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## Activity Report for the years 2022-2023

### **Know about the organization**

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar is a socio-cultural and non-political organization that has been tirelessly working towards the noble cause of promoting safety, security, and overall development in the international border areas of the Northeastern region of our Motherland, Bharat. Founded on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami on April 13, 2008, in Assam, this organization stands as a beacon of hope and unity for the people residing in these border regions. The organization is committed to the nation building process, primarily including, and involving the people from the international border areas of the Northeastern Region of the country. Our platform maintains that the international border areas of our county are to be kept safe and secured for the highest order of peace, amity, and development among its citizens. Our organization is deeply committed to the ideology of Seema Jagran Manch, which was formed to cater the needs of the people residing in the international border of our nation and promote the message of preserving unity and integrity among these citizens, regardless of if their caste, creed, language, religion, and societal status. It may be noted that the aftermaths of the Partition of 1947, where our country had to experience the bitter consequences of riots, mass casualties and a colossal wave of migration paved a way to form Seema Jagran Manch on the auspicious day of Ram Navami on 31st March 1985 in the city of Jodhpur.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

#### **1. Promoting Patriotism and Nationalism:**

- The core aim of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar is to instill a sense of patriotism and nationalism among the people of our country, particularly those living in the international border areas.
- By fostering love for the nation, the organization contributes to the overall well-being of our great motherland, Bharat.

#### **2. Safety and Security:**

- The safety and security of our borders are paramount. Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar actively collaborates with security agencies, government administrations, and society to enhance border security.
- Through various programs, meetings, seminars, and activities, the organization works towards creating a vigilant and secure environment in these sensitive regions.

#### **3. Unity and Integration:**

- The organization believes in integrating society at the borders with the mainland. It aims to bridge the gap and create a cohesive bond among citizens.
- Regardless of caste, creed, language, religion, or societal status, Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar promotes unity and integrity.

### **Vision :**

- To promote patriotism among the people of our country in general and those living in the International Border areas in particular; to organize and integrate the society at the Borders with the mainland to stand together as wakeful sentinels to our Motherland Bharat.
- To contribute towards social, cultural, educational, intellectual, socioeconomic development and physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the people living in the international border areas and to eradicate social differences by encouraging development of the villages through promotion of unity, amity and brotherhood.





- To strive for eradication of ill customary practices like untouchability, superstitious beliefs and any other social evils present in the society through spreading awareness by means of meetings, exhibitions, seminars symposiums, trainings, etc. from time to time.
- To facilitate and establish educational facilities such as schools, hostels, etc. for students -of underprivileged and weaker sections of the society and to set up libraries and facilities for circulation and communication of national and international newsmedia for the benefit of the society at large.
- To create and spread awareness about all the programs, facilities, grants, schemes, etc., declared by the State and the Central Governments for the benefit of the people living in the International Border areas.
- To provide training for skill enhancement and development to augment livelihood generation mechanisms to economically empower and establish self - reliance among the people living in the international border areas.

### **Mission:**

- The mission of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar is succinctly captured in the phrase: "Vyakti Nirman to Rashtra Nirman".
- The organization strives to achieve its vision by:
  - Organizing various plans, programs, and events that promote patriotism and nationalism.
  - Working in an integrated manner with security agencies, government administrations, and society.
  - Focusing on border security, national security, self-reliance, all-round development, and unity among the people.

### **Standing as Sentinels:**

By integrating the society at the borders with the mainland, the organization envisions citizens standing together as vigilant sentinels to protect our Motherland, Bharat.

The legacy of the organization continues to inspire generations, fostering a sense of duty towards our nation and reinforcing the bonds that unite us.

As the sun rises over the borderlands, Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar remains committed to its noble mission, ensuring that our borders remain secure and our unity unshakable. Certainly! Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar is committed to various programs and initiatives that contribute to the welfare of society, especially in the international border areas of the North-eastern region of India.





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## ASSAM: A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW

### Geographical Position

Assam is located in the northeastern region of India, nestled in the Brahmaputra and Barak River valleys. It is surrounded by Arunachal Pradesh to the north, Nagaland and Manipur to the east, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, and West Bengal to the south and west, and shares international borders with Bhutan and Bangladesh.

### Importance

Assam is strategically important due to its location as a gateway to the northeastern states of India. It is renowned for its rich biodiversity, vast tea plantations, and significant oil and natural gas reserves. Assam also plays a crucial role in India's connectivity with Southeast Asia.

### International Border

Assam shares its international border with Bhutan to the north and Bangladesh to the south and southwest. The border with Bhutan is approximately 267 kilometers long, while the border with Bangladesh stretches around 263 kilometers.

### International Border Districts

The districts in Assam that share borders with Bangladesh were Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar, Cachar and Karimganj. Districts bordering with Bhutan are Kokrajhar, Chirang, Tamulpur, Udalguri and Baksa.

### Population

As of the 2011 census, Assam has a population of over 31 million people. The state is known for its diverse demographic composition, including various ethnic groups, languages, and cultures.

### Livelihood

The primary livelihood in Assam is agriculture, with tea cultivation being a prominent industry. Other significant economic activities include handloom weaving, fishing, and the extraction of oil and natural gas.

### Weather

Assam experiences a humid subtropical climate with heavy monsoon rains from June to September, mild winters, and hot, humid summers. The state's weather is greatly influenced by the Brahmaputra River, which often causes seasonal flooding.

### International Border Guarding Forces

The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) is responsible for guarding the border with Bhutan, while the Border Security Force (BSF) secures the border with Bangladesh. These forces play a vital role in maintaining the security and sovereignty of the region.



## PRATISHTHA DIVAS (FOUNDATION DAY)

Like every year in the year 2022 Foundation Day was also celebrated on dated 21/04/2021. It is celebrated as the Pratistha Divas which is one of the yearly programs of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar. In the Foundation Day of SEEMANTA CHETANA MANCHA PURVOTTAR (Pratistha Divas), a few members of our organization at all international border District hosted organizational flag, apart from other activities.



Foundation Day (Pratishtha Diwas)			
Total places	Participation	Male	Female
34	1594	953	641

## RAKSHA BANDHAN

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar celebrate Raksha Bandhan festival by tying 'Rakhi' in the hands of soldiers and officers who are posted on the international border of our nation away from their families. This festival was celebrated on 11th August 2022 in various district, Mahanagar, Nagars, Sahayak Nagar, and sectors with great enthusiasm.





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66	11	7	29	3607	117	8440	4480	68	756

## SHAstra PUJAN

Weapons serve many purposes in human life. "Shastra Pujan" signifies that we keep our weapons away from the power of ego and possess these with wisdom and virtues. On the auspicious day of Vijaya Dashami, various units of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar performed "Shastra Pujan" in different locations of Assam. Seemanta Chetana Mancha celebrated it on 5th October. It is one of the five calendar events celebrated.



Total places	Participation	Male	Female
61	1110	666	444

## DESHBHAkti SAMAVESH & CELEBRATION OF 400TH BIRTHDAY OF VEER LACHIT BORPHUKAN

On 24th nov, 2022 Desh Bakhti Samabesh celebrated by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar on 400th Birth Anniversary of BIR LACHIT BORPHUKAN in Border districts of Assam.





