



ASEEM FOUNDATION

Aseem Foundation is a Pune based Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that works in the strife-stricken border areas of India like Jammu and Kashmir. Although the organization recently celebrated its 11th Foundation Day, the actual ground level work has been in place since 2002. The motto of the NGO is "Development through Friendship" and the work is based on the triad of 'Communication – Trust – Development'. Over the years, Aseem has tried to connect with the common man through various means.

Aseem's efforts are now directed in three primary areas: Education and Skill Development, Social Entrepreneurship Development and Research & Awareness. Aseem has helped Kashmiri youth to establish bakeries to make biscuits branded as 'Koshur Krunch' using local resources like apples and walnuts. In educational initiatives, we arrange an annual study and exchange tours for students from border areas. 'Project Abhilasha' is a program to give an exposure to students about career opportunities and new development prospects through video conferencing.

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National Integration Park (NIP)

Casuarina, Bhor

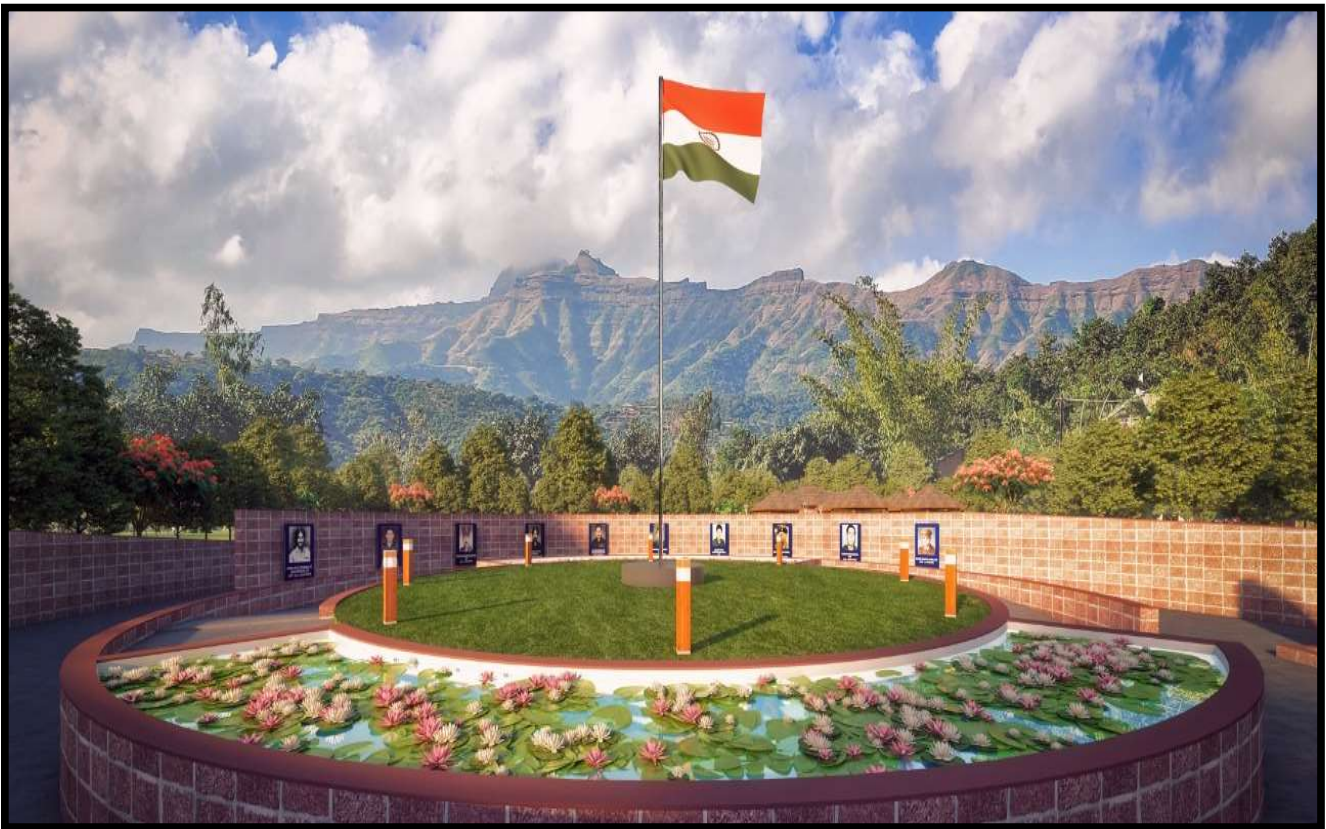


An indicative layout of Aseem's National Integration Park

Why National Integration Park (NIP)?

We know that, the future of a country lies in the hands of youth. A country has the great prospects, when equipped with an army of youth with spirit of unity, nationalism and sense of purpose. A notion of 'Nation First' will develop among the youth if they understand and make others understand too, the importance of national integrity.

