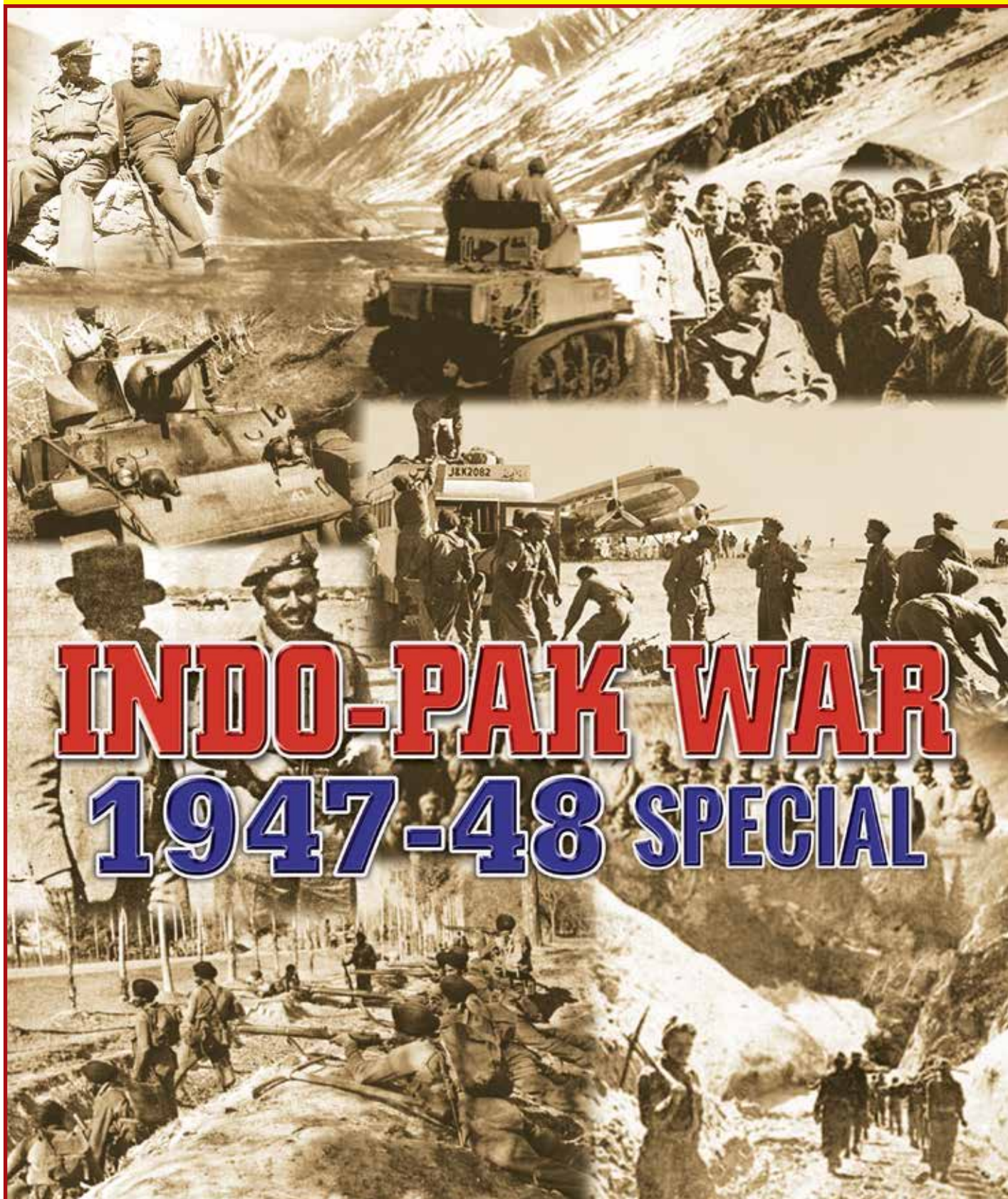


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BATTLE OF DARAPARI (TITHWAL SECTOR)



MAJ HOSHIAR SINGH, SECOND-IN-COMMAND BRIEFING MAJ GEN K S THIMAYYA

The invasion of Jammu & Kashmir in 1947 by tribal lashkars backed by the Pakistan Army posed the first major challenge to the Indian Army immediately after gaining Independence. Soon after the signing of Instrument of Accession, the Indian Armed Forces were swung into action. 6th Battalion the Rajputana Rifles had the unique privilege of being one of the four infantry units to be first flown over Banihal to Srinagar. Defence of Srinagar Air Field was the immediate task allotted to the battalion, on landing. Once Srinagar was safe, the battalion was tasked to advance on Uri-Domel road on 08 November 1947. In the next few months, the unit by their relentless operations, had pushed the raiders as far back as Uri. The battalion also supported the Sawai Man Guards in their attack on Ledigali in June 1948.