Total Places	Total Participant	Male	Female
43	4112	2314	1806

## BHARAT MATA PUJAN

Bharat Mata Pujan is celebrated on Republic Day every year in various districts, mahanagar, nagars, Sahayak Nagar and sectors. A special Tiranga Yatra was organized by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Dhubri and Cachar district. It may be mentioned here that, the district administration of Dhubri, celebrated the Republic Day program at Satrasal, Indo-Bangla border area for the first time with the active participation of Seemanta Chetana Manch Purvottar. A bike rally was also organized which was officially inaugurated by the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Sri Jayanta Malla Barua.

Total Places	Total Participant	Male	Female
41	1567	950	617

## FLOOD RELIEF

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar is taking massive initiatives to the catastrophic situation caused by flood throughout Assam in general and border areas in particular. The entire populace of border areas in many districts of Assam have been entirely submerged in flood water and thereby putting thousands of families in horrendous situation with no shelter, food or drinking water. Having no place to stay, people are spending night after night on the roads. The situation was more acute with the domesticated animals due to the non-availability of cattle food.

- a) Flag off program of flood relief: on 26/05/2022 a flood relief consignment containing food, water, medicine, clothes, cow feed, daily essential items for Cachar and Dima Hasao district was flagged off at Indira Gandhi athletics Stadium, Guwahati. The flood relief activities were organized by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in association with The Hans Foundation. Smt. Queen Ojha, Hon'ble MP, Guwahati graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Sri Diganta Barah, IPS, Home Secretary, Govt. of Assam was the Guest of Honor and Sri Mrigen Sarania, Mayor GMC was the Distinguished Guest in the program.



- b) Distribution of flood relief in Cachar & Dima Hasao Districts - On May 29, 2022 flood relief materials were sent from Guwahati, Assam in association with HANS Foundation were repackaged in carry bags containing essential items like puffed rice, beaten rice, pulses, spices, salt, tea, sugar, potato, onion, candles, match boxes, detol, washing powder, soap, etc in Silchar and sent to be distributed among the flood victims of Haflong and the affected people living on the Indo-bangladesh border of Cachar district, Assam. A Total of 1650 families were given relief material including the border areas and some parts of Silchar town. Also 300 families of border areas of Katigirah were given Tarpaulin (roof shed). In addition, 1200 families of Dima Hasao District were also covered in the relief programs.





c) In view of the catastrophic situation created by the devastating floods in Assam, Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in association with HANS Foundation undertakes massive flood relief program in Hojai, also.



## Promoting Border Raw Talent: A Glimpse into Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav '22 & '23

### Introduction:

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar's commitment to unearthing raw talent from International border areas through sports has been exemplified through its Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav events. The maiden event in 2022 and its next edition in 2023 showcased remarkable talent and fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and competition among participants.

### Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav '22:

Held at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati, Assam from April 4th to 6th, 2022, the first Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav was a platform for participants from 9 bordering districts of Assam to exhibit their skills. The journey to this grand event began with district-level competitions across Dhubri, S.S Mankachar, Cachar, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Tamulpur, and Udalguri districts of Assam. A total of 350 players, winners of these competitions, vied for top honors at the Mahotsav. The spirited display of talent culminated in Baksa district emerging as the overall champion, showcasing the depth of talent present in these border regions.





## SEEMANTA KREEDA MAHOTSAV '23:

Building on the success of the maiden edition, Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav '23 concluded with a grand closing ceremony at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati, Assam on January 12th, 2023. The presence of esteemed guests such as Sri Kalyan Chaubey, President of All India Football Federation, and Jt Secretary of Indian Olympic Association, added prestige to the event. The ceremony was graced by Assam Cabinet Minister Sri Ranjeet Das, EM of BTR Daobaisa Boro, Brigadier (Rtd) S Kataria, and Sri Vikas Verma of Hans Foundation, Delhi.





## The Event Highlights:

The Mahotsav not only celebrated athletic prowess but also honored team spirit and sportsmanship. Udalguri district's exemplary performance earned them the coveted Best Team Award, highlighting the collective effort and dedication of its participants. The release of the souvenir, Seemanta Kreedha '23, commemorated this memorable event, capturing the essence of sportsmanship and camaraderie that defines the Mahotsav. In conclusion Seemanta Kreedha Mahotsav '22 and '23 stand as testament to the power of sports in fostering raw talent, unity, and healthy competition. These initiatives not only provide a platform for young athletes from border regions to showcase their skills but also promote inclusivity and cultural exchange. As Udalguri district basks in the glory of its achievement and participants carry forward the spirit of sportsmanship, Seemanta Chetana Mancha's vision of nurturing border talent through sports continues to inspire and uplift communities across Assam.

## **SARHAD KO SWARANJALI: Patriotism and Unity which unites border through musical tribute.**

### **Honoring the International Border: Bishkhowa, Dhubri District witnesses a Cultural Extravaganza:**

In a heartwarming tribute to the spirit of unity and patriotism, "SARHAD KO SWARANJALI," a cultural program, unfolded its magic in the tranquil village of Bishkhowa on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Dhubri District. The event, held on 1st April 2022, not only celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Assam but also paid homage to the International Border that stands as a symbol of resilience and harmony. With a staggering attendance of over 35,000 enthusiastic souls, the atmosphere was charged with fervor and pride. The echoes of folk melodies and traditional tunes resonated through the air, weaving a tapestry of cultural diversity and nationalistic fervency.



### **A Harmonious Symphony: Udalguri District Echoes with "SARHAD KO SWARANJALI:**

Continuing its journey of spreading joy and unity, the "SARHAD KO SWARANJALI" program graced the picturesque landscape of Udalguri district on 17th November 2022, at Khowrang Chowk. This event marked a significant milestone in fostering a sense of togetherness among the people residing in the International Border areas. Thirteen renowned singers of Assam, adorned with talent and passion, converged on one platform to create an unforgettable musical experience. Their melodious voices transcended barriers, touching the hearts of the audience, and igniting a renewed sense of pride in their cultural roots. The spirit of camaraderie and patriotism knew no bounds as more than 25,000 individuals gathered to witness this mesmerizing spectacle. The event was a testament to the power of music in bridging cultures and fostering goodwill.

The program not only showcased the rich tapestry of Assam's cultural heritage but also highlighted the unbreakable spirit of the people residing along the International Borders. The fusion of traditional folk songs, contemporary melodies, and soul-stirring performances created an ambiance of celebration and reverence. Through this initiative, the organizers aimed to not only entertain but also educate and inspire. The presence of such large gatherings underscored the deep-rooted love and pride that people hold for their land and culture. It was a moment of unity, where differences dissolved, and voices harmonized to create a symphony of patriotism.

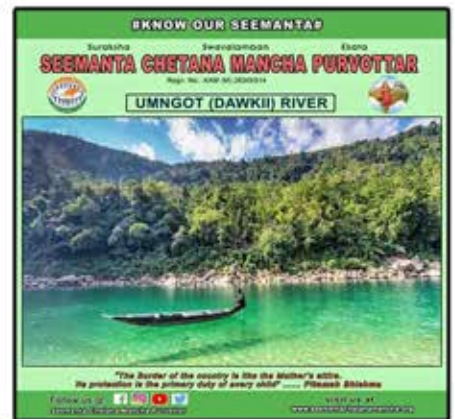


"SARHAD KO SWARANJALI" the musical tribute stands as a shining example of the transformative power of music and culture. It not only entertains but also enlightens, bringing people together in a tapestry of diversity and unity. As the echoes of this cultural extravaganza fade into the horizon, they leave behind a legacy of patriotism, pride, and the unbreakable spirit of a united nation.



