

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 **1962 war with China**.

- 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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