

# NE NEWSLETTER

FOR FREE PUBLIC CIRCULATION

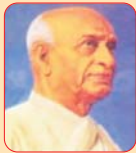
Vol. XII. No. 6, June, 2010

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

A Monthly Newsletter on the North Eastern Region of India

Also available on Internet at : <http://mha.nic.in>



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

**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**

## CONTENTS

- ◆ SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH EAST
- ◆ ECO-TOURISM IN RURAL ARUNACHAL
- ◆ MOVE TO BOOST RADIO COVERAGE
- ◆ CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME IN NORTH-EAST REGION – ASSAM RIFLE – SASHAstra SEEMA BAL (SSB)
- ◆ ENTREPRENEURSHIP THE NEW BUZZWORD FOR YOUTH IN ASSAM
- ◆ BUDDING UNDER-TEEN TENNIS STAR FROM NAGALAND: ZHAPUTSO KHATE.
- ◆ WRESTLING CHAMPION - KHATE
- ◆ READERS COLUMN
- ◆ LETTERS TO EDITOR

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH EAST

*(Source: National Skill Development Corporation)*

Launched in October, 2009, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a first-of-its kind Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the country to facilitate the development and upgrading of the skills of the growing workforce. The scheme will hone the skills over 150 million people by 2022, mainly by fostering private sector initiatives in skill development.

The NSDC has commissioned and completed a Skill Gap Study in the 20 High Growth Sectors, including the unorganized Sector. The NSDC made its first disbursements in February 2010 where funding to the extend of Rs. 45.38 crore was approved which will create 10.5 lakh skilled manpower over the next 10 years.

NSDC has previously funded 'Gram Tarang', a social entrepreneurial arm of Centurion Group of Industries in Orissa, with aim to improve skills of the youth in the naxalite belt of the state. The 1<sup>st</sup> two centres are being established in Parlakhemundi in Gajapati district and Jatni in Khurda district.

NSDC is setting up 400 Franchisee Skill Development centres through 20 RECs (Regional Employability Centres) across the country. The RECs will span across states like Chhattisgarh, Assam, Sikkim and many others. NSDC has also funded Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council to set up a state-of-the-art Skill Development Centre located in SEZ, Jaipur.

The organization is also entrusted with setting up 'Sector Skills Councils' (SSCs), which will identify skill development needs and establish a sector-specific 'Labour Market Information System' (LMIS) to assist in the planning and delivery of training.

## EDITORIAL BOARD

CHIEF EDITOR

Naveen Verma

EDITOR

R. R. Jha

EDITOR

B. R. Dhiman

During discussion with representatives of NSDC on possible areas of collaboration, it has agreed to play a significant role in partnership with the Ministry of Home Affairs in following manner:-

**i) Placing Youth from affected areas in Skill Development centres across the country:** NSDC will actively assist the Ministry of Home Affairs in placing youth from the North East at Skill Development Centres across the country. The youth will be provided employment led training and will help in providing placements in the industry.

**ii) Skill Gap studies in the North East and other affected areas:** In order to provide meaningful livelihood opportunities to the local inhabitants of insurgency affected areas, NSDC will undertake (at its own expense)/conduct skill gap surveys and studies to help identify relevant employment opportunities and skill development potential.

This will also serve as a base document for establishment of skill development centres with long term and sustainable business model. The money will be released to agencies after due diligence on the recommendations of the NSDC.

**iii) Infrastructure Support:** NSDC will be required to conduct (directly or indirectly) studies in insurgency-affected areas. Subsequently, if any skill development centre in affected areas requires infrastructure in the form of transportation, lodging, security etc., assistance on a case-to-case basis will be considered.

**iv) Identification of credible Non Governmental organizations' (NGOs) and other institutions**

**operating in the affected areas:** In order to work in affected areas, NSDC would approach credible NGOs', Trusts and other institutions and assist them in setting up livelihood and Skill development initiatives. Support in identification of credible institutions that NSDC should work with will be appreciated.

