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Assisting the updation of NRC in Assam



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A few words -

Under the supervision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the massive exercise of updation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been going on in Assam. Assam Police could very effectively maintain law and order in the face of extreme challenges in the state, particularly in the wake of publication of complete draft NRC on 30th July, 2018. Handling of law & order during this crucial phase has been widely appreciated. This became a topic for intense discussion in the All India DGsP/IGsP Conference in Kevadiya in Gujarat held in December, 2018.

I congratulate all the Assam Police personnel for this great feat and also wish them well in the days to come.

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Under the guidance and direct monitoring of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India updation work of National Register of Citizens (NRC) is going on in the State of Assam. For the smooth conduct of



the process of updation and publication of NRC in the state. Assam Police adopted a three-pronged strategy of (1) Deployment of force (2) Vulnerability analysis & (3) IEC (Information, Education, Communication) campaigns covering different phases of NRC updation process including field verifications, publication of 1st draft NRC on 31-12-2017, Family Tree Verification Centres, publication of

complete draft NRC on 30-07-2018, filing & hearing of claims & objections etc.

Security of NSK (NRC Seva Kendras) and other processes.

2500 NSKs established in the State for NRC updation process have to be provided security coverage. NSKs were categorized as per their sensitivity / vulnerability and security provided accordingly including fixed pickets wherever required. Besides, office of SC NRC, Assam, the DM's Verification Teams, office of DRCR/LRCR etc. were provided security coverage as per threat assessment. Further, wherever possible CCTVs were installed in NSKs and illumination of sensitive NSKs were done. Strict access control as well as anti-sabotage checks, manual and technical, were ensured at office of SC NRC, DRCR, LRCR and NSKs.





Joint efforts of security forces, VDPs and public participation.



Services of volunteers of Village Defence Party (VDP) utilized as force multiplier alongwith the security forces for peaceful conduct of the NRC updation process. They were briefed adequately to maintain peace and tranquility during the process prior to their engagement to the duty. Nagarik Committees at Police Station level were also involved in the process. Regular meetings of Police Station level Nagarik Committees and VDPs were held. Besides the State Police Officers, local commanders of CAPF also attended such meetings for better co-ordination with other stakeholders.





Mock Drill involving public and sensitization/briefing of security personnel.

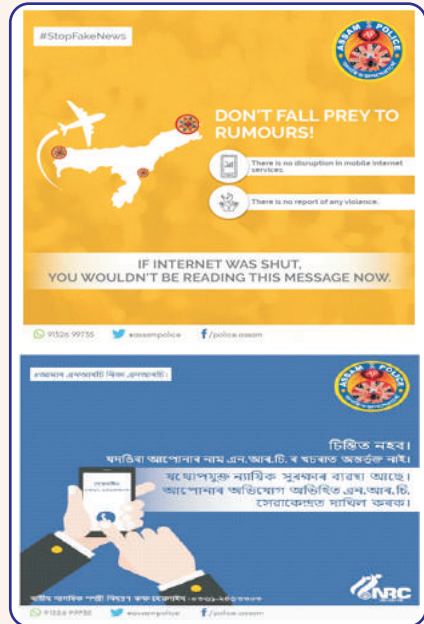
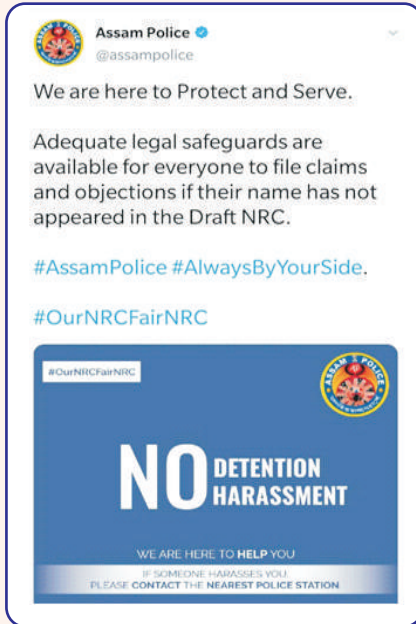


Mock Drill exercises were conducted all over the State involving security forces and public to review the preparedness of security forces and to improve upon further. Purpose was 2-fold:- (i) to prepare the forces to deal with the task and (ii) to instil a sense of security and confidence amongst general public.

Security personnel were also briefed properly regarding their charter of duties at different stages of NRC updation process.



Proactive presence on social media and campaign by Police.



Presence in Social Media platform is activated in all the districts. Interactive communication over social media is encouraged to identify trouble and mischief mongers and initiate corrective and counter measures.

Awareness programmes and sharing of information on NRC was initiated by Assam Police. Spreading of fake news was countered promptly.





Visibility of Forces : Confidence Building Measures.

The available State Police forces were engaged for maintenance of law and order during NRC updation process. MHA has augmented the state resources by providing additional Coys of CAPF. As a confidence building measure, these forces also



conducted area domination, intensive & extensive patrolling in vulnerable / sensitive pockets with high visibility. Besides the CAPF/SAP, the UB personnel, Home Guards posted in districts were also utilized for the purpose.

River Patrolling



Assam is a riverine State. In order to instil a sense of security, riverine areas were dominated through intensive river patrolling.





Monitoring of NRC update process : Assessment of security situation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam had taken a high level meeting with representatives of all political parties and other stakeholders on 29-07-2018 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati to take stock of situation and arrangements made for peaceful publication of complete draft NRC.

Senior Officials of Govt. of Assam including Chief



Secretary, Assam and Director General of Police, Assam visited different districts of Assam to brief the DCs/SsP and CAPF officials



about the security arrangement to be made for publication of draft NRC. Moreover, a number of video conferences were also held by senior officials of state with DCs & SsP to guide and monitor the process.



Appreciation



Role of Assam Police was highly appreciated all over the country for the process of peaceful publication of complete draft NRC in Assam which was one of the major achievement in the year 2018. It was a matter of wide accolade of All India DGSP / IGSP Conference held in Gujarat towards the end of 2018.