### KNOW OUR SEEMANTA – A SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

To bring awareness among the people, especially for the new generations; a targeted social media campaign was launched in the OTP platform. The idea is making people aware of the issues, developmental works along with the long socio-cultural history of our borders.





## PRE RECRUITMENT-TRAINING PROGRAMME ON AGNIPATH SCHEME

An Inauguration program of Pre-recruitment Training for Agnipath Scheme was held on 25th June 2022 in hybrid mode for various districts of Assam. The program was inaugurated by Lt Gen Pranab Kumar Bharali (Retd. DG of Army Aviation Corps) at Jetwing's Business School Campus, Nabagraha, Chenikhuti Hillside, Guwahati the physical training was conducted district wise from 26/6/2022 to 28/6/2022 and theory class was conducted virtually on 29/6/2022. Pre-Recruitment Training program for Agnipath Scheme written Mock tests center were held on 17-07-2022 using OMR sheets.



The program inaugurated by Lt Gen Pranab Kumar Bharali (Retd DG of Army Aviation Corps) at Jettwings Business School Campus , Nabagraha, Chenikhuti Hillside, Guwahati



No. of districts	Participants
21	34,000

## SEEMANTA CHATRA SAMAROH

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Guwahati Mahanagar Committee has organized the first ever Seemanta Chatra Samaroh'2022 among the students coming from international border areas of Northeastern region to study in Guwahati. The program was held at Alumni Hall of Cotton University, Guwahati on 8th of November 2022.





The Samaroh was inaugurated by Asst. Professor of Cotton University Dr Gyanendra Barman and attended by 200 students from 9 international border districts of Assam. Dr Gauranga Sharma, retired professor of Assam Institute of management conducted a career counselling session and Dr Nabajyoti Bora, Principal of Dispur college took part in an interactive session with the students. All India co-organizing Secretary of Kalyan Ashram Sri Sandeep Kaviswar also addressed the gathering.

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day, on 5th June, is the biggest international day for the environment. Since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. On this occasion Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar organize the program for plantation of saplings along with old tree conservation in every district of the state. Public awareness campaigns are also conducted through wall paintings.

No. Places	Plantation	Old Tree Preservation	Total participant	M/ F
37	338	77	562	M- 334, F- 218





## YOGA DIWAS

Yoga Diwas is celebrated on International Yoga Day i.e. 21st June every year. On the occasion of International Yoga Divas, His Excellency Professor Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam motivated the karyakartha's of the mancha through his inspiring message for the physical and mental wellbeing.



No. Places	Total Participant	Male	Female
30	1409	898	511

## DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVENTION

District Convention was held in 9 Border Districts and 4 Sahayak Nagar Committees of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in the month of June 2022.

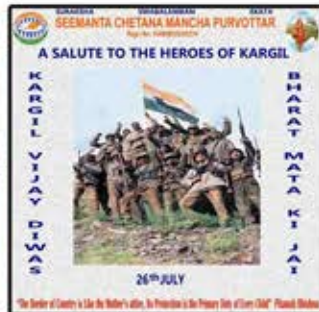






## KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Kargil Vijay Divas is commemorated to respect the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers of the Indian army during the Kargil war in 1999. This is the day to pay homage to those martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice to uphold and safeguard the integrity of the nation. It was celebrated on 26th July 2022 in various District, Mahanagar, Nagar, Sahayak Nagar and Sectors with great initiative.



## PATAKA DIWAS

PATAKA DIWAS is celebrated as an official announcement for the State annual convention. It is celebrated 7 days prior to the state convention. This year it was done on 24th July 2022 by hoisting our organization Flag in various border districts, Mahanagar, Sahayak Nagar, nagar and sectors. This organizational flag was kept hoisted until the State convention is finished.



## ASSAM STATE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Assam State Committee of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar has witnessed its annual convention on 30th & 31st July 2022 at the Royal Global University campus, Guwahati. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri. Bashistha Bujarbaruah, Saha Kshetra Pracharak, RSS, Assam Kshetra as Chief Guest while the Cabinet Ministers of Government of Assam viz., Shri. Pijush Hazarika and Shri. Jayanta Malla Baruah attended the program as Guests of Honor. Shri. Brijesh Kumar, DIG, BSF, Guwahati Frontier were present in the ceremony as Distinguished Guest. An intellectual session was also hosted on the second day where a speech on "Iconic Indian History" was delivered by Shri. Diganta Biswa Sarma, a renowned speaker of the state. The closing ceremony was attended by Shri. Sunil Mohanty, Prachar Pramuk, RSS, Assam Kshetra as Chief Guest. Shri. Rukma Gohain Baruah, Chairman, AHSEC graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. Shri. Partha Pratim Das, General Secretary of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar was also present on the concluding day as Distinguished Guest.





## AZADI KI AMRIT MAHOTSAV

To celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, i.e. 75 years of India's Independence Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar organizes a series of programs in all border districts of Assam.



- a) 79 NOS. OF PRABODHAN KARYAKRAM THROUGHOUT ASSAM in which distinguished personnel from various fields took part in those Prabodhan karyakram. The topic of the Prabodhan was "National Security, Border Security and Role of Civilians".





- b) **NAGARIK SABHA** –The distinguished scholar Dr. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Retired Vice Chancellor, Himachal Central University took part in series of Nagarik Sabha and gave valuable speech on the topic “National Security, Border Security and Role of Civilian’.



Total Karyakram 7	Total Participants 3390	M - 1456 F - 1369
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- c) THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS HAVE ALSO BEEN DONE IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE AZADI KA AMRIT MOHOTSAV

PROGRAMME	Total Place
Triranga Yatra	7
Group Rastriya Sangeet	3
Art competition	2
Patriotic Song Competition	2
Cycle Rally	2
Deep Prajwalan	3
Village level Nagarik Sabha	21



## INNAUGURATION OF SEEMANTA BHAWAN AT BILASIPARA



Shri Phool Borkalita, a Resident of Bilasipara town in Dhubri District, had dedicatedly donated a house along with a plot of land adjacent to his residence in the name of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar. On 26th August 2022 at the initiative of the Dhubri District Committee of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar with the support of the local Activists and the Conscious public, the Permanent office with the name of "Seemanta Bhawan" was Inaugurated at the place Located in the heart of the Bilasipara Town of Dhubri district. District Additional Deputy Commissioner Mr. Manas Saikia (ACS), Bilasipara SDO Civil Mr. Joy Shivani (IAS), District Election Officer and President of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar Dr. Pratima Neogi were present on the occasion as invited guests.

## VISIT OF SRI A GOPALAKRISHNAN, NATIONAL CONVENOR, SEEMA JAGARAN MANCH

### Vijaya Sanmela

Cachar District Committee organized Bijoya Sanmela in the border area, where members from Silchar Nagar Samiti and all the four Sectors participated. The Programme was held at Bharat Nirman Bidyapit, Kalain. The Chief Guest (A. Gopal Krishnan) addressed the gathering about the rich Indian culture and the importance of Indian values. He inspired the members to work in the nation building process. The President of the State Committee also highlighted about the activities of SCM.



## PRABODHAN PROGRAMME AT DHUBRI MEDICAL COLLEGE

Wonderful Prabodhan karyakram on the topic "National Security, Border Security and Roles of Civilians" in Dhubri Medical College Auditorium was held on 3rd February 2023 organized by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Dhubri Nagar. It's a privilege for the students and the audience to experience such an enlightening speech by Sri A. Gopalakrishnan Ji, National Convenor, Seema Jagaran Manch.





