

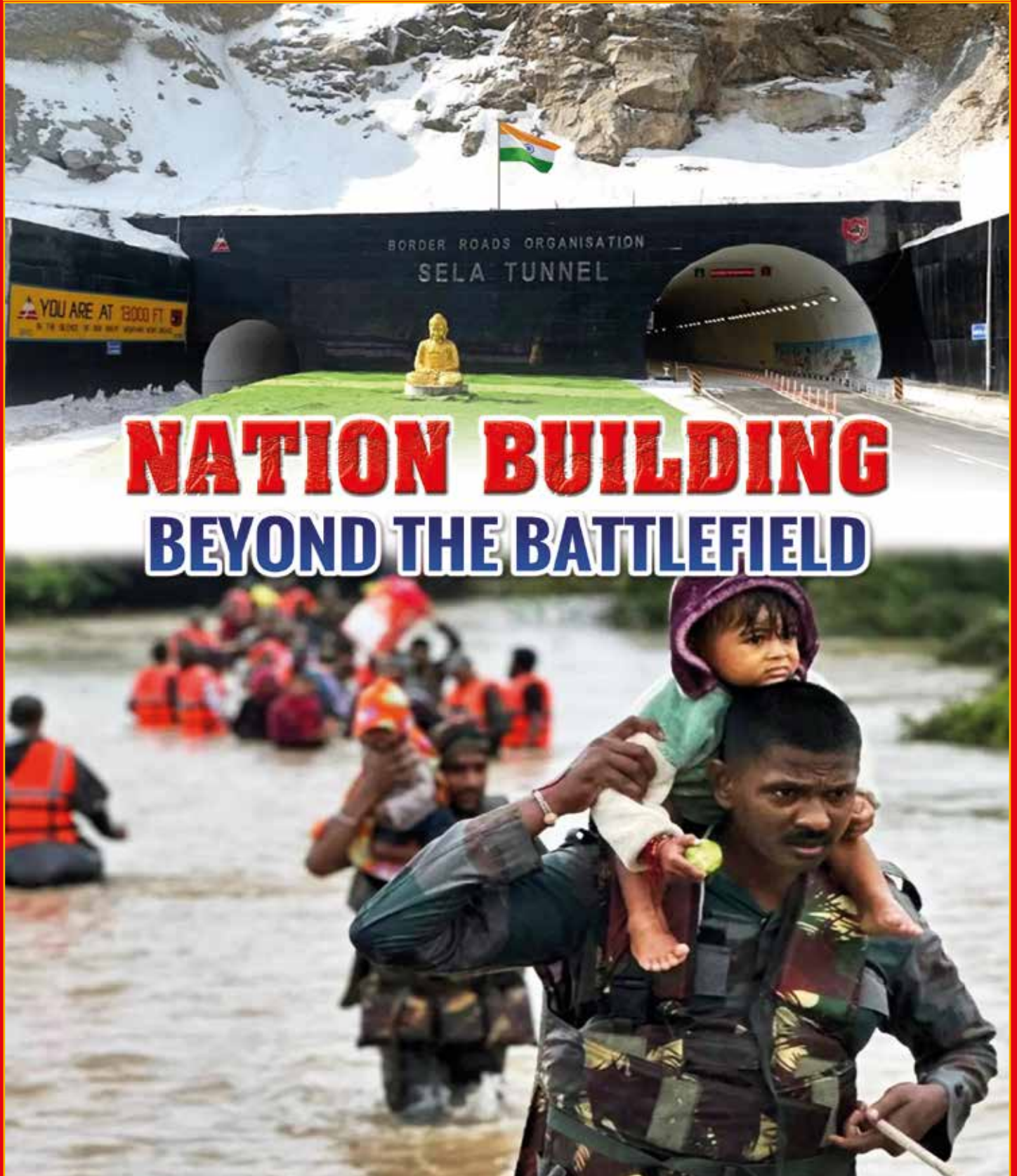


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## NATION BUILDING BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

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# STRENGTHENING NATION.. SECURING FUTURE..