The battalion was then moved to the Tithwal Sector. The enemy was strongly holding the DARAPARI feature whose capture was essential. The enemy was well dug in and had mutually supporting localities. The route leading to the objective had little deployment, being about a metre wide, with sheer fall on either side. 'D' company of the battalion under Maj Saran was tasked to attack the DARAPARI feature. As the leading platoon advanced, it came under heavy fire. The platoon Cdr, Sub Bhika Singh, was severely wounded and he could not advance further. On seeing this, CHM Piru Singh took over command of the platoon and led the advance with forward most section which came under heavy fire from the enemy's MMGs.

More than half of the section personnel were either killed or wounded in the very first rush. However, CHM Piru Singh did not falter at this setback and rushed forward to the nearest enemy machine gun bunker with the battle cry, "Raja Ramchandra ki Jai". Grenade splinters ripped his clothes and wounded him at many places, but he kept moving forward. When he was on top of the machine gun position, he jumped into the pit and bayoneted the crew and silenced the gun.

He was hit by another grenade on his face and blood started to drip into his eyes. Still undeterred, he crawled on to the second bunker and using his bayonet killed both the enemy soldiers occupying it. As he got out to charge on to the third enemy bunker, he was hit on his head by a bullet and was seen dropping on the edge of the trench. This was followed by an explosion in the enemy trench which indicated that his grenade had found its mark. This gave a new impetus to the men and 'D' company charged to liquidate the defenders.

The enemy retaliated with great ferocity and the battalion suffered 80 casualties, but held the objective. The enemy also suffered heavily. The action of the Unit facilitated the capture of the area in subsequent ops. For the heroic action in 1947/48 War, 6th Battalion the Rajputana Rifles was honoured with one PVC (CHM Piru Singh), one MVC, four Vrcs, 24 M-in-Ds and the Battle Honour 'DARAPARI'.



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From the Editor's Desk

On 27 October 1947, the Indian Army landed in Srinagar airport and thus began what is historically referred to as the 'Indo-Pakistan War 1947-48'. The war witnessed many iconic battles over two campaigning seasons in areas ranging from Zoji La to the Kashmir valley, Poonch and Mendhar etc. The newly created state of Pakistan put in all the military might that it could muster, but in the end, it had to accept an ignominious defeat.

The Indian troops after landing at the Srinagar airport, saved the people of Kashmir from the ongoing large scale massacre, rape, loot and arson at the hands of the mercenary hordes of tribals of the North West Frontier province, sent by Pakistan under the leadership of its army officers to annex Jammu and Kashmir. Had the Indian Army not reacted, Srinagar would have been a huge, desolate graveyard and the history of the Kashmir valley would have changed forever.

The Indian troops who fought the war had only the safety and security of the people of Kashmir in mind. Their concern was to ensure that the barbarians were thrown out in the shortest possible time without causing any further damage. In this, they were singularly successful, but not without paying a heavy price including loss of lives of many soldiers.



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CHIEF'S PAGE

General Manoj Pande, COAS visited units & formations along LAC in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh from 19 to 22 January 2023. He was briefed by formation commanders on operational preparedness & prevailing security situation. He complimented troops for maintaining sharp vigil & exhorted all to continue working with same zeal & devotion.



The COAS virtually felicitated the prize winners of Hackathon 2.0, conducted by Indian Army under the aegis of HQ ARTRAC with an aim to seek probable solutions to operational challenges through innovative techniques.



