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DEFENCE SNIPPETS

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AIR FORCE TO ACQUIRE MORE FLATS FOR REHABILITATION OF WIDOWS

The Indian Air Force plans to acquire 16 more flats (MIG and LIG) at Baroda and Hyderabad for the rehabilitation of widows of Air Force personnel. This will bring the total number of flats already purchased for the purpose at Calcutta, Bangalore, Bombay, Jullundur, Jodhpur, Jamnagar and Lucknow, to 53.

The decision to acquire these flats was taken during a meeting of the Managing Council of the Air Force Benevolent Association held at Air Headquarters in New Delhi on April 6 under the Chairmanship of Air Chief Marshal I.H. Latif, Chief of the Air Staff.

AIR CHIEF FELICITATES OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN

At a function held at Air Headquarters in New Delhi on April 6, Air Chief Marshal I.H. Latif, Chief of the Air Staff, felicitated 24 outstanding sportsmen of the Air Force who have distinguished themselves in various fields.

DEFENCE SERVICES CHIEFS GREET DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

The Chiefs of Staff of the Defence Services have sent messages of greetings to Shri Jagjivan Ram, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, on the occasion of his 72nd birthday on April 5.

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ARMY CHIEF ENGINEER VISITS DEFENCE PROJECT

Brig N.L. Bery, Chief Engineer Southern Command who arrived in Madras from Pune on April 2 visited the new Headquarters of the Chief Engineer South Zone near Island Grounds in Madras on April 3 and held discussions with Brig Basant Mullick, Chief Engineer on the Rs. 15-crore engineering project for the proposed Naval Academy near Chingleput.

AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS / 1200 KGS OF FOOD PACKETS

On the request of the Himachal Govt. two Air Force helicopters from Jammu air dropped 1200 Kgs of food packets and essential commodities to the avalanche hit village Kumti located at 9500 ft. in Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

The village remains cut off due to land slides and hit by avalanche since first week of March.

ARMY RECRUITING TEAM SUNDARBANI

An Army Recruiting Team will visit SUNDERBANI from April 9, 1979 to April 13, 1979 and will conduct inspection at Sunderbani, Alpo Rear.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF WESTERN NAVAL COMMAND

Vice Admiral V.E.C. Barbosa, took over the Western Naval Command as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief from Vice Admiral R.K.S. Gandhi at an impressive ceremony held in INS Angre in Bombay on March 3.

BRIG LAHIRI IN ALLAHABAD CITY

Brig B.B. Lahiri, Inspector Signals Technical Trade Jabalpur, arrived in Allahabad on March 23 on a three-days official visit of Signal Units of Allahabad.

During his stay, he visited various Signal Units and Headquarters Central Air Command, Ramrauli.

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