## Pledges of Amrit kaal

Developed India

Pride in our Roots

Development of Unity

Duties of Citizens

Removing Colonial Mindset



Enable Secure Environment



Youth & Women Engagement



National Integration



Infrastructure Development



Increase Economic Activity



Border Tourism

**Indian Army - Nation First**

# BRIDGING GAPS, BUILDING FUTURES



Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana



## • Whole of Nation Approach

- Past 5 years-3,500 km of roads and 14,900 meters of bridges
- Strategic Tunnels - Sela, Z-Morh, Nechiphu and Atal Tunnels
- Dual Use Airports - Leh, Jammu and Srinagar
- Optical Fiber & Digital Infrastructure



Forward connectivity (Above : Ghatiabagarh - Lipulekh Road)



Road Axis in Remote locations



Nechiphu Tunnel



Leh Airport

- Troop movement
- Critical Medical Evacuation
- Facilitating Travel for Locals
- Boost to Tourism & Economy



River Bridges ( Above : Bridge on Sisseri River, Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh)

# CALAMITIES AND DISASTER

## FIRST TO RESPOND, LAST TO RETURN

Search & Rescue Operations

Medical Assistance

Food & Water Supply

Psychological & Community Support

Logistics & Transportation

Infrastructure Restoration



Gujarat Floods



Glacial Lake Floods - Sikkim

50 relief operations

Deploying 251 columns

2022 to 2024

Across 24 states

Rescued 70,581 persons



Operation Dost - Turkiye

International Humanitarian Assistance

Operation Dost (Turkey-Syria, 2023)

Sri Lanka Flood & Landslide Relief (2017)



Wayanad Landslides



Avalanche Rescue Operations - Uttarakhand

# OP SADBHAVANA



Promoting Skill Development and Women Empowerment

## LAST ONE YEAR

- Financial outlay of Rs 150 Crore per year
- 17 National Integration Tours conducted for 360 students
- Over 1000 locals trained in VTCs
- Conducted more than 220 medical and 115 veterinary camps
- Organised 223 sports events



Extending Medical Aid



Khelo India Initiative

- Infrastructural Development
- Safety and Security
- Community Engagement
- Healthcare Improvement
- Education and Skill Development



Building Bonds, Strengthening Communities



Powering Borders, Illuminating Futures



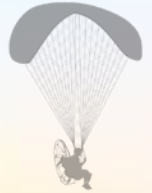
# BORDER AREA TOURISM



Trek to Siachen Glacier



Trek to Arunachal Pradesh



- Showcase India's frontiers and instill national pride
- Synergy with Vibrant Villages Programme
- Adventure & Cultural Experience
- Exploratory visits to remote villages
- Dedicated Website



Ranbhoomi Shardhanjali Yatra



Motorcycle Expedition to Lipulekh

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# MARCHING TOWARDS A GREENER TOMORROW

## Afforestation & Tree Plantation

- More than 1 Crore Trees Planted in 2024
- World Record of 5 Lakh saplings in one hour



## Waste Management & Nature Conservation

- 130 Tonnes solid waste removed from Siachen Glacier
- Swatchata Abiyan – More than 1500 Community linked events
- Conservation of Water Bodies – Ganga Task Force
- Amrit Sarovar Pariyojna – 450 water bodies created



## Renewable Energy

- 84 MW Solar Capacity
- Green Hydrogen Plant at Chushul
- E Vehicles
- Green Habitat for troops



## Thal Sena Bhawan

- Under Construction – Delhi Cantt
- 918 KW Solar Electricity Generation
- Rain Harvesting Pits – 22,80,000 litres
- Integral SWT Plant – 300 Kgs Compost per day
- 476 Fully grown trees transplanted



# NATIONAL CADET CORPS : UNITY AND DISCIPLINE

Social Service & Community Development

Disaster Relief & Humanitarian Assistance

Character Building & Leadership Development

National Integration & Unity

Physical Fitness & Adventure Training

Security & Law Enforcement Assistance



17 Lakh Cadets (40% Girls)



1500 Camps  
7.5 Lakh Cadets



Adventure Camps - 29000 Cadets



Attachment Training 32,700 Cadets

**CONTEMPORARY TRAINING**

- Cyber
- Disaster Management
- Idea & Innovation



## Social Service & Community Development

- Ek Ped Maa ke Naam | Swachata Hi Seva | Mission Life | Blood Donation | Har Ghar Tiranga | Punit Sagar Abhyan