**v) Activities proposed to be undertaken by NSDC in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs in North East include:-**

- Skill Gap Studies and Surveys (Pilot for 4 districts of Arunachal Pradesh already commissioned)
- Rehabilitation and placing of youth from North East in Skill Development institutes across India
- Training of people in North East in relevant skills (e.g. Mobile Repair, Telecom etc)
- Providing Design Inputs on Traditional Arts and Crafts
- Special focus on Women: Train and Employ in Hospitality/Sales at Samsung, Indian Cellular Association.

**6. Home Ministry will consider requisite support for:-**

- Funding Support for Rehabilitation of Youth and Skill Development programs.
- Infrastructure Support for conducting Studies, transportation, security.
- Access to Credible Organization (NGOs etc)

The information about the National Skill Development Corporation and its various programmes is freely downloadable at [www.nsdcindia.org](http://www.nsdcindia.org).

## ECO-TOURISM IN RURAL ARUNACHAL

On the lines of Sikkim Village Tourism model, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), as part of its endeavour to strengthen the rural economy, has sanctioned three environment-friendly rural tourism projects to Hong, Siibey and Biiri village in Ziro Valley under Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh.

The project was sanctioned to Young Mission Adventure Club, a local NGO based in Itanagar, which has been actively engaged in tourism related activities with the support of NABARD and other agencies.

Sikkim has been successfully implementing the village tourism project for income and employment

generation during the past few years.

The objective of the project is to develop a replicable rural tourism model in Ziro area through capacity building of village community to cater to the tourists in home stays, promotion of villages as eco-tourism villages, develop villages as community based tourist spots, increase community participation level and generation of self-employment for educated unemployed youths, school drop-outs, house wives and self-help groups (SHGs).

The Lower Subansiri District Level Tourism Monitoring Committee would be monitoring the project for its successful implementation within a

period of one year. With the collective efforts and involvement of various stakeholders, the Bank's maiden

venture is expected to give a boost to the development of replicable model for growth of rural tourism in the State.

### MOVE TO BOOST RADIO COVERAGE

To boost radio coverage in the north eastern region, 19 new FM stations are being set up by Prasar Bharti (PB) during the financial year with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 40 crore.

The new FM stations are envisaged to be setup under the North-East Special Package. The package would strengthen and improve coverage in the region including the border areas, according to the Outcome Budget (2010-11) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

According to the report, out of the 19 sites, 15 sites have been finalized. Remaining four sites in

Tamenglong and Ukhrul in Manipur Zunehboto in Nagaland and Aninin in Arunachal Pradesh are yet to be acquired.

The report said that FM stations in Goalpara, Luming, Bomidila, Daporijo, Khonsa, Tuipang Champai and Kolasib are targeted for completion by June. Work in Karimganj, Cherapunjee, Wokha and Phek is expected to start by March, said the report.

The report has stated that in Goalpara, Chemphai, Phek and Kolasib a high-powered transmission line, which passes through the allotted land, is yet to be shifted by local PWD. This is hampering the progress of the project.

### CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME IN NORTH-EAST REGION: BY CRPF, ASSAM RIFLE – SASHAstra SEEMA BAL (SSB)

#### Civic Action by CRPF

Under its Civic Action Programme for 2009-10, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) organized a friendly football tournament on April 28.

10 teams of various Schools of Jorhat participated in the tournament. The final match was played between the two best teams of Nakachari Higher Secondary School TOK and Govt. High School Jorhat in which Nakachari Higher Secondary School TOK was declared winner by 02 goals.

The closing and prize distribution ceremony was held on May 5 at Jagannath Barua Stadium in Jorhat. In order to make the ceremony more attractive and memorable, the local Bihu dance was performed and many melodious songs were sung by tiny-tot artists "Rakesh Rock Group". At the end Punjabi Bhangra dance was also performed by Unit Personnel which was enjoyed by one and all.

A large number of spectators and officers of the CRPF attended the closing ceremony. After conclusion of prize distribution, Shri Rizvi, IGP who was the Chief Guest encouraged the players and wished them a glorious future. Apart from the Trophies to the winner and runner-up teams, personal trophies were also given to the best goalkeeper, scorer and players.