### COURTESY VISIT TO HER EXCELLENCY



On 14th October 2022 Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar Assam State had a courtesy visit on Her Excellency, President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu. Dr Binita Bhagawati State President and Sri Debasish Dutta State General Secretary had a discussion on various issues regarding international border and presented the organization's magazine "Seemanta 21".

### BUM-LA PASS YATRA 2022

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Tezpur Nagar Committee is pleased to organize Seema Darshan Yatra 2022 from 21st to 26th November, 2022 to Bum La Pass, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.





## WALONG NAMAN YATRA 2022

Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Arunachal Pradesh State Committee organized Walong Naman Yatra 2022 for the third time from 29th November 2022 to 3rd December 2022 from Tinsukia, Assam. "Walong Naman Yatra - 2022" is an initiative of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar to promote the spirit of nationalism among every Indian through paying tribute to the "Battle of Walong" bravehearts. Apart from the scenic beauty of the places, the participants experienced the true hospitality of Mishmi tribe in the homestay at Kaho village. The Yatra provided the participants an opportunity for in-depth understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and political aspects of the people residing in the border areas in this eastern most part of the country. Around 11 numbers of participant from Assam joined the program.



## VIJAY DIWAS CELEBRATION

Every year India celebrates 16<sup>th</sup> December as VIJAY DIWAS to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 Indo-Pak war. It was on this day in 1971 that the Chief of the Pakistan forces, Gen. AA Khan Niazi, along with 93000 troops, surrendered unconditionally before our motherland BHARAT and that also led to the creation of Bangladesh. The war lasted for merely 14 days and its Indian army's one of the biggest victories ever made against Pakistan. Therefore, on 16th December 2022 SEEMANTA CHETANA MANCHA PURVOTTAR along with it's border district celebrated VIJAY DIWAS to pay homage to all the soldiers who defended our motherland and laid down their lives so that our country can breathe this day.



Total Places	Total Participants	Male	Female
17	965	465	250



## SIGNING OF MOU WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

The long-awaited signing of MoU between Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Assam State Committee and Border Protection & Development Department, Govt. of Assam has finally taken place on 21/12/2022 at Assam Secretariat, CM Block. We are grateful to Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Atul Bora, Hon'ble Minister of Border and Area Development and all the officials of Border Protection & Development Departments for their trust shown upon us.



## VEER BAAL DIWAS

Seemanta Chetna Manch Purvottar organized the 'Veer Bal Diwas' in various places across the state on 26/12/2022. The event was organized in the remembrance of Sahibzade Baba Jorawar Singh Ji, and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, who were bravely executed by Aurangzeb's Mughal Army.



## NDO-BHUTAN BORDER MEETING

Two Days Akhil Bhartiya Karyakarta Baithak of Bharat-Bhutan Border had held from 28th to 29th January 2023 at Bongaigaon, Assam. Several Karyakarta from 11 different Indo-Bhutan Border districts of the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal and Sikkim participated in this Baithak. Shri. A. Gopalakrishnan Ji National Convenor, Shri. Murlidhar Ji, National Co-convenor, Shri. Pradeepan Ji, National Co-Convenor of Seema Jagaran Manch were present in the Baithak to guide Karyakartas.





## INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER MEETING

The Indo-Bangladesh Border Meeting, held on February 4th and 5th, 2023 in Cooch Bihar, marked a pivotal gathering for 93 karyakartha representing five Indo-Bangladesh border states. The meeting's agenda centered on comprehensive reports presented by the General Secretary and Secretary, detailing the dynamics and challenges within their respective districts. National Convener A. Gopalakrishnan emphasized the critical role of Karyakarta's, stating that their dedication is the lifeblood of the organization. He further underscored the inseparable link between border security and the nation's prosperity, highlighting the necessity for robust measures to safeguard these vital frontiers. This meeting stands as a testament to the organization's commitment to fostering dialogue and collaboration for enhanced border security and national well-being. 33 karyakartha's from Assam, Meghalaya, and Mizoram were participated.



## ALL ASSAM NAGAR/SAHAYAK NAGAR COMMITTEE BAITHAK

The respected Presidents and General Secretaries of all the Nagar/Sahayak Nagar Committees attended a 2-day program at Chirang district on 11th & 12th Feb'2023 for Planning the organizational roadmap, sharing their success stories relating to Border and getting themselves trained mentally to be the first line defense to save our International Borders.



## DISHA DARSHAN BAITHAK ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT EAST POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

An inaugural brainstorming session on 'How Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar can play a role in the implementation of Act East policy of India' was held on 15/02/2023 in Keshav Dham at 8pm. Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Guwahati Mahanagar committee organized the program under the guidance of Akhil Bhartiya Saha Samyojak of Seema Jagaran Mancha Mananiya Sri Pradeepan ji.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sri Dilip Saikia graced the occasion along with Sri Manabendra Pratap Singh, IAS; currently the senior most secretary of the Act East policy department of Government of Assam; who delivered the introductory speech. Former DGP of Assam Sri Pradeep Kumar, IPS and many renowned persons/experts and Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar Karyakarta took part in the discussion.



A delegation from Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar did a meaningful discussion and made a power point presentation to The Hon'ble Minister of Act East Policy affairs Sri Chandra Mohan Patowary. Hon'ble Industries and Commerce Minister Sri Bimal Bora, National co-convener Mananiya Sri Pradeepan ji, Sri Manvendra Pratap Singh, IAS, Secretary in Act East Policy Affairs department as well as MD, AIDC were also present in the meeting.



### Paribesh Chetana Diwas

On the auspicious day of Veer Chilarai Diwas, Assam State Committee of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar has observed the day as Parivesh Chetana Diwas on 16th Feb,2023 by organizing Awareness program, Plantation, Swachata Abhiyan etc.

### BASANT UTSAV CELEBRATIONS: A FESTIVAL OF COLORS AND CULTURAL FERVOR"

The Basant Utsav/Rang Utsav, known as the Queen festival of the year, traces its roots back to Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore's initiation in the early 1920s at Viswabharati Shanti Niketan. Recently, Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in Assam orchestrated a grand Basanta Utsav across various locales, captivating audiences with a rich cultural program. Talented artists infused patriotic sentiments, culminating in a jubilant spectacle where attendees joyously immersed themselves in vibrant hues, epitomizing the essence of spring and communal celebration. This event not only honored tradition but also fostered a deep sense of unity and shared heritage among participants.



Total Places	Total Participants	Male	Female
15	965	501	369



## "Swavalambi Seemanta": Border Trade Awareness and Industrial Ecosystem Workshop

The "Swavalambi Seemanta" workshops held in Dhubri, Udalguri, and Karimganj were aimed at fostering border trade awareness and enhancing the industrial ecosystem in Assam. These workshops were pivotal in empowering local stakeholders with knowledge and insights into cross-border trade dynamics and industrial opportunities.

