62nd Anniversary of the Battle of Walong

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The Indian Army is organising month-long events to mark the **62nd anniversary** of the **Battle of Walong**, which took place during the <u>1962 war with China</u>.

- The battle saw Indian troops, despite being outnumbered and low on resources, successfully
 halted the Chinese army's advance for 27 days in the challenging terrain of Kibithu, Walong,
 and Namti Tri Junction (Tiger's Mouth).
- The 11 Infantry Brigade, with Kumaon, Sikh, Gorkha, and Dogra regiments, played a key role in defending the area against Chinese forces.
- The battles occurred at 3,000 to 14,000 feet, but 62 years later, improved infrastructure and increased Army strength have changed the situation.
- This year's commemoration will include several adventure and community activities like White water rafting, motorcycle and bicycle rallies, battlefield and adventure treks, and a half marathon.
 - The newly renovated **Walong War Memorial** and **Shaurya Sthal** at **Lama Spur** will be inaugurated.
 - Walong Day on 14 November features a wreath-laying ceremony, battle narration, and traditional performances by <u>Mishmi</u> and Meyor dancers.

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