All players of 10 teams were awarded certificates of participation in the event. Addressing the local people on the occasion, the Chief Guest urged them to get to know the CRPF better and participate in such activities. He was of full praise for the culture of Assam during the course of his closing address.

On May 30, CRPF achieved yet another milestone when 20 surrendered militants successfully completed their two-month long training in Tailoring at Howly as part of their rehabilitation under Civic Action Programme.

The 20 participants who underwent the training programme through a local tailoring institute have acquired basic minimum knowledge in stitching.

The Chief Guest distributed sewing machines and

its accessories to all participants besides certificate from District Industrial Centre. The Chief Guest said this would be a new chapter in the lives of these people who were unemployed so far.

### CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME BY ASSAM RIFLES IN THE MONTH OF MAY, 2010

Ser No.	Name of Projects	Amount
<b>Manipur</b>		
(a)	Provision of water supply scheme at Old Samtal village, Chandel District	3,00,000/-
(b)	Provision of Supply Scheme at Phollen village, Chandel District by 43 AR	4,25,000/-
(c)	National Integration Tour students of Junior High School Lamdangmei, Churachandpur District	1,00,000/-
(d)	Provision of Water supply scheme at Siuncheu Village, Chandel District.	4,00,000/-
<b>Nagaland</b>		
(a)	Provision of 04 X TV and DTH to St. Peters School Atoizu Town Council Zunheboto, Old Phuyetoi Village and Amphuto Colony Zunheboto District.	80,000/-
(b)	Provision of 03 X Computer Sets with Printer, Chair and Table to Akhoya village.	1,00,000/-
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>		
(a)	Provision of Medical and Veterinary Camp at Jagun	1,00,000/-
<b>Mizoram</b>		
(a)	Provision of Computer and Computer furniture to village authority office at Golnamlong village	50,000/-
(b)	Provision of furniture and electric fitting to Dispensary at Lungchai village	35,000/-
(c)	Provision of Furniture and Electric Fitting to Manger English School at Tatbung village.	40,000/-
<b>Tripura</b>		
(a)	Provision of Computer Centre at Singlongbari village	2,00,000/-
<b>Assam (Halflong)</b>		
(a)	Provision of Sports kits to LP School, Paitzol School, Halflong.	25,000/-

### SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL (SSB) FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2010.

As a part to its civic action programme, SSB has entered into a contract with Centum Learning Limited, a company of Bharti Associate to impart Skill Building Training to the youth of villages on Indo-Bhutan border in Assam.

The 45-day training is aimed at providing sustainable livelihood to the locals. The Training programme commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 at four places namely Dadgiri under 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Bhairabkhunda under 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Daranga under Rangia Area and Kachougaon under Kokrajhar Area respectively, with intake of 20 trainees each, both male and female, at each location.

On completion of these camps, another four camps will be held in other places under sector Tezpur and

Bongaigaon. This training will make them eligible for placement as Frontline Customer Service Executive in retail sectors, frontline Sales Executive, Collection Agents, Welcome Agent in Telecom Sectors and Sales Ticketing, Guide Executive in Tourism and Travel Sectors. Selection of trainees was made simultaneously at the above locations on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

80 youths were selected for imparting Skill Building Training at Centum Learning Limited that has also given assurance of 50% placement of the youth who have undergone this training through them.

Efforts are on to train more youth of border villages in various income generating trades under the Civic Action Programme. Basic Electrical and Basic Welding

training for 20 days also conducted at ITI, Guwahati from 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 onwards. Sectors Bongaigaon and Tezpur will sponsor 25 boys each for this training.

Similarly, Beauty Culture and Hair Dressing courses for 20 girls for duration of 45 days will also be conducted at ITI (Women), Guwahati from 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Ten ladies selected from border villages are now undergoing six months Weaving and Frame Loom Training at Rangia. Another ten women are undergoing five months Embroidery Training at the same institute. Besides, one month Fabricating Welding and Electrical House Wiring for 10 boys and thirty days Motor Driving and Maintenance trainings for 20 boys have been conducted at ITI, Nalbari and National Institute of Technology, Borpara, Bongaigaon respectively.