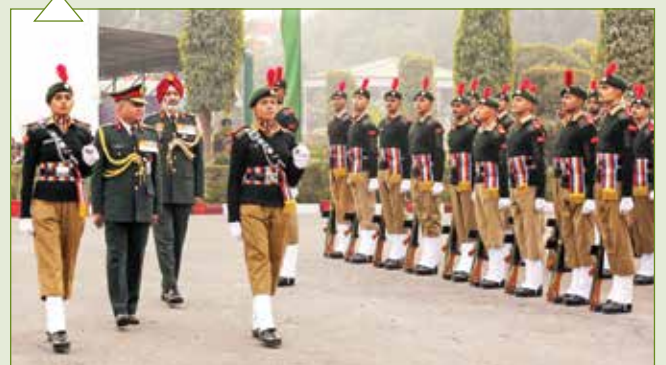
The COAS visited Officers Training Academy, Gaya and was briefed on pedagogy, on going training and the infrastructure. He also interacted with instructional staff and appreciated them for high standards of training being imparted at the academy.



On the occasion of New Year 2023, the COAS visited troops deployed at various locations in High Altitude Area along the Line of Control in Kupwara Sector. He interacted with the troops & extended New Year wishes to All Ranks and their families.



The COAS visited NCC Annual Republic Day Camp at New Delhi & received a smart Guard of Honour from the immaculately turned-out cadets. He interacted with the cadets & appreciated their enthusiasm & zeal to join the Armed Forces.



75th ARMY DAY

The Army Day Parade on 15 January, signifies the formal taking over of Indian Army by its first Indian Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal KM Cariappa on 15 January 1949. The Parade was held outside New Delhi for the first time in the history of Independent India. While the conduct of this historical event at Bengaluru was in recognition of the valour, sacrifices and services of the people of Southern India for the Nation, it was also an apt tribute to Field Marshal KM Cariappa who hails from Karnataka. The Army Day Parade was held at Madras Engineer Group and Centre, Bengaluru. The Parade was reviewed by the Chief of Army Staff. Contingent of Madras Engineer Group Centre won the coveted trophy for the 'Best Marching Contingent'.



The Parade, while highlighting the military prowess of Indian Army, also showcased Indian Army's efforts to transform into a future ready, technology driven, lethal and agile force. Along with the marching contingents & military bands, adventure activities like Motor Cycle Display, Para Motor Gliding and Combat Free Fall were organised to inspire the younger generation of the Nation. A number of Gallantry Awards and Unit Citations were also awarded by the Army Chief in recognition of the valour and meritorious service of Army personnel and units.

A series of events showcasing Indian Army's commitment to Nation building was carried out by Army Units of Southern Command over one month with holistic participation of citizens from all sections of the society. "Southern Star Vijay Run – 2022" (Theme : 'Run For Soldiers' - Run With Soldiers) was held as the Curtain Raiser event wherein over 50,000 participants across 18 stations in Southern Command were flagged off simultaneously.



SNIPPETS

On the occasion of 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day, the COAS, the CNS & the CAS attended the commemorative event at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, conducted under the aegis of the Indian Army. During the event, the COAS alluded to the selfless service rendered by the veterans in Nation Building & reaffirmed the commitment of the Indian Army towards welfare of veterans. A yearly journal by DIAV named “SAMMAAN” was also released during the event.



GOC-in-C Sapta Shakti Command felicitated foreign officers from the HDMC18 course who visited Jaipur on 16 January. The officers were exposed to operational role of the command and the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan during their three day visit.



GOC-in-C Surya Command, on the occasion of 75th Army Day, paid tributes to all bravehearts, in a solemn Wreath Laying Ceremony at Shaurya Sthal, Dehradun. The Shaurya Sthal was dedicated by Raksha Mantri on 14 January 2023 to honour the sacrifices of Armed Forces personnel of Uttarakhand.



After completion of arduous training, Capt Shiva Chouhan of Fire and Fury Sappers became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed at Kumar Post, Siachen, the highest battlefield of the world.



During the Republic Day 2023 Parade, the entire Nation witnessed the breath taking display by Hav Sujit Mondal and were overwhelmed by the new record created by him for riding a motorcycle for a distance of 3 kms on a 18 ft long ladder.



SNIPPETS

Indian Army deployed its largest contingent of women Peacekeepers in UN mission at Abyei, UNISFA. The team will provide relief & assistance to women & children in one of the highly operational & challenging terrain conditions under the UN flag.



