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# Pall of gloom descends on chopper crash victim H.N Deka's village



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A pall of gloom (/taxonomy/term/1907) descended on Panbari Paghali Village adjacent to Jajori of Morigaon (/taxonomy/term/101) district, the native Village of Indian Army soldier Hemananda deka, popularly known as 'Okoni', who was killed when an Indian Air (/taxonomy/term/2189) Force (IAF) Mi-17 V5 helicopter crashed near Tawang in Arunachal (/taxonomy/term/2194) Pradesh, close to Indo-China border on Friday morning killing all seven military personnel on board.

The family members were shocked to hear the news and were inconsolable. Hemananda Deka is survived by his parents, wife with a six year old baby girl.

Son of Nandiram Deka and Binda deka, 34-year-old Hemananda joined Indian Army in the year 2002 at the age of 19 as cadet. As soon (/taxonomy/term/2206) as the news of his demise spread across, thousands of people of nearby villages reached Hemananda's residence and tried to console his family members. As per locals, Hemananda was of a cool nature and helpful to each and everyone.

Meanwhile, Hemananda's body is likely to reach the village in the late evening and will be cremated at his native village. MLA of Batadrava Angoorlata deka condoled the saddened demise of soldier Hemananda deka and extended her heartfelt sympathies to the members of bereaved family.

It may be mentioned here that Mi-17 V5 IAF chopper crashed around 6.30 a.m on Friday at an altitude of 17,000 feet near Tawang when it was on an air maintenance mission. The helicopter was flying to Yangtse to drop off kerosene jerry cans at an Army camp. The charred bodies of seven, including the pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer and two army soldiers were found (/taxonomy/term/1802) at the crash site close to the border with China.



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