

Attention: Naval Assistant

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NAVAL CENTRE FOR INCIDENT ANALYSIS (NCIA)

Reference: The Commander of the Navy's letter No. SLN.011 dated 15 Aug 15

1. As Directed vide above reference, NMA has undertaken two major studies during the period to analyse the past incidents. The programme of analysis was as follows;
 - a. **Mission Mullathiv;** From 12th to 13th June 2015, NMA executed this programme to analyse the ground and past hostile action along the coastline from Nayaruru to Mullathiv. A total of 245 personnel participated for the programme.
 - b. **Project Poonaryn;** From 11th to 13th November 2015 NMA executed this programme to analyse the ground and past hostile action in Nachchikuda, Poonaryn, Nagathivanthurai, Kalmunai Point & Sangupiddy area. A total of 210 personnel participated for this programme.
2. The incidents at above locations in the past were analysed through a research and by means of several power point based presentations. Then the analysis was subjected to on-site assessments comparing the ground and belligerent action at that time. There were on-site briefings by personnel who either were on ground at that time in the past or by group of officers who researched on the past incidents.
3. The findings and observations of these programmes were very encouraging as young officers learnt through research, past experience and personal experience. At the same time it was observed that the researchers' lacks access to details (although they are available in the Repository Data Bank) hence has relied on newspapers and clippings in internet. As a result some of their analysis were error some due to lack of authenticate data, which were corrected during the process of interactions.
4. The research teams produced following documents as described below;
 - a. **Mission Mullathiv:** Following papers were produced;
 - (1) Shipwrecks and Navigational Dangers along the Pulmudai-Chalai Coastline
 - (2) Loss of P 416 and P 461
 - (3) Logistics and Reinforcement Network of LTTE
 - (4) Mullathiv Withdrawal in 1996 and SLN Contribution
 - (5) Supreme scarification of SLN along the Mullathiv Coast during 30 years war
 - (6) Enemy Status-Quo during 1970-2007 from Kokilai to Mullathiv
 - (7) LTTE Sea Tiger Wing: Craft and Tactics used against S&N
 - (8) World Second Largest Humanitarian Rescue Operation
 - b. These research documents vividly explaining the background and happening but lack critical analysis primarily because of experience and non-exposure to this kind of

research based activities. Nevertheless they were very enthusiastic in learning and researching and it is opined that with more awareness on this new initiative better results could be expected. Further, they also produced a video documentary involving three out of four survivors of P 416 & P 461, who spend nearly two and half years under LTTE captivity. The dockets prepared are kept in the Library (NCIA Cupboard) for reference purposes after attending the corrections and amendments.

b. **Project Poonaryn:** The research teams produced two papers on Enemy status in North-Western Sea Coast and on Battle of Poonaryn in 1993. These papers are backed by two power point presentations and their copies will be held at the library for references after the corrections and amendments. Once again, the lack of exposure of officers to critical analysis was observed and it is intended to engage this shortcoming through several Round Table Discussions.

5. With this gradual build-up it is intended to focus on class room based analysis based on resources available in the Repository Data Bank, involving a senior batches when the facilities as elaborated in para 7. of above reference letter is fully established. Until, it is viewed that the best approach would be to follow more a practical oriented sessions where officers are groomed and taught for research based activities with enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Subsequently same will be extended to encompass the broad expectations of the establishment of NCIA in phased out manner.

6. Request receipt be confirmed.



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