We have learnt in our history books about the freedom fighters who had sacrificed their lives for our independence from British clutches. The National Integration Park will showcase the legacy of post-independent India's military heroes and the sacrifices of they made in protecting India's sovereignty. The Park symbolizes the ethos and values such as devotion to duty, esprit de corps, honesty, honour, non-discrimination, and spirit of selfless sacrifice. This park will tell you the stories of those Param Virs who lived up to the motto: "ONE FOR ALL & ALL FOR ONE".



The Indian flag at NIP is made by a group of women in Kupwara, J&K

The idea of India for which our heroes have given the ultimate sacrifice, is not just a piece of land, but a complex mixture of culture, heritage, history and most importantly, a feeling of belonging to the same common origin, of being Indian. Interestingly, the Indian flag hoisted in the park has been made by a group of women in Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir.

What is there in the NIP?



Inauguration Event on December 22, 2021

The concept of National Integration Park is conceived and developed by Aseem Foundation. It was inaugurated on December 22, 2021 by the hands of **General MM Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff**.

Location:

The National Integration Park is located at **Casuarina, Bhor**. It has a historic place Rajgad as its backdrop. Gangotree Homes & Holidays, the parental entity of Casuarina, have donated an acre of land at a very nominal cost for this cause.

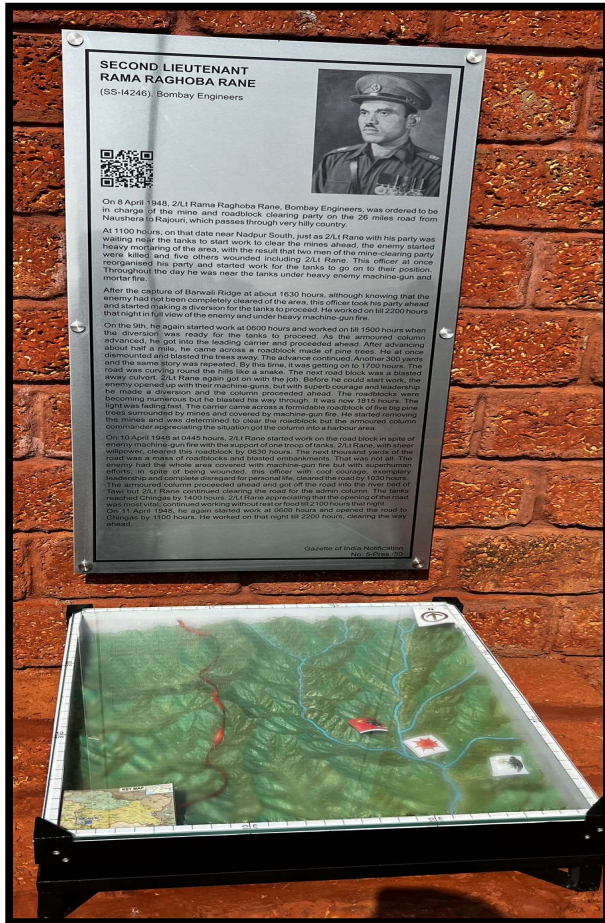
Rays of Hope:

ऐ मेरे वतन के लोगों, ज़रा आँख में भर लो पानी। जो शहीद हुए हैं उनकी, ज़रा याद करो कुरबानी।।

(Oh, my fellow citizens! Shed a few tears. **Remember the sacrifice of those martyrs.**)

No doubt, these lines by poet Pradeep bring tears to our eyes, but what exactly we do to bring memories of those 'bravest of the braves' to life?