### WORKSHOP DETAILS:

Dhubri Workshop (23.03.2023)

Venue: Lakhimari International Trade Centre, Dhubri

Participants: 550

Subject Specialists/ Experts: 09



### UDALGURI WORKSHOP (25.03.2023)

Venue: Kargil Restaurant, Udalguri Town

Participants: 650

Subject Specialists/Experts: 09



### AT KARIMGANJ

Date of Workshop: 28.03.2023

Venue: PHED Conference Hall, Karimganj Town

No. of participants – 150

No. of Subject Specialist/Expert and Resource Persons: 07





## INTRODUCTION ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BORDER STUDIES (NIBS)



Just like a mother protects a child from all adversaries, in a similar manner it is felt that borders of any country are like a mother that protects its citizens and ensures security within its boundaries. In a country like India which shares its boundary with seven other countries and has a varied topography with desert on the western frontier, coastal areas on the southern frontier and hilly terrains on the eastern and northern frontiers, border management is very

crucial and essential. Although there are many government agencies which work for the border area management, there are also many nonprofit organizations within India who are doing signal work for the management of border areas. Noteworthy amongst these organizations are Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar (SCMP).

On 31st March 1985, in the city of Jodhpur, Rajasthan Seemanta Chetana Mancha was established on the day of Ram Navami, foreseeing the need to protect the borders of the motherland by the people with the tools of education, empowerment, unity and awareness spread among the communities residing in these border areas. Based on these ideals, a similar organization named Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar (SCMP) was established on the day of Ram Navami paralleled on the 13th of April 2008 in Assam. Since then, 'Seemanta Chetana Mancha: Purvottar' is in service at the border areas of North-East India. The organization is committed to nation building process primarily with the people from the International Border Areas of the whole of Northeastern Region. The organization maintains that the International Border Areas of our country are to be safe and secure for the highest order of peace, amity and development among the citizens.

One of this organizations long cherished objective has been the establishment of a Border study institute of National repute for conducting various research and studies of the international borders as well as national borders and help the government also in taking policy level decisions. With this view in mind a formal step was taken in initiating the formation of a border study center in Guwahati by the name of "National Institute of Border Studies (NIBS)" on 27th November 2022 under the aegis of Seemanta Chetna Manch Purvottar and under the visionary guidance of Akhil Bharatiya Saha-Samyojak of Seema Jagaran Manch, Shri Pradeepan ji.

### **A few broad objectives of the National Institute of Border Studies are:**

1. Tracing the origin and history of people residing in border areas.
2. Aiding the government in formulating policies to settle any dispute regarding border demarcation.
3. Studying existing trade practices and infrastructure between countries in the international borders.
4. Analyse the prospects of border trade between countries.
5. Ensure security and safety of India's international border with dialogue and diplomacy.
6. Explore the possibility of promotion of border tourism.
7. Cultural exchange between citizens in the border areas.
8. Development of infrastructure around border areas.
9. Implementation of Act East policy in true spirit.

The scope of this institute, though not limited, is as below:

1. Undergraduate and Post graduate programs
2. Phd. Programs
3. Certificate courses
4. Research and projects
5. International conferences and Seminars
6. Panel discussions.
7. Organizing academic conclaves.

NIBS is an institute formed with an objective of having in-depth study and research-based knowledge about both the international and interstate border areas of India. Since borders of a country act like a safe cocoon for the residents of a country, having a clear perspective about India's international and interstate borders is the prime motive of NIBS along with sensitization of the Indian citizens and their role as Indian citizens, residing in the border areas of our country.



## TOUCHED BY CLOUDS: SCARED LAND OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH.



Let's explore Arunachal Pradesh comprehensively, covering various aspects such as landscape, weather, administrative structure, districts, economy, population, indigenous groups, international borders, border security, and more.

### Formation of the State:

Arunachal Pradesh attained full statehood on February 20, 1987, becoming the 24th state of the Indian Union. Prior to that, it was administered as union territory. The McMahon

Line, drawn during the British era, plays a significant role in defining the international border between India and China, leading to occasional border disputes.

### Administrative Structure:

The state is divided into administrative units such as districts, blocks, and villages. At the top of the administrative hierarchy is the Chief Minister, who heads the state government. The state has its own legislature, known as the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, with 60 seats. The Governor represents the central government in the state. Arunachal Pradesh is divided into 25 districts, each under the jurisdiction of a Deputy Commissioner (DC). Some of the prominent districts include Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Papum Pare, Lower Subansiri, Upper Subansiri, West Siang, East Siang, Changlang, and Tirap, among others. Each district has its unique cultural and geographical characteristics.

### Population and Indigenous Groups:

Arunachal Pradesh has a diverse population comprising various indigenous tribes and communities. Some of the major tribes include the Nyishi, Adi, Apatani, Galo, Monpa, Mishmi, Tangsa, Nocte, and Wancho, each with its distinct language, culture, traditions, and practices. The indigenous groups play a vital role in preserving the state's rich cultural heritage.

### International Borders:

Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with three countries - China to the north, Myanmar to the east, and Bhutan to the west. The Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China is a crucial geopolitical boundary that has seen historical tensions and occasional disputes. International borders are of strategic importance and require robust border management and security measures.

### Border Guarding Force:

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) plays a crucial role in guarding Arunachal Pradesh's borders, especially the international border with China. They ensure territorial integrity, security, and surveillance along the border areas. The districts bordering other countries, such as Tawang and Anjaw, have strategic significance and are closely monitored. These areas require special attention regarding infrastructure development, security, and socio-economic upliftment of the local population.

### Border with Other States:

The state shares borders with Assam, Nagaland, and Manipur. These inter-state borders facilitate trade, cultural exchanges, and connectivity within the northeastern region of India.

Arunachal Pradesh's diverse landscapes, rich cultural heritage, strategic international borders, and vibrant communities make it a unique and significant state in India's northeastern region. Efforts towards sustainable development, border security, and inclusive growth are essential for the state's progress and prosperity.



**Patriotic Reflections on the Bum La Yatra of Seema Darshan Karyakram 2022:**

The Bum La Yatra and Seema Darshan Karyakram 2022 were not just journeys of physical exploration but also profound spiritual and patriotic experiences. As the group of nine participants commenced their yatra on 21st November 2022 from Guwahati, their first act of seeking blessings from Maa Kamakhya at the revered Kamakhya temple symbolized a deep-rooted connection to our cultural heritage.

Throughout their journey, the yatis encountered numerous sacred sites, each resonating with the echoes of our ancient mythology and legends. The darshan of Lord Shiva at the Maha Mritunjay Temple, reminiscent of the grand aaratis of Haridwar and Rishikesh, reflected the spiritual diversity and unity that define our nation.

The encounters with historical landmarks like the Agnigarh park, steeped in mythical narratives of Banasura's fort, highlighted the rich tapestry of our past, where tales of valor and protection intertwine with our cultural ethos. The hospitality extended by officials and local communities along the route, such as Additional Superintendent of Police, Smt Madhurima Das, showcased the unity in diversity that forms the bedrock of our nation.

Even amidst the biting cold of Bomdilla, standing at 9350'asl, the group's unwavering spirit to explore the Gaden Rabgye-Ling monastery, known as Bomdilla Monastery, underscored the resilience and determination ingrained in our national character.

The honor of receiving the Tibetan Khata at various stops symbolized not just respect but also the shared values of gratitude and friendship that transcend geographical boundaries. The night stays at places like Dirang Monastery Guest House further strengthened the bonds of camaraderie and unity among the participants, mirroring the unity and solidarity that define our diverse yet united nation.

The continuation of the Seema Darshan Yatra-22 paints a vivid picture of patriotism intertwined with reverence for our nation's history and heritage. The visit to Dirang Monastery and Mandala top showcased the spiritual depth and cultural richness of our land, while paying homage at the War Memorial and hoisting our tricolor flag at Sela Pass exemplified the undying spirit and devotion of our armed forces.