The VCOAS visited Jammu & Kashmir Rifles Regimental Centre at Jabalpur on 30 January. He was briefed on the ongoing training of the Agniveers at the Centre.



GOC Delhi Area felicitated the Egyptian Armed Forces marching contingent participating in the Republic Day Parade for the first time. The participation of the contingent bears testimony to the long standing friendship between both the Nations.



Lt Gen BS Raju, VCOAS awarded the VCOAS Citation to the units for their exemplary performance, professionalism & devotion to duty at New Delhi on 27 January 2023.



On the occasion of 75th Indian Army Day, Indian Battalion (UNIFIL) along with Embassy organized a Wreath Laying Ceremony to pay homage to the Indian soldiers who laid down their lives during World War I & II at the Beirut Commonwealth War Cemetery.



Para drop and para motor display were organised in Pune by the serving personnel and veterans of the Bombay Sappers and a team from the Army Adventure Wing. The display was to mark the 203rd Group Day of the Bombay Sappers. The GOC- in - C Central Command led the para drop team.



INDO-PAK WAR 1

THE INVASION BY PAKISTAN & FORMAL ACCESSION TO INDIA

When India got Independence and was partitioned to create Pakistan in August 1947, Jammu and Kashmir was a princely state ruled by Maharaja Hari Singh. The Maharaja agreed to have a Standstill Agreement with both India and Pakistan and to postpone making a decision regarding the issue of accession. However, Pakistan had a different plan. They launched Operation Gulmarg in the intervening night of October 21/22 1947 under the command of Major General Akbar Khan to seize J&K. on 24 October 1947, the Government of India received an urgent request from Maharaja Hari Singh, specifically requesting to send Indian troops to Kashmir to protect it from the invaders. The Defence Committee of the Cabinet discussed the situation and after several rounds of discussions, it was decided that Indian troops would be sent to Kashmir only after formal accession to India. Soon after signing of Instrument of Accession, the Indian Armed Forces came into action and on the morning of 27 October 1947, an Infantry battalion, 1 SIKH, which was located in Gurgaon was flown to Srinagar to save the state from invaders.

WESTERN SECTOR

The Battle of Badgam- On 03 November, three companies of 4 KUMAON were deployed in Badgam. At approximately 1430 Hr, Major Somnath Sharma's D Company was fired upon from the local houses in Badgam. Suddenly, a tribal lashkar group of 700 infiltrators approached Badgam from the direction of Gulmarg. Under heavy fire, and outnumbered by a ratio of seven to one, he urged his company to fight bravely. Valiant action by the company, led by Maj Somnath Sharma, resulted in 200 casualties of the tribal infiltrators. This caused them to lose the impetus to advance and bought time for additional Indian troops to fly into the Srinagar airport the next day, reorganize and block all routes of ingress to Srinagar.



3 November 1947
Major Somnath Sharma with his Company of 4 Kumaon got outnumbered. His last message to Brigade Headquarters being "We are heavily outnumbered. I shall not withdraw one inch but will fight to the last man and last round". Major Somnath Sharma is the first recipient of Param Vir Chakra.



Brig Md Usman, MVC (Posthumous)
Brig Usman, known as "Naushera ka Sher" recaptured two strategic locations from Pakistan during the war.



2nd Lt R R Rane, PVC Bombay Sappers (1948)
Under the leadership of 2nd Lt Rane, Indian Army Sappers cleared multiple road blocks and mine fields in Naushera- Rajouri Sector.



Naik Jadunath Singh, PVC (Posthumous) 1 RAJPUT (1948)
Naik Jadunath's gallant action led to the repulsing of attack by raiders on Taidhar in Naushera Sector in Battle of Jhangar in 1948.

Victory at Naushera- The final battle of Naushera was fought in February 1948. The enemy attacked Naushera in great strength in the first week of February, but was repulsed. Brig M Usman, Commander 50 Para Brigade, took steps to evict the enemy from the surrounding heights, regardless of the enemy strength around Naushera. Lieutenant General Cariappa, who had taken over as Western Army Commander, brought his Tactical headquarters forward to Jammu to oversee the conduct of two important operations, the capture of Jhangar and Poonch. The operation for capture of Jhangar commenced in the last week of February 1948. 19 Infantry Brigade advanced along the Northern ridge, while 50 Para brigade cleared the hills dominating the Naushera-Jhangar road in the South. Many fierce battles were fought during this twin thrust toward Jhangar. The enemy was eventually driven from this area and Jhangar was recaptured. Jhangar was once again subjected to heavy artillery bombardment and many determined attacks were launched on Jhangar by the Pakistan Army. Brig Usman, the hero of Naushera and Jhangar, however, frustrated all enemy attempts to recapture Jhangar. Brig Usman unfortunately was killed in Jhangar by an enemy 25-pounder shell. For his inspiring leadership and great courage, Brigadier M Usman was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra posthumously.