Here at Rays of Hope, there will be twenty-one metal boards, each decorated with an image and a citation of the respective Param Vir Chakra awardee. There will also be a sand model of battlefield, which will give us an idea about the roughness of terrain and the extreme harsh natural forces at play.



Interesting Fact: There will a QR code on the metal board where you can listen to story of the PVC awardee in Marathi as well as English.

The Rays of Hope is jeweled with the precious ratnas who played role of sturdy walls by thwarting enemy's attack on our territorial integrity. These heroes may belong to different communities, regions, services, regiments, units, ranks, age groups and different periods of post-Independence history of India. But what is common to all of them is the feeling of patriotism and the display of the highest level of valour on the battlefield.

While walking in front of these Param Vir Chakra boards, one will feel overwhelmed reliving their dynamic character and the invincible war histories they have created. No doubt, the message of these martyrs will go

on echoing in your mind forever:

When you go home, tell them of us and say

For your tomorrow, we gave our today



Param Vir Yatra- Kalash:

Bhumipujan of the NIP was performed with a kalash of soil collected through an exciting 'Param Vir Yatra' of various battlegrounds like Rezang La, Drass (Vikram Batra Point, Tololing, and Tiger Hill), Siachen Base Camp, Chushul, Tithwal and Srinagar Airport, Budgam.

The idea behind 'Param Vir Yatra' was to make a pilgrimage to those sacred places, where our 'Param Virs' had fought till their last breath and ensured our victory in the battlefield. The soil is collected from every such

sacred place and preserved in the Kalash that is placed near Inauguration wall.

Cultural Huts: *Abodes of our rich heritage*

The NIP also consists of huts showcasing rich cultural heritage of some of our border areas like Ladakh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland.

It has information boards highlighting various aspects of the region like history, geography, cuisine, ecology, language, costumes, music and dance etc.

These huts will take you on a wonderful tour of our beautiful border regions.

Team-building Games:

At NIP, we strive to give visitors an experience illuminated with the importance of national unity. The visitors will experience the valour of these heroes at the Park, which is located away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The team-building games organised at the Park will help in gaining the 'knowledge of the self'. The Park will give new vigour to the youthful generation to challenge their fears and set boundaries.

The two main qualities that will stand out at National Integration Park are HARMONY and SOLIDARITY.

HARMONY	SOLIDARITY
Development of mutual trust and understanding	Facilitation of cooperation and collaboration
A sense of belonging and cultural worth	Teamwork and team spirit
Effective and enthusiastic communication	Peaceful and agreeable decision making
Ability to compromise and desire for consensus	Capability to problem solve in a stressful situation

The aim is that youth should learn to live together on the basis of mutual respect and understanding, helping one another, sharing and caring for the benefit of all. Learning to live together requires a dynamic, holistic, life-long process involving education of all segments of society.

Monetary Sponsorship Categories

Particulars	Amount (₹)
21 Feature walls	4,83,000
Civil work and construction (Main structure, pathways, Flag post etc.)	20,00,000
Landscaping	3,50,000
Huts displaying cultures of boarder states (Huts construction, cultural dresses, mannequins, information boards)	5,75,000
Flags	25,000
Yearly Maintenance	1,80,000
Electricity + Water	50,000
Total	34,63,000

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD AND CONTRIBUTE IN WHATEVER CAPACITY YOU CAN,
LET'S BUILD A STRONG NATION.**

THANK YOU!