The journey to Tawang, marked by visits to significant sites like the Tawang Monastery and the Thukje Chueling Nunnery, served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers. The light and sound show depicting the 1962 Sino India war further amplified the valor and courage displayed by martyrs like Naik Joginder Singh, PVC, and Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, MVC.

The culmination of the yatra at Bum La Pass, a site steeped in historical significance from the 1962 Sino-Indian War, underscored the resilience and fortitude of our armed forces. The interactions with ITBP personnel and the visit to Taktsang Monastery reflected the unity and cultural harmony that define our nation.

The yatra's conclusion at Tezpur, marked by interactions with local schools and welfare centers, showcased the commitment to education and community development, further solidifying the bond between our citizens and the spirit of patriotism that runs deep in our collective consciousness.







### **Walong Naman Yatra, A Beacon of Patriotism and Nationalism:**

The patriotic essence of the Walong Naman Yatra encapsulates the spirit of unity, reverence, and service, echoing through every step of its meticulously crafted itinerary.

Commencing on the 30th of November 2022, at the break of dawn, Yatris embarked on a soul-stirring journey to Parasuram Kund, a sacred site steeped in mythological and spiritual significance. This pilgrimage was not just about physical travel but also about spiritual awakening and connection with our heritage.

The day unfolded with a blend of exploration and philanthropy. After a nourishing breakfast at Hayuliang, the Yatris engaged in a noble act of distributing notebooks to bright young minds at Chirang and Chamilang schools, igniting the flames of education and empowerment.

As evening approached, the warmth of Walong's hospitality embraced the tired souls. Dinner and a night's stay in the heart of Walong not only provided rest but also fostered bonds of camaraderie among the Yatris.



On the dawn of December 1st, the Yatra ventured into the ethereal beauty of Dong Valley, experiencing the serenity of nature. The journey continued with a rejuvenating soak in the Hot Springs, followed by a hearty breakfast at Walong. The noble gesture of notebook distribution extended to Walong School, sowing seeds of knowledge and hope.

The day progressed with visits to Helmet Top and Namti Plain, where homage was paid to the heroes who safeguard our borders. A poignant moment of remembrance and gratitude unfolded at the Walong War Memorial, coupled with a reflective lunch.

Amidst the rugged terrain and historical echoes, the Yatriks reveled in the beauty of Kibitho, sharing meals and knowledge with the local community.

The concluding day, on December 2nd, witnessed heartfelt interactions at Meshai School, further strengthening the bond between travelers and locals. The journey culminated with visits to Bhismaknagar and Riwatch Museum, enriching perspectives and honoring our rich cultural heritage.

The spirit of patriotism and service resonated until the final moments, as the Yatriks traversed through Dhola exordia, reflecting on the significance of unity and progress.

The Walong Naman Yatra was not just a physical expedition; it was a spiritual odyssey, a journey of hearts intertwined with the fabric of our nation's pride and resilience.







### Landscape and Weather

Nagaland, located in northeastern India, boasts a diverse landscape characterized by verdant hills, deep valleys, and lush forests. The state is part of the Eastern Himalayan Range, contributing to its scenic beauty and biodiversity. The climate in Nagaland varies from subtropical to temperate, with monsoon rains from June to September and relatively mild winters from November to February.

### Formation and Administrative Structure

Nagaland became a state of India on December 1, 1963. The state is administratively divided into districts, subdivisions, and blocks. Kohima serves as the capital city, and Dimapur is the largest city and commercial hub.

### Population and Indigenous Groups

The state is characterized by its diverse population, consisting of 17 major tribes along with various sub-tribes. Each tribe has its own distinct customs, language, and attire, contributing to Nagaland's rich cultural heritage. The region is steeped in folklore, passed down through generations via oral tradition, with recorded history dating back to the 13th century. The Naga people are known for their vibrant festivals, intricate tribal artwork, and traditional dances like the warrior dance and bamboo dance.

### International Borders and Border Guarding Forces

Nagaland shares its international borders with Myanmar. The India-Myanmar border spans approximately 215 kilometers. The Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force under the Indian Army, is primarily responsible for guarding this border, ensuring security and preventing illegal activities. Nagaland shares its international border with Myanmar, boasting the country's smallest international border line. However, this porous border serves as a primary gateway for illegal activities. Among Nagaland's 17 districts, four, including Mon, Noklak, Phek, and Kiphire, share their borders with Myanmar.

### Border with Other States

Nagaland shares its borders with Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur. These inter-state borders are crucial for trade, transportation, and cultural exchanges, contributing to regional development and integration.

### Border Outposts (BOPs) Guarded by Assam Rifles in Nagaland

Nagaland shares international borders with Myanmar. These borders are vital for security, trade, and cultural exchanges. Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force under the Indian Army, plays a crucial role in guarding Border Outposts (BOPs) along Nagaland's border with Myanmar.

During the period of March 2022 to March 2023, the Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar (SCMP), Nagaland State Committee, undertook several significant activities and initiatives aimed at furthering its organizational objectives and community development efforts.



## “Echoes of Progress: Our Journey Through 2022-23”

During the period of 2022-23, the Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in Nagaland undertook several significant activities and initiatives aimed at furthering its organizational objectives and community development efforts.

### **Strengthening Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Nagaland**

On 17th May 2022, a pivotal organizational meeting convened at Tourist Lodge, Dimapur, marked by the esteemed presence of Sri. Pradeepan, the National Co-convenor of Seema Jagran Manch. The focus of this gathering was the restructuring of the existing committee of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Nagaland State Committee.

Sri, Pradeepan's insights and suggestions were instrumental in charting a path for enhanced effectiveness and impact. He emphasized the urgent need for strengthening the activities of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in Nagaland, highlighting the region's unique potential and the importance of community engagement and empowerment. His invaluable guidance sets a course for a vibrant and purpose-driven future for the organization in the region.



### **National Convention, Seema Jagran Manch: Setting Clear Organizational Goals**



In September 2022, the Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar State Committee President and colleagues gathered in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, for the National Convention meeting. This pivotal assembly culminated in the establishment of precise organizational goals, charting a definitive course for future endeavors. The meeting's outcomes are poised to guide strategic decisions and foster impactful initiatives within the organization's framework.



## Harboring Connections: The Dutch Team's Journey



In February 2023, a pivotal meeting was convened in Kohima, focusing on the logistical preparations for an imminent visit by a Dutch delegation to Nagaland. The discussions centered on crucial aspects such as financing and transportation logistics, recognizing their paramount importance in ensuring a smooth and successful visit.

The meeting highlighted the President's pivotal role in assuming responsibility for these arrangements, showcasing a strong commitment to facilitating a fruitful engagement between the Dutch team and stakeholders in Nagaland. Key stakeholders from various departments and organizations participated, emphasizing the collaborative effort required for effective execution.

The agenda included meticulous planning for accommodations, transportation, security protocols, and cultural exchanges to provide the visiting delegation with a comprehensive and enriching experience during their stay in Nagaland. Additionally, discussions touched upon aligning the visit with strategic objectives, fostering partnerships, and exploring avenues for mutual collaboration and benefit.