1947-48 SPECIAL

The Battle of Tithwal- was one of the fiercest and longest battles fought during conflict in 1947-48. During initial stages, Pashtun tribal militia had crossed the border and occupied strategically important village of Tithwal on Indian side. Their primary aim was to capture the Richhmar Gali, located South of Tithwal and Nastachun Pass, East of Tithwal, which was held by Indian Army. A massive attack was launched by Pakistan Army on 13 October 1948 hoping to capture the posts held by Indian troops but failed miserably with heavy casualties due to undaunting courage and valour displayed by Indian troops. The indomitable spirit and determination of Indian Army helped India in retaining the post of Tithwal. The battalions involved were 1 SIKH, 1 MADRAS, and 6 RAJPUTANA RIFLES.



CHM Piru Singh, PVC (Posthumous)
6 RAJ RIF (1948)

CHM Piru Singh was awarded the PVC for his gallant action in the battle of Tithwal leading to successful attack on enemy positions.



Lance Naik Karam Singh, 1 Sikh, PVC (first non-posthumous PVC awarded), receiving the PVC from Hon'ble President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad for his gallantry in Battle of Tithwal

NORTHERN SECTOR

The Northern front of the Kashmir campaign included the Sectors of Gurez, Skardu, Dras, Kargil and Leh. From November 1947 to August 1948, the enemy achieved initial success in the region. More impressive was the valour of the Indian troops who held their positions against all odds. Of particular importance was the siege of Skardu. It was at Skardu that the true spirit of a typical Indian soldier was first demonstrated. After the fall of Gilgit to the enemy in November 1947, it fell on Lt Col Sher Jung Thapa and his men of 6 J&K Infantry to defend Skardu. The troops reached Skardu on 03 December and positioned themselves inside a fort. With a total strength of about 285 men, Lt Col Thapa defended his picket against a 600-strong enemy equipped with modern rifles, 2" and 3" mortars. The enemy attacked on 11 February 1948. From that day till 13 August 1948, when Skardu finally fell to the enemy, after holding out for six months against overwhelming odds it was a saga of defiance, gallantry and determination.

Battle to Retake Zojila. The raiders tightened their grip on the areas around Kargil and Dras in the summer of 1948. After repeated attempts by 77 Para Brigade's infantry assaults to retake Zoji La Pass failed in August – September 1948, General Thimayya planned an audacious operation, which involved the stealthy movement of Stuart light tanks of the 7th Light Cavalry Regiment from Jammu to Srinagar in mid-October 1948. From Srinagar, these tanks were dismantled and transported to Baltal, about 80 km from Srinagar. They were admirably assisted by two companies of engineers of the Madras Engineering Group (MEG). On 01 November 1948, tanks were inducted and employed in dizzy heights of more than 11,500 ft for the first time. Zoji La Pass was cleared of Pakistani raiders who were surprised by a combined arms assault by tanks and fighter aircraft. Kargil and Dras would be recaptured by the Indian Army after ferocious hand-to-hand fighting.



CEASE FIRE ENFORCEMENT

After protracted negotiations, both countries agreed to a cease-fire. The terms of the cease-fire, laid out in a UN Commission resolution, were adopted on 05 January 1949. This required Pakistan to withdraw its forces, both regular and irregular, while allowing India to maintain minimal forces within the state to preserve law and order.

J & K AND LADAKH DIARY

GOC-in-C Northern Command interacted with students of the Capt Vikram Batra Boys Hostel at Udhampur. He encouraged them to explore new horizons, while expanding their knowledge.



Northern Command organised a Seminar on 'Future Battlefield - Need for Techno Commanders' at Nagrota. It aimed at identifying niche technologies for Northern Theatre in future battlefield, with focus on improving operational efficiency.



