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Meghalaya Conducts Civil Defence Mock Exercise on Air Raid & Blackout

As per directive received from the Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards (DGFSCD&HG), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, New Delhi, the Directorate of Civil Defence & Home Guards, Meghalaya, Shillong today conducted a Civil Defence Mock Exercise on Air Raid and Blackout entitled "ARMEX-I 2026".

The Mock Exercise on Air Raid and Blackout was conducted in all districts of the State involving all Important stakeholders such as the Airforce, Army, Police, SDRF, Home Guards, Civil Defence Wardens & Volunteers, Fire & Emergency Services, Health Department, Power Department, SDMA, DDMA, DIPR, Dorbar Shnong and Traditional Village Bodies, NCC, NSS, NYKS etc.

"ARMEX I 2026" mock exercise was conducted in two stages viz STAGE I comprising of simulations on Search & Rescue Operations, Fire Response, Evacuation and Medical Response etc and STAGE II comprising of simulation on Air Raid Sirens and Blackout.

STAGE I commenced from 3 PM and concluded at 4 PM and STAGE II commence from 6:59 PM and conclude at 7:02 PM. In STAGE I, the Civil Defence Siren was sounded at 3PM noon in all districts of the State indicating an Air Raid and the commencement of the Mock Exercise. Pre-identified incident sites simulating missile impact and drone attacks saw responders such as SDRF, Fire and Emergency Services, Police, QRTs of Civil Defence & Home Guards, Civil Defence wardens and volunteers, village bodies, NCC, NSS working in tandem to mitigate the impact of Aerial Attack.

At 4 PM, the Civil Defence Siren sounded the All Clear signal in all districts of the State indicating the neutralization of Aerial threat and also the conclusion of the Mock Exercise and demobilization or regrouping of all stakeholders and participants in the Mock Exercise.

In the second stage of the Mock Exercise, i.e. STAGE II, the Civil Defence Siren was sounded at 7PM in the evening signaling an Air Raid and the commencement of Blackout. The Blackout lasted for two minutes and ended at 7:02 PM sharp with the sounding of the All-Clear Signal through the Civil Defence Siren thus concluding the Mock Exercise, ARMEX I.

The highlight of ARMEX I was the debriefing session held at State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) in Shillong and the District Emergency Operations Centres (DEOC) in all 12 Districts. Chaired by Smt. M. W. Nongbri, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management and Co-Chaired by Shri MK Sangma, Director of Civil Defence, Meghalaya, the Debriefing Session on ARMEX I saw the participation of all stakeholders reviewing the performance of the mock exercise. Important feedbacks to further improve the Mock Exercise was submitted by all Stakeholders.

As part of the Nation's Civil Defence preparedness for protection and safeguarding of civilian lives during conflict and wars, Civil Defence mock exercise on Air Raid will be held twice every year with the aim of generating public awareness and preparedness.

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PIC 1: CIVIL DEFENCE AIR RAID/ MOCK EXERCISE: BUILDING COLLAPSED IN GHADC BUILDING COMPLEX, WILLIAMNAGAR, EAST GARO HILLS, MEGHALAYA



PIC 2: CIVIL DEFENCE AIR RAID/ MOCK EXERCISE: GHADC BUILDING COMPLEX, WILLIAMNAGAR, EAST GARO HILLS, MEGHALAYA



PIC 2: CIVIL DEFENCE AIR RAID/ MOCK EXERCISE: FIRE INCIDENT IN WILLIAMNAGAR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, WILLIAMNAGAR, EAST GARO HILLS, MEGHALAYA

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Photo Caption 1: CD Vols participation in rescue operation at Tura Super Market



Photo Caption 2: NCC Cadets participates in rescue operations at Tura Super Market as part of ARMEX I, Civil Defence Mock Exercise on Air Raid and Black Out



Photo Caption 3: Rescue operation by SDRF Personnel at Tura Super Market

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