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CEO, Agartala Smart City Ltd & West Tripura DM's
clarification on the shifting of the war tank from Post Office
Chowmuni to Albert Ekka Park

Post office Chowmuhani had a war memorial which had one tank & one artillery gun captured from East Pakistan during 1971 war. Also Army had a small war memorial at Lichubagan dedicated to martyrs of 1971 war. LNK Albert Ekka was awarded Param Veer Chakra for battle of Gangasagar which was a part of 1971 Indo-pak war. He saved Agartala from being captured by erstwhile East Pakistan. It was a long standing demand of Indian Army to make a big war memorial combining both of these war memorials. Army & Sainik board raised this issue in front of honble CM after new Govt came to Power in 2018. The project was taken up under Smart City Mission after open tender at a cost of Rs 4.83 Crore. The Albert Ekka War memorial is already under construction at Lichubagan. The replica of existing 40 feet victory pillar at Post office Chowmuhani has been constructed at Lichubagan park. The tank & the artillery gun have been shifted from Post office Chowmuhani to Alber Ekka war memorial on newly constructed granite base. This has been done after written permission from Sainik Board & several consultations over last one year with Indian Army authorities. The post office Chowmuhani with an existing diameter of 28 metres is reason for traffic jams in the area. The Post office Chowmuhani will be reconstructed with a reduced diameter of 18 metres on the theme of Tree of Life under the same project of Smart City Mission. Also as per information obtained from Brigadier (Retd) JP Tiwari of State Sainik Board, the tank & the gun which have been shifted today have no connection with erstwhile king of Tripura. Some unscrupulous elements are spreading rumours regarding this to create a communal disharmony.

The only aim is to fulfill the longstanding demand of Armed Forces to create a befitting war memorial for the 1971 war & Alber Ekka, a demand which remained unfulfilled for decades.