GOC Fire & Fury Corps visited 'STALKERS' Battalion at Phyang to celebrate the Ladakhi New Year Festival of "LOSAR". He felicitated the Veer Naris during the event, where programmes like 'Jabro' (Yak Dance) & 'Balti Ghazal' were also performed by local people.



A National Integration Tour of 30 Veer Naris, from 24 to 28 January, was flagged off by GOC Leh Sub Area. The Veer Naris witnessed Republic Day 2023 Parade besides their visit to the National War Memorial & Taj Mahal.



The Siachen Warriors carried out timely evacuation of two civilians who met with an accident near Khardungla Top. The individuals were provided with immediate and timely medical aid by the Indian Army.



The Indian Army organized 'Veterans Rally' at OP Hill Stadium, Mendhar, Poonch. The event was organised to address the problems of Veterans & Veer Naris of the Indian Army.



NORTH EAST DIARY

Moving a step forward in promoting education in the North East, Assam Rifles organised a National Integration Tour (NIT) of 20 students from remote corners of North East to prominent and historical places in the country. The NIT team of Assam Rifles during their course of tour, met the President of India on 12 January.



On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day, Trishakti Corps conducted a Cycle Rally, Pipe Band performance and Military Eqpt Display at the Paljor stadium, Gangtok. The Governor of Sikkim graced the occasion and flagged in the Cycle Rally.



Indian Army is undertaking training of the Assam Police commandos at seven different locations. The training will be carried out for 40 weeks by qualified instructors of the Army to include basic military training and advance training.



Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated 28 BRO infrastructure projects from Siyom Bridge site in Arunachal Pradesh. He complimented BRO for being at the forefront of unprecedented infrastructure development and released a compendium on New Technologies adopted by BRO in construction domain.



Expedition to scale Mount Saramati, highest peak of Nagaland, was flagged off on 10 January from Melluri by IGAR North. The team comprised a mix of Assam Rifles personnel including two Riflewomen and two local young girls.



As a run up to the 74th Republic Day, Military Bands conducted a Band Display at Gangtok to showcase the ceremonial grandeur of military tunes with an aim to inspire the young & vibrant future generation of the Nation.



COMMEMORATING THE 21 HEROES

On Parakram Diwas (23rd January), Prime Minister participated in a ceremony to name 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. These islands have been named after the 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, viz. Major Somnath Sharma, Subedar and Hony Captain Karam Singh, 2nd Lieutenant (Later Major) Rama Raghoba Rane, Naik Jadunath Singh, Company Havildar Major Piru Singh, Captain GS Salaria, Lieutenant Colonel Dhan Singh Thapa, Subedar Joginder Singh, Major Shaitan Singh, CQMH Abdul Hamid, Lieutenant Colonel Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore, Lance Naik Albert Ekka, Major Hoshiar Singh, 2nd Lieutenant Arun Khetrapal, Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon, Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran, Subedar Major and Hony Captain Bana Singh, Captain Vikram Batra, Lieutenant Manoj Kumar Pandey, Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar, and Subedar Major and Hony Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav. This step is an everlasting tribute to the heroes, several of whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the Nation.



ASSAM Regiment celebrated 100th birthday of a Veteran of the Regiment, Brig SS Chowdhary (Retd), at his residence in Chandigarh. The Centenarian was presented a souvenir by the Regimental Officers on behalf of Colonel of the ASSAM Regiment & Arunachal Scouts.



WELFARE AND EMPOWERMENT

The COAS & President, AWWA, visited Army Hospital (R&R), Delhi Cantt & interacted with the patients, including serving soldiers, veterans & their families. They extended new year greetings & wished good health & speedy recovery to the patients.



In line with scheme “Vidyanjali”, Southern Command reached out to Ghorpardi Village High School, Pune in coordination with APS, Pune & contributed towards the overall development of the school.



A Memorandum of Agreement between Indian Army & 8 Medical Colleges of Assam & 10 units of Assam Cancer Care Foundation, for cashless & capless treatment of ECHS beneficiaries was carried out at Guwahati on 06 January.



15 Veer Naris from the remote regions of Ladakh visited New Delhi as part of the Capacity Building Tour, organised by the Fire & Fury Corps. President AWWA greeted and felicitated these courageous ladies and commended them for their resilience.