# MahaKumbh 2025

Medical relief to 4,000 patients

Saved 22 precious lives from drowning

Accommodation assistance to 25,000 military visitors

Facilitated 1.7 Lakh pilgrims for holy dip



Agile Internal Security Readiness



Round the Clock Medical Care



Infrastructure & Facilitation for Holy Dip at Sangam



Joint Control Centres - Seamless Communications



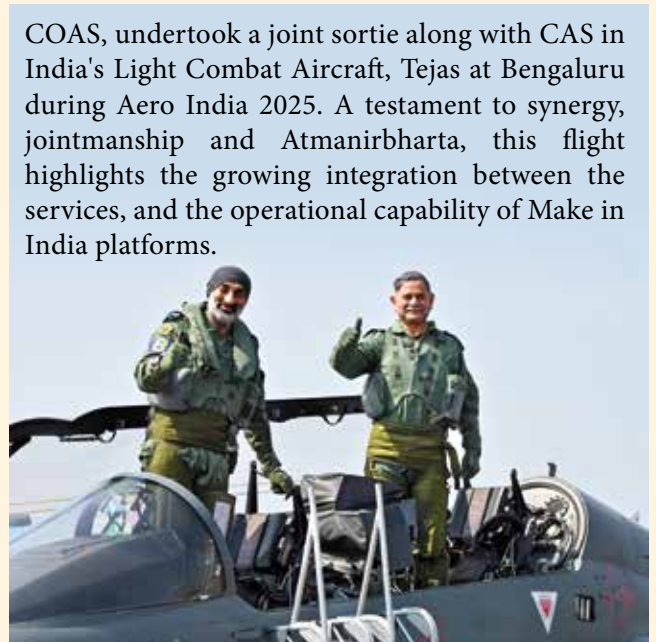
# CHIEF'S PAGE



General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff visited France from 24th to 27th February 2025. During the visit, COAS met the Country's senior military leadership. The Army Chief's visit enhanced the bilateral defence cooperation between France and India through multiple meetings with senior officials of the security establishments and exchange of views on various defence related issues.



Lieutenant General Bato Tshering, Chief Operations Officer, Royal Bhutan Army Called On the COAS. They discussed issues of mutual interest and ways to further strengthen Bilateral Defence Cooperation.



COAS, undertook a joint sortie along with CAS in India's Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas at Bengaluru during Aero India 2025. A testament to synergy, jointmanship and Atmanirbharta, this flight highlights the growing integration between the services, and the operational capability of Make in India platforms.



COAS interacted with Indian Defence Account Services Probationers at New Delhi. During the interaction, he emphasised on the need to keep abreast with the changing character of warfare and the necessity of maintaining symbiotic relationship thereby contributing in modernising the defence forces.



COAS visited the forward areas of Rann Sector to assess operational preparedness of the Bald Eagle Brigade and witnessed the capability demonstration. He commended the exemplary professionalism of troops and urged them to continue setting high standards.

# SNIPPETS



VCOAS, engaged in a productive discussion with Brigadier General (Retd) Yair Kulas, Head of SIBAT, Israel. The conversation focussed on strengthening bilateral Defence Cooperation, deepening strategic ties and fostering collaboration on innovation in military technology between India and Israel.



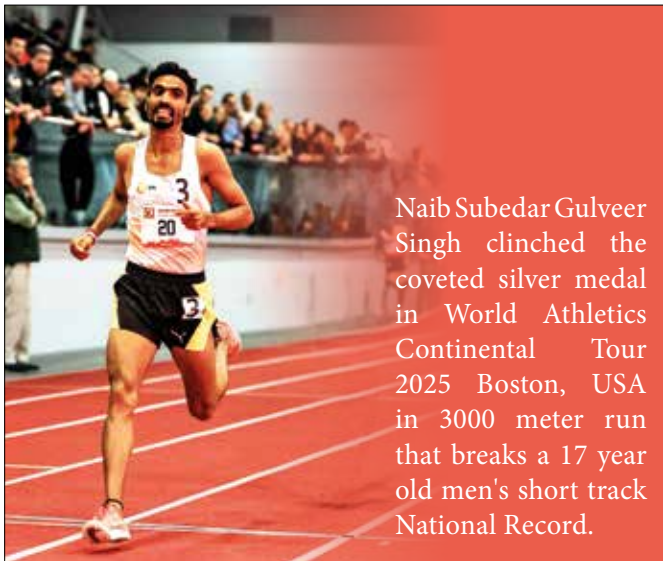
Indian Army as part of its efforts to modernise, officially signed a contract for the procurement of 223 Automatic Chemical Agent Detection & Alarm Systems from M/s L&T Limited.