### Visit to Border Villages with Dutch Textile Expert: Empowering Women in Mon District

On March 11, 2023, a significant visit unfolded as Dutch textile expert Heijdenrijk Johana Maria and Indian representative Aditee Chetia embarked on a journey to remote villages of the Indo-Myanmar border in Mon district. Their primary objective was to explore investment opportunities in textiles and empower local women through sustainable employment.

Accompanied by officials of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar Nagaland, the delegation delved into assessing ongoing developmental activities and engaging with grassroots initiatives aimed at fostering economic empowerment and community development.

The visit elicited a warm reception from village leaders, symbolizing the spirit of collaboration and shared objectives in promoting socio-economic progress. The delegation gained valuable insights into the progress made, challenges faced, and the resilience of communities in rural settings.

This visit not only underscored the potential for investment and growth in the textile sector but also highlighted the significance of empowering women as catalysts for change and development. It served as a testament to the commitment towards fostering inclusive and sustainable development partnerships between nations, transcending borders for a brighter future.





## Enhancing Transportation and Strengthening Capabilities for Border Village Tours

The Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Nagaland State Committee, convened a significant meeting in March 2023, focusing on pivotal strategies to enhance transportation for tours to border villages and fortify the capabilities of the block committee. The primary goal was to seek support and guidance from the central committee in executing these vital initiatives. During the meeting, comprehensive discussions were held regarding the challenges faced in transportation logistics to border villages and the necessity to streamline these processes for effective tour facilitation. Ideas were exchanged, and potential solutions were explored to ensure seamless travel experiences for visitors and locals alike.

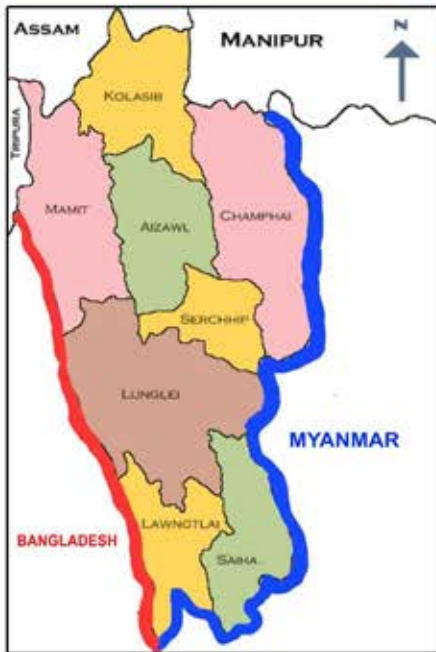
Furthermore, the block committee's capabilities were thoroughly assessed, with a keen emphasis on identifying areas for improvement and implementing measures to bolster their effectiveness. This included discussions on capacity building, resource allocation, and fostering a more robust organizational structure.

The collaborative spirit and dedication displayed during the meeting reflect the ongoing commitment of the Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, Nagaland State Committee, towards fostering socio-economic development and empowerment in the region. Moving forward, the committee remains steadfast in its mission, leveraging partnerships and innovative strategies to make tangible and lasting impacts on the communities it serves.





# MIZORAM AN OVERVIEW:



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## Formation and Administrative Structure

Mizoram attained statehood on February 20, 1987, following the signing of the Mizoram Peace Accord in 1986 between the Government of India and the Mizo National Front, marking the end of an insurgency and the beginning of a new era of peace and development. The state is administratively divided into districts and blocks, with Aizawl serving as the capital and administrative center.

Districts : 1. Aizawl, 2. Lunglei, 3. Champhai, 4. Serchhip, 5. Kolasib, 6. Lawngtlai, 7. Mamit, 8. Saiha, 9. Hnahthial, 10. Saitual, 11. Khawzawl. Each district is further subdivided into blocks, which are important administrative units responsible for local governance and development initiatives.

## Population and Indigenous Groups

As per the 2011 Census, Mizoram's population stood at approximately 1.1 million people. The state is predominantly inhabited by various Mizo tribes, each with its distinct cultural practices, dialects, and traditions. The major indigenous groups include the Lusei, Hmar, Mara, and Chakma tribes, among others. These indigenous communities have rich cultural heritage, manifested in their colorful festivals, traditional dances, music, handicrafts, and cuisine. Festivals like Chapchar Kut, Mim Kut, and Pawl Kut are celebrated with fervor, showcasing the vibrant cultural tapestry of Mizoram.

## International Borders and Border Guarding Force:

Mizoram shares international borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh. The India-Myanmar border spans approximately 510 kilometers, while the India-Bangladesh border is around 318 kilometers long. These borders are crucial for trade, cultural exchanges, and regional connectivity.

The security and integrity of these borders are ensured by dedicated border guarding forces such as the Border Security Force (BSF) and Assam Rifles. They play a pivotal role in safeguarding the borders, preventing illegal activities, and maintaining peace in the region.

## Border with Other States :

Mizoram shares its borders with Assam, Manipur, Tripura. These inter-state borders are vital for trade, transportation, and cultural interactions, fostering regional cooperation and development.



## International Border Districts :

1. Lunglei, 2. Champhai, 3. Serchhip, 4. Lawngtlai, 5. Mamit, 6. Saiha, 7. Hnahthial, 8. Saitual, . These international border districts and blocks play a crucial role in cross-border trade, cultural exchanges, and regional development initiatives.

Mizoram's diverse landscape, rich cultural heritage, strategic location, and harmonious coexistence of various indigenous communities make it a gem in India's northeastern region. The state's journey from insurgency to peace and development is a testament to the resilience and determination of its people, paving the way for a promising future.

## 'Catalysts of change: - Footsteps of Seemanta Chetana mancha Purvottar in Mizoram'

Since 2017, Seemanta Chetana Manch has diligently pursued its mission to establish a meaningful presence in Mizoram, culminating in the commencement of operations in Mamit district on 15th May 2022. This significant milestone was achieved through meticulous planning, strategic partnerships, and unwavering dedication to the cause.

The journey towards operationalization was marked by concerted efforts to foster connections and mobilize resources within stipulated time frames. These efforts bore fruit with the initiation of activities at Marpara, a testament to the perseverance and vision of the organization.



On 16th May 2022, a pivotal moment unfolded as a coordination committee was formed at Silichuri which lies close to Bangladesh border in Mamit district. This committee represents a cohesive force driving the Organization's objectives forward, ensuring streamlined coordination and effective implementation of initiatives.



Seemanta Chetana Manch's current operational scope is focused on Mamit district, strategically chosen for its potential impact and alignment with the organization's core values. This deliberate approach allows for concentrated efforts, ensuring maximum reach and efficacy in addressing local challenges and fostering community development.



## Marpara Commemorates 75 Years of Independence: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrated by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar in Marpara, a village near the Bangladesh border in Mamit district, Mizoram, was a poignant acknowledgment of India's hard-fought independence. The event brought together the community in a jubilant atmosphere marked by flag hoisting, and cultural performances. It underscored the importance of unity, patriotism, and social development. The festivities also included community service initiatives, reflecting a commitment to upliftment and civic responsibility. The celebration not only honored India's past struggles but also inspired hope and determination for a brighter future, resonating deeply with the spirit of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.'



## Visit of Sri A. Gopalakrishnan, National Convener of Seema Jagaran Manch, to Mizoram.





Shri A Gopalakrishnan, the national coordinator of Seema Jagran Manch, embarked on a significant tour to Mizoram on October 17th and 18th. His visit was marked by meaningful interactions with key personalities in the region, including officials from the Assam Rifles and the BSF, the vital guarding forces in Mizoram.