One month Integrated Computer Application course is being conducted for 30 youth at CEC (Computer Education Centre) in Bongaigaon.

A one-day civic action programme was organized at Amguri Community Hall under Bongaigaon Area of

SSB. One generator set each has been distributed to Nishima Anchalik Committee, Koilamoila and Badosa United Committee, Amguri by the DIG, Sector Headquarter, Tezpur as part of the welfare and development scheme under CAP.

A similar, programme was also organized at Lakhibazar under 32<sup>nd</sup> battalion, Howly. One sewing machine and one handloom machine was distributed to Kartaka Milan Sanga and Bargaon Sanga. Some sports items and educational kits were also distributed to Kartaka Bargaon I.P. School. DTIL CTV and PA set were also distributed to Kokhim, Kitpi and Lumpu villages Committees in a public function organized by 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

Frontier Guwahati apart from performing the mandate of Border guarding, has boosted its civic services particularly for the people living in the remote areas of the border as part of perception management and with an aim to build mutual trust with the masses.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP THE NEW BUZZWORD FOR YOUTH IN ASSAM

*(Source: Asian News International)*

Assam serves as a gateway for trade with Southeast Asia and the Indian Government's Look East Policy has made the region strategically more important for business. Its richness in natural resources like forests, mineral, water, tea and oil has got attention from all over the world. Along with natural resources, handicrafts, tourism, sericulture, agriculture and other local businesses are mainstays of Assam's economy. Both the Centre and the state government are keen on promoting industries in the region. Earlier the youth were inclined towards finding a secure job, but the situation seems to be changing. They now want to start their own ventures.

Under the aegis of District Industries and Commerce Centre (DI&CC), falling under the Department of Industries and Commerce, both

technical and financial assistance is provided to these aspiring entrepreneurs. Training camps are organized by DI&CC to provide skill up-gradation and motivation for youth, which help them establish their own Micro and Small Medium Enterprises.



Two schemes, Assam Bikash Yojna and Chief Minister Self Employment Scheme, are run under DI&CC. Both work towards promoting new enterprise building by youth, enhancement of industrial sector and generate employment. Engineering graduates, postgraduates & graduates in science/arts/commerce/management course, diploma holders in technical subject and other educated youth are selected by an interview for the training programme and are the major beneficiaries of the scheme. State authorities plan to reach out to 50,000 youth in the coming years.

One such example is 33-year-old Matijul Baruah, who chose to be an entrepreneur. After the completion of his education, he underwent training at DI&CC and established 'Baruah Auto Multi Service' in 2005 with

loan of Rs 50,000 given under Assam Bikash Yojana.

Though he started his journey alone, today his motor servicing centre employs 10 people. His business is doing well and he believes that youth should not depend on jobs, but should start their own business and their hard work and dedication would definitely bring them success.

Like Baruah, there are many others who have benefited from the state run schemes. Bhajan Ghatowar along with his nine friends is running a business in 'Woodcraft Ornaments' in the Bokhakat sub-division area. Ghatowar says that he is doing well and is able to take care of the needs of his family. These success stories have inspired many to start their own ventures.

### UNION HOME MINISTER P. CHIDAMBARAM VISITS MIZORAM AND ASSAM

On May 25, the Union Home Minister accompanied by Home Secretary and senior officers of Ministry of Home Affairs visited Aizawl.

After calling on Governor of Mizoram, Home Minister had discussion with Chief Minister and senior officers of the State Government on various issues pertaining to Mizoram including repatriation of Bru migrants from Tripura to Mizoram and border management issues.

On the same day, Union Home Minister accompanied by Home Secretary and other senior officers visited Guwahati. Union Home Minister called on Governor of Assam and also had discussions with Chief Minister of Assam. Union Home Minister subsequently co-chaired the meeting of Unified Command for Assam at Guwahati.



