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KRANTI EXPEDITION TO MOUNTAIN RATHONG PEAK

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Lt Gen L.S. Rawat, Chief of Staff, Southern Command flagged off the Kranti expedition to mountain Rathong peak in Sikkim yesterday. The Rathong peak, situated at a height of 24,032 feet in West Sikkim has technically been classified a very difficult mountain, requiring grit, determination, physical and mental robustness of a very high order.

This is the first 11 Gorkha Rifles expedition and is led by a well-known mountaineer Maj KV Cherian, who has led 4 Mountaineering expeditions, including Indo-American expedition to Sia-Kangri in 1986 and has also participated in three other expeditions including the Indian Army expedition to Mount Everest in 1985. The team consists of 20 Gorkha jawans and officers having the 48 years Colonel KS Mall, as the oldest member and Rifleman Lakshmi Prashad Roy of 20 years the youngest.

Lt Gen JK Puri, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command has felicitated this first mountaineering expedition of 11 Gorkha Rifles and presented the Army and the 11 GR's flags to the team before its departure for the expedition.

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