GOC Kharga Corps dedicated the new building of Junior Wing of Army Public School, Ambala Cantt to the students. The building is equipped with modern facilities for all round development of the students. He exhorted the students to excel in the academic field and become responsible citizens of the Nation.



“Jal Hai To Jeevan Hai”. Sudarshan Chakra Corps rejuvenated 25 ponds at 25 different remote locations with an objective to harvest and conserve water for future generation.



TRAINING

Amphibious warriors of the Indian Army participated in the Joint Amphibious Exercise 'AMPHEX 2023' at Vizag, along with Indian Navy & Indian Air Force. The exercise witnessed high standards of operational resoluteness, combat punch & Tri-service synergy.



'Charging Ram' Division carried out Integrated Training with Apache Helicopters to validate joint tactics, techniques & procedures while operating with Attack Helicopters, thereby enhancing synergistic & coordinated manoeuvres.



Exercise "TOPCHI", an annual firepower demonstration & training exercise of Regiment of Artillery, was conducted by the School of Artillery at Devlali. The exercise is a testimony to professionalism of the Gunners & the evolving sensor to shooter capabilities of the Indian Army.



Deep Strikers Division conducted "Ex Kharga Shakti" to validate rapid acquisition, designation and destruction of enemy targets to ensure effective shaping of the battle field. GOC - in - C Western Command complimented All Ranks for the operational preparedness of the formation.



The first ever joint exercise, 'Exercise Cyclone-I', between the special forces of Indian Army and Egyptian Army culminated on 27 January in Rajasthan. The exercise focused on sharing professional skills and experiences of both the special forces on counter insurgency, counter terrorism, reconnaissance, raids and other special forces operations.



Kharga Sappers rehearsed Combat Engineering tasks of bridging & breaching operations. The exercise was aimed at ensuring victory by swift and decisive operations in developed terrain.



SPORTS & ADVENTURE

Havildar Bommadevara Dhiraj broke the World Record by scoring 1386/1440 points & won the Gold Medal in Archery (Recurve) at 1st Selection trial for Asian Games, World Championship & World Cup Stage 2023, held at Kolkata.



GOC Fire and Fury Corps declared open the National Ice Hockey Championship 2023 being conducted at Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, Ladakh on 31 January 2023.



Indian Army pugilists proved their mettle by winning the 6th Elite Men's National Boxing Championship held at Hisar, Haryana. The team won six Gold, one Silver & three Bronze medals and emerged as the overall Champion.



The Indian Army wrestlers of Army Sports Institute, participated in the Senior National WFI Grand Prix Wrestling Tournament held at Rohtak, Haryana. They brought laurels by bagging four Gold, five Silver & six Bronze Medals in the tournament.



To inculcate the spirit of adventure and camaraderie, a 'White Water Rafting Expedition' was organised by Trishakti Corps as part of ECTTAA. The expedition from Burdong to Teesta Bazar comprised a total of five rapids over a distance of 22 kms. The Team 'Trishakti Wave Riders' comprised of 20 Indian Army personnel and other members which included NCC cadets, Sikkim University students, ITBP, Sikkim Police & SSB representatives.



CEREMONIAL EVENTS

On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, accompanied by CDS and three Service Chiefs, paid homage to the fallen soldiers by laying wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi on 26 January 2023.



General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff, Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff, and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of Air Staff laid wreaths and paid homage to the war heroes and fallen soldiers of the Indian Army at the National War Memorial, New Delhi on the occasion of Army Day on 15 January 2023.

Since 2017, Armed Forces Veterans' Day is observed each year on 14 January as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE - the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 January 1953. Remembering the supreme sacrifice of fallen brothers-in-arms on Armed Forces Veterans' Day, Air Marshal BR Krishna, CISC and nominated Veterans from three Services paid homage to bravehearts at the National War Memorial.



On the occasion of 30th Corps Day of Army Air Defence on 10 January 2023, Director General & Colonel Commandant, Army Air Defence, laid a wreath at National War Memorial in New Delhi and paid homage to fallen heroes of the Corps. The corps is tasked with defending India's air space from low flying aerial strikes or attacks by enemy aircrafts, and protecting strategically located military installations.



Next Edition of Baatcheet will cover the theme 'Sapta Shakti Command Special'.