During these two days, Shri Gopalakrishnan engaged in insightful discussions aimed at understanding the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Mizoram. He also exchanged views on border security and regional cooperation, underscoring the importance of collaboration in maintaining peace and stability.

His interactions with prominent figures in Mizoram not only facilitated mutual understanding but also paved the way for potential partnerships and initiatives that could benefit the region. Shri Gopalakrishnan's visit exemplified the commitment of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar to fostering dialogue and cooperation across regions, contributing to a harmonious and secure nation.

### **From Vision to Action: Seemanta Chetana Manch's Journey in Mizoram**

Seemanta Chetana Manch's journey in Mizoram has been one of strategic growth and impactful engagements. From its inception in 2017 to the commencement of operations in Mamit district in May 2022, the organization has showcased meticulous planning, strong partnerships, and a deep commitment to community development. The formation of a coordination committee at Silichuri and the commemoration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Marpara further highlight Manch's dedication to fostering unity, patriotism, and social progress. The visit of Shri A. Gopalakrishnan to Mizoram underscores the importance of collaboration and dialogue in addressing regional challenges, signaling a promising future of cooperation and development in the region.





## MEGHALAYA AN OVERVIEW



Meghalaya, a state nestled in the northeastern part of India, boasts a rich tapestry of landscapes, cultures, and histories. Let's explore its various facets in detail. Meghalaya's formation can be traced back to ancient times, shaped by geological processes and human settlement. Meghalaya became a state on 21st January 1972.

### Indigenous Groups:

One of Meghalaya's notable features is its indigenous communities, including the Khasi, Garo, and Jaintia tribes. These indigenous groups have distinct cultures, languages, and traditions, enriching the state's cultural mosaic. Their traditional practices, such as weaving, handicrafts, and agriculture, are integral to Meghalaya's heritage.

### International Borders and Border Guarding Force:

Meghalaya shares international borders with Bangladesh, which are monitored and guarded by the Border Security Force (BSF) of India. The border areas are strategically important and require vigilant monitoring to prevent illegal activities such as smuggling and infiltration. The BSF plays a crucial role in safeguarding these borders and maintaining peace and security in the region.

### Border with Other States:

Meghalaya shares borders with neighbouring Indian states such as Assam and Manipur. These inter-state borders are managed by respective state authorities and contribute to regional connectivity and trade. Cooperation and coordination between bordering states are essential for ensuring smooth governance and development in border areas.

## Annual Activity Report of Meghalaya State: 2022-2023

Meghalaya, the abode of clouds, witnessed a vibrant array of cultural, patriotic, and sports activities throughout the fiscal year 2022-2023. These events, meticulously organized and passionately participated in, showcased the state's rich heritage, unity, and fervor for national development. This report encapsulates the major activities held across various sectors, highlighting the enthusiasm and engagement of the populace in building a stronger and more connected community.

### Foundation Day Celebrations - 21st April 2022:

On the occasion of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Foundation Day, celebrated on 21st April 2022, festivities resonated across three key locations in the state. With 52 participants engaging in cultural programs, flag hoisting ceremonies, and reflective discussions, the day served as a reminder of Meghalaya's journey and aspirations.

### Seemanta Football Tournament 2022: A Thrilling Showcase of Youth Talent in Meghalaya:

The Seemanta Football Tournament, organized by Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya, took place with great fervour and enthusiasm on the 24th and 25th of June, 2022. The tournament served as a platform for budding footballers from the region to exhibit their skills and passion for the beautiful game.

With a total of 8 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams actively participating, the tournament was a testament to the growing interest and talent in football among the youth in Meghalaya. The matches were fiercely contested, showcasing not just athleticism but also teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship.



The boys' category witnessed intense competition, with each team giving their all to claim the coveted title. Similarly, the girls' teams displayed exceptional talent and determination, making every match a thrilling spectacle for the spectators.

Overall, the Seemanta Football Tournament 2022 was a resounding success, highlighting the importance of sports in fostering camaraderie, discipline, and a healthy competitive spirit among the youth.



### Empowering Local Youth: Agniveer Scheme in Meghalaya:



In a bid to harness the potential of local youth, Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, West Garo Hills, along with South Garo Hills, jointly conducted a Pre-Recruitment Coaching Camp under the Agniveer Scheme. The initiative aimed to nurture a generation of AGNIVEERs, instilling in them the values of courage, dedication, and service to the nation.

The camp, held amidst the picturesque landscapes of South Garo hills, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the youth. Expert trainers and mentors were roped in to provide comprehensive guidance, covering various aspects of physical fitness, mental agility, and strategic thinking. Through rigorous training modules and motivational sessions, the participants were inspired to envision themselves as defenders of the nation, ready to embark on the Agniveer towards excellence and valour.

The collaborative effort of these regions underscores the collective resolve to empower and uplift the local youth, paving the way for a brighter and stronger future.

### Celebrating Raksha Bandhan Across 29 Border Outposts

On the 11th of August 2022, the spirit of love and protection was joyously celebrated at 29 Border Outposts (BOP) with special events. This occasion, known as Raksha Bandhan, served not only to strengthen familial bonds but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the dedicated security personnel stationed at these outposts. Through the exchange of traditional Rakhi threads and heartfelt sentiments, the day became a symbol of unity, mutual respect, and the unwavering commitment to safeguarding each other, mirroring the values cherished by these guardians of our borders.





### Unveiling the Spirit of Freedom: Deshbhakti Samavesh Commemorates Garo Leader Pa Togan Nengminja Sangma:

In a poignant tribute to the valiant spirit of Pa Togan Nengminja Sangma, the Deshbhakti Samavesh held on 12th December 2022 marked a stirring chapter in India's patriotic narrative. This event, spanning three significant locations, echoed with the fervour of patriotism as 241 participants gathered to honour the legacy of a fearless Garo leader who defied British oppression.

Pa Togan Nengminja Sangma's indomitable courage during the British occupation in Garo Hills resonated through the event. His relentless pursuit of freedom and justice served as a beacon, inspiring generations to uphold the ideals of sovereignty and unity. The Deshbhakti Samavesh encapsulated a profound love for the nation, symbolizing a collective commitment to its progress. Through cultural performances, speeches, attendees paid homage to the sacrifices made by freedom fighter Pa Togan Nengminja Sangma.

As the echoes of patriotic fervor reverberated, the event underscored the timeless essence of unity, resilience, and unwavering devotion to the nation, reigniting the flame of freedom in every heart present.





### Bharatmata Pujan - 26th January 2023:



The reverence for the motherland was palpable during the Bharatmata Pujan held on 26th January 2023. Across 8 locations, 222 individuals came together to pay homage and reaffirm their commitment to the country's values and progress.

### Tiranga Yatra - 26th January 2023:

Simultaneously, a Tiranga Yatra on 26th January 2023, held in Dalu, witnessed the spirited participation of 32 individuals. The march, adorned with the tricolour, symbolized unity, and pride in the nation's diversity.



### Conclusion :

At Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar, we are passionately dedicated to securing our nation's borders, harnessing the power and commitment of our citizens, especially those living in the border regions. Our programs and activities are designed to ignite a spirit of patriotism and nationalism among the border population. Building on the success of previous years, every member of Seemanta Chetana Mancha Purvottar remains steadfast in our commitment to this vital mission, ensuring a secure and united future for our country. Together, we stand strong and resolute, ready to face any challenge with unwavering patriotism.

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