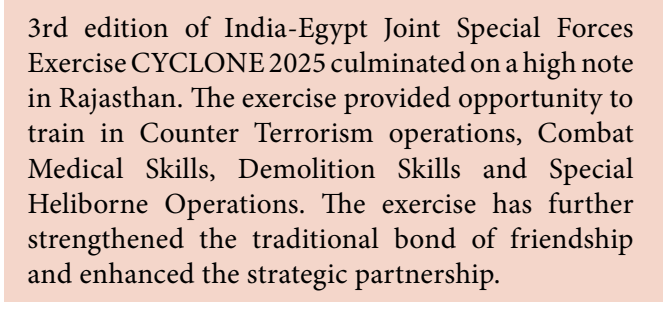
The Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping, India, hosted a two-day Conference on Women Peacekeepers from the Global South in New Delhi on 24-25 February 2025. It brought together women peacekeepers from India and 35 nations to explore their evolving role and enhance participation in peacekeeping missions.



Carbon Market Association of India, a distinguished coalition of industry experts, policymakers and think tanks, honoured the Indian Army's Ecological Task Force units with the prestigious "India Special Jury Samman". This recognition underscores the Indian Army's contribution in environmental conservation, reaffirming its commitment to green initiatives and sustainable development.



Naib Subedar Gulveer Singh clinched the coveted silver medal in World Athletics Continental Tour 2025 Boston, USA in 3000 meter run that breaks a 17 year old men's short track National Record.



3rd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE 2025 culminated on a high note in Rajasthan. The exercise provided opportunity to train in Counter Terrorism operations, Combat Medical Skills, Demolition Skills and Special Heliborne Operations. The exercise has further strengthened the traditional bond of friendship and enhanced the strategic partnership.

# CEREMONIAL



COAS, laid a wreath at the Indian War Memorial in Neuve-Chapelle, France, honouring the supreme sacrifice of Indian soldiers who fought valiantly during World War I. Their courage, dedication and legacy are forever etched in history, inspiring generations to come.

COAS in solemn ceremony laid wreath at the Noida Shaheed Smarak. Built to honour the gallant armed forces personnel who made ultimate sacrifice for the nation, Noida Shaheed Smarak stands as a symbol of pride and reverence. During the ceremony, COAS addressed the gathering, paying rich tributes to the bravery and sacrifices of the fallen warriors.



Lieutenant General Bato Tshering, Chief Operations Officer, Royal Bhutan Army, in a solemn ceremony, paid tributes to the brave hearts by laying a wreath at National War Memorial.



GOC-in-C, Western Command inaugurated the Naik Jadhunath Singh, PVC Memorial at the latter's native village Khajuri, Shahjahanpur, UP. The ceremony honored his extraordinary courage & supreme sacrifice in the Battle of Naushera on Feb 06, 1948. Veterans, serving soldiers, family members and villagers paid homage to the legendary warrior, whose unparalleled bravery continues to inspire generations with the spirit of patriotism.



# VETERANS CORNER



DIAV under a Memorandum of Understanding with I-Create India, has been empowering prospective retirees with Entrepreneurship Training since 2018. In celebration of I-Create India's 25th anniversary, 25 successful Veteran entrepreneurs were felicitated. These Indian Army Veteran entrepreneurs are making significant contributions to Nation Building, ultimately driving the country towards a Viksit Bharat.



Directorate General of Resettlement, organised a Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen at Narangi Cantt, Guwahati and Bhubaneswar. The event received an overwhelming response from the Ex-Servicemen of nearby regions. Various companies participated in the Job Fair offering 3000 plus Job Vacancies.



An Ex-Servicemen rally was held in Lucknow with the participation of over 2000 Veterans, Veer Naris and Veer Matas. The rally was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Brajesh Pathak, in the presence of GOC-in-C, Central Command.



With an aim to honour the invaluable contributions of veterans, strengthen bonds with them and address their concerns, Assam Rifles organised an Ex-Servicemen Rally in Dehradun. Over 900 ex-servicemen, including Gallantry awardees, Veer Naris, widows and their dependents participated in the rally.



