



BIO-DATA OF COL KOJ TARI (RETD)

Born to Lt Koj Hanya and Lt Koj Yaba of Dutta Village, Ziro (Arunachal Pradesh), Col Koj Tari (Retd) is an alumnus of Sainik School, Imphal; National Defence Academy, Pune; Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; and Defence Service Staff College, Wellington. He started his schooling from Govt M.E. School, Hija, then studied in Govt L.P.School and Govt H.S. School, Tezu before joining Sainik School. After graduation from National Defence Academy (JNU) and military training in Indian Military Academy, he was commissioned into 11 Battalion, the JAT Regiment. After 32 and a half years of distinguished service in Indian Army, Col Tari (retd) joined the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission as a Member in December' 2023.

During his service in Indian Army, Col Tari tenanted important command, instructional and staff appointments, and has rich experience in operation, training and administration in different parts of the country - including Line of Control, International borders, Intense Counter Insurgency environment of J&K and Manipur. To hone his professional skill, he successfully completed courses for Young Officers, Commando course, Security Course in Military Intelligence Training School & Depot, Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare, Defence Service Staff Course, Junior and Senior Command Courses in Army War College. As an Instructor, he trained Indian and Foreign Armies as well as Central Armed Police Forces in Counter Insurgency Operations and Jungle Warfare. In recognition of his distinguished services and conduct of successful combat operations, he earned medals, commendations and appreciations.

An avid sportsperson with equal zeal in academics since his school days, he has balanced achievements in both these fields at modest level - National Talent Search Scholarship from NCERT (class X) through Written Test and the Interview conducted in Jadavpur University, Kolkatta, a Book Prize for obtaining the highest mark in Social Science subject during graduation at National Defence Academy, First in Academics, Essay Writings etc. In sports, he won Best Athlete Trophy (Senior) in Zone-II, Imphal, Manipur; Gold Medal in Cross Country Race among students of Sainik Schools during Annual Training Camp at Panchagani, Maharashtra; Medals in Cross Country Race and Football in National Defence Academy, Pune; third Best among Indian Army Officers in Battle Physical Efficiency Test during Defence Service Staff College course. He holds First Class M Sc degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from Madras University, First Class M Sc degree in Counselling Psychology from MLC University, Diploma in Senior Defence Management, and an Advance Diploma-I Certificate in Chinese language.

As a resource person, he conducted Career and Psychological counselling of students/candidates at Shillong, Tezu, Namsai, Naharlagun and Itanagar. He was also detailed as the Presiding Officer/ Member of Boards which successfully screened and assessed a number of candidates in different parts of the country. While in service, he also got opportunity to serve in Arunachal Pradesh for a brief period of few months each in Kameng, Lohit and Tirap sectors where he could become a natural interface between local population/civil departments and the military authorities, facilitating better coordination and cooperation for the security and development of our state and the country.