## BUDDING UNDER-TEEN TENNIS STAR FROM NAGALAND: ZHAPUTSO KHATE.

Northeast India is a potential powerhouse when it comes to sports. Football, archery, boxing, weightlifting, tennis, badminton and athletics are some of the popular games played in the region. Familiar names like Dr. T Aao (captain of Indian football team at the 1948 London Olympiad), Baichung Bhutia, Mary Kom, Jayanta Talukdar Shiva Thapa, Rockus Lamare, Dinko Singh and Chess Grand Master Debendra Barua who hail from the northeast have brought laurels to the country.

Taking inspiration from these sportspersons, young kids are showing more passion towards sporting events. Zhaputso Khate, 12-year-old, kid hailing from Dimapur, Nagaland is one such blossoming sportsperson. He has already won the national tennis championship in his category which in turn has prompted him to dedicate himself to play this game with more gusto.

He has been playing tennis since the age of five. He recently won the 'Under-12' talent series for boys organised by All India Lawn Tennis Association. Zhaputso cites undeterred support from his family, the reason behind his success. He also added that sports like basketball, football, tennis and martial arts are gaining prominence in the region and players are doing exceedingly well at National level competitions.

Zhaputso, a student of eighth standard, manages his passion for tennis alongside his studies. He has represented Nagaland in various state level tournaments and this was his first win at the National



level. His passion and commitment have made him attain this glory at a very young and tender age.

He has become an inspiration for others.

Apart from hitting aces, he is also learning the martial art of Karate from his father, Nisevoto Khate. Being an ardent sportsman himself, Niseveto, is proud of his son's achievement. He believes that Nagaland has huge potential in sports, and people here have inborn athletic qualities. He says that if correct guidance and appropriate coaching is provided, sportsmen can go a long way. The State Government is also keen in tapping and promoting the sporting talent in the region.

Vikozule, the tennis coach of Zhaputso says that Government has been benevolent, taking care of most of the expenses. Indeed, Zhaputso has shown the way to the rest of the north east how to achieve name and fame in the sports arena.

## WRESTLING CHAMPION - KHATE

Son of Vizotonyu Khate of Khonoma village, Megosier Khate defeated his strong opponent Shurhonieyi Soho in finals amidst thunderous applause from around 20,000 spectators. Khate, also reigning Angami wrestling champion pocketed a cash prize of

Rs. 1.50 lakh along with trophy and certificate. Khate, 25 is 5 feet 10 inch and he defeated Rolosielie Khawakhrie in the quarter finals and beat Chakhesang wrestling champion Besuto Khesoh in semi finals to enter the finals.

## INDO-BANGLADESH TRADE SUMMIT IN TRIPURA

With peace returning to Tripura, efforts are being made to make it a trade hub. Recently, a meeting under the banner 'Stakeholder Consultation on Indo-Bangladesh Trade' was held in Agartala, to review the recent development in trade and investment between India and Bangladesh.



### READERS COLUMN

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

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.

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

Sir

1 I request for sending regularly NE Newsletter in English from coming month to me on the following address for which I shall remain grateful to you.

Gurujit Sarma  
Assistant Professor in Economics  
Central Institute of Technology,  
Kokrajhar,  
B.T.C. Assam - 783370

2. I would like to request you to provide free copies of NE Newsletter in English for our office to the following address

Mr. Sanjoy Hazarika,  
Managing Trustee,  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research  
B-378, Ground Floor, C.R. Park, New Delhi 110019

MHA requests the readers to send their response through e-mail at: [nenchiefeditor@nic.in](mailto:nenchiefeditor@nic.in)/[neneditor@nic.in](mailto:neneditor@nic.in)/[donedc-mha@nic.in](mailto:donedc-mha@nic.in)

**Request for free copy of the NE Newsletter indicating language preferred or suggestions, if any, may be sent to the chief Editor/Editor at the address given below:**

Edited and Published by **N.E. Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110 001**  
Printed by: **I G Printers Pvt. Ltd., 104, DSIDC Okhla Phase-I, N.D.-20, Ph.: 26810297**