COAS, honoured six esteemed Veterans Major General Alok Raj (Retd), Colonel Kashmir Singh Dhillon (Retd), Lieutenant Colonel Joy Choudhary (Retd), Havildar Chhewang Stanzin (Retd), Havildar Gurprem Singh (Retd) and Nk A Levi Magh (Retd) with the 'Veterans Achievers Award'.

# EQUIPMENT OF THE MONTH



## LCH PRACHAND

The Prachand, also known as the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), is an indigenously developed cutting edge multirole light attack helicopter. The Prachand was formally inducted into the Indian Armed Forces in October 2022 and has since been an integral part of the Indian Army Aviation Corps.

### KEY FEATURES

- ◆ High-Altitude Performance: Can operate at over 21,000 feet.
- ◆ Stealth Features: Low radar signature and reduced infrared signature.
- ◆ **Advanced Avionics:**
  - Glass cockpit with multi-function displays (MFDs)
  - Helmet-mounted display and targeting system
- ◆ Armor Protection: Armored cockpit to protect pilots from small arms fire and shrapnel.
- ◆ Versatility: Can perform air-to-air combat, ground attack, counter-insurgency, escort missions and disaster relief operations.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

- ◆ Powered by twin Shakti engines.
- ◆ Maximum output of 1,383 SHP per engine.
- ◆ Service ceiling - 6,500 meters.
- ◆ Maximum cruising speed - 270km/h.
- ◆ **Weapons**
  - 20mm turreted gun.
  - Air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles.
  - 70 mm Rockets.
- ◆ **Stealth & Protection** - Reduced radar signature, crash-resistant structure armor protection, missile approaching warning systems, flares dispenser and infrared suppression systems for self-protection.

## Role in Indian Army

The Prachand is designed for a diverse range of combat and reconnaissance missions, offering unmatched versatility and adaptability in high-altitude and adverse conditions. A game changer, having the capability of successfully executing Combat and Strike Missions with precise accuracy, it has operated seamlessly in extreme altitudes, including the Siachen Glacier and Eastern Ladakh, where its high-altitude capability proved vital for safeguarding our borders and thus achieving military dominance.

**Make in India :** The LCH Prachand is a major boost to India's Make in India initiative, showcasing the country's growing capability in indigenous defence manufacturing. Developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), the LCH is the world's first attack helicopter designed specifically for high-altitude warfare. The LCH program has created employment opportunities, boosted R&D, and opened doors for potential exports, making it a symbol of India's push towards defence self-sufficiency under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



# BATTLE OF GANGASAGAR : 1971

**G**angasagar is located approximately four km South of Akhaura and was a key place providing the link between Kasba and Akhaura and also held the key to capture Akhaura. Also from Gangasagar, the road Brahmanbaria-Comilia could be also threatened. 14 Guards was tasked for capture of Gangasagar by 4 Corps.

Gangasagar Complex comprised of Gangasagar Railway Station, Mogra, Gangasagar, Goal Gangail and Triangle Area. Pak Army was holding this area with elements of 12 Frontier Force and 12 Azad Kashmir who were in well fortified positions, with approximately two Companies plus strength. The enemy position at Gangasagar Railway Station was on a higher ground being along the railway line. The position was strategically chosen as it had no covered approach leading to it since the surrounding areas were marshy and had low-lying fields.

14 GUARDS was positioned south of Gangasagar. Initial recon of the objective concluded that there is no unguarded approach to the objective. Considering attacking from the east seemed to be the only option. During one of his final recon, Lt Col Channa, VSM, Commanding Officer 14 GUARDS spotted some people moving a rail maintenance cart on the railway track. It dawned on the Commanding



officer that the narrow path along the railway track can be used to mount an attack. He decided to assault using this novel tactics of advancing in a file formation and attacking on the objective. This sort of an assault remains unique in the documented history of war throughout the world.

