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The local population overwhelmingly responded to the Army’s initiative for organising the Epic Run-2019 with over 1500 participants. The event was divided into three categories. 2 Km Walk & Run included a total of 290 Senior Citizens and Children upto class V, whereas 5 Km Walk & Run was open to children in the age group between 13-17 years and people upto age of 60 years. This was the most popular category with an overwhelming response with more than 1000 people participating in it and lastly, 10 Km Walk & Run the most challenging category of this event where 213 persons of the age group 18 to 60 years have participated.

The event culminated with the felicitation of each participant and each podium finisher was awarded a medallion and a certificate. In addition, the eldest male and female participants were also felicitated separately. Local populace of Pedong and nearby villages appreciated the efforts made by the Army to organise this event for the people.