After over five hrs of approach march, the Battalion reached at Majhigachcha (Miniand). Since the battalion had moved cross country and even the higher formation wasn't aware of its location, absolute surprise had been maintained. The Commanding Officer keeping the long march to the objective in mind had kept a floating H Hr for attack between 0400 hrs and 0600 hrs. He decided to launch the attack straightaway without wasting any time and thus the attack was launched at 0400h on 03 Dec 1971. The first bullet was fired at 0416 hrs and was ensued by a five and half hours long assault. A and B companies, moving in a file formation along the railway track, remained undetected for majority of their advance and attacked the Gangasagar Railway Station. C company attacked the hamlet of Goal Gangail and D company attacked from the North. In spite of heavy enemy shelling and bombardment by air, enemy's attempt to defend the Gangasagar complex proved futile and the fortress-like Defended locality fell by 1000h, 03 Dec 1971.

As a result of the fall of Gangasagar Complex, enemy move on road Comilla-Brahmanbari ceased. Ultimately, he was even forced to vacate strongly fortified position at Ujaisar. The legend of the fierce Fourteen's juggernaut grew on the enemy psyche in such magnitude that the enemy vacated Akhaura without fighting seeing that his Southern and SW flanks were completely exposed.

In this action, the Battalion lost 10 of its valiant soldiers. The enemy left behind 25 dead, 6 prisoners of war and a huge cache of arms and ammunition. For this gallant action, the unit was awarded with one "PARAM VIR CHAKRA" (Posthumous), one "VIR CHAKRA", four "SENA MEDALS", and one Bar to "VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL". It is recognised that it was solely the bold and unorthodox plan executed relentlessly which routed the enemy. The battalion efforts were recognised and it was later bestowed with the 'Battle Honour of Gangasagar'.



# BANNED APPS

Indian Army has banned a total of 89 apps due to security concerns and potential data vulnerabilities. Personnel are advised to uninstall these apps to prevent potential cyber threats. The detail of 439 apps banned by Government of India is available on Indian Army Web Portal at <https://indianarmy.nic.in/News/Article/10588>.

<b>Messaging Platforms</b>	
1.	We Chat
2.	QQ
3.	Kik
4.	ooVoo
5.	Nimbuzz
6.	Helo
7.	Qzone
8.	Share Chat
9.	Viber
10.	Line
11.	IMO
12.	Snow
13.	To Tok
14.	Hike
<b>Video Hosting</b>	
15.	Tik Tok
16.	Likee
17.	Samosa
18.	Kwali
<b>Contents Sharing</b>	
19.	ShareIt
20.	Xender
21.	Zapya
<b>Web Browsers</b>	
22.	UC Browser
23.	UC Browser Mini
<b>Video and Live Streaming</b>	
24.	Live Me
25.	BigoLive
26.	Zoom
27.	Fast Films
28.	Vmate

29.	Uplive
30.	Vigo Video
<b>Utility Apps</b>	
31.	Cam Scanner
32.	Beauty Plus
33.	True Caller
<b>Gaming Apps</b>	
34.	Pubg
35.	NONO Live
36.	Clash of Kings
37.	All Tencent gaming Apps
38.	Mobile Legends
<b>E-Commerce</b>	
39.	Club Factory
40.	Ali Express
41.	Chinabrands
42.	Gearbest
43.	Banggood
44.	Miniln Thebox
45.	TinyDeal
46.	Dhgate
47.	Lightin The Box
48.	DX
49.	EricDress
50.	Zaful
51.	Tbdress
52.	Modlity
53.	Rosegal
54.	Shein
55.	Romwe
<b>Dating Apps</b>	
56.	Tinder
57.	TrulyMadly

58.	Happn
59.	Aisle
60.	Coffee Meets Bagel
61.	Woo
62.	OkCupid
63.	Hinge
64.	Badoo
65.	Azar
66.	Bumble
67.	Tantan
68.	Elite Singles
69.	Tagged
70.	Couch Surfing
<b>Antivirus</b>	
71.	360 Security
<b>Nw</b>	
72.	Facebook
73.	Baidu
74.	Instagram
75.	Ello
76.	Snapchat
<b>News Apps</b>	
77.	News Dog
78.	Daily Hunt
<b>Online Book Reading Apps</b>	
79.	Pratilipi
<b>Hlth Apps</b>	
80.	Heal of Y
<b>Lifestyle Apps</b>	
81.	POPXO
<b>Knowledge Apps</b>	
82.	Vokal
<b>Music Apps</b>	
83.	Hungama
84.	Songs.pk
<b>Blogging/ Micro Blogging</b>	
85.	Yelp
86.	Tumblr
87.	Reddit
88.	Friends Feed
89.	Private Blogs

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