

## **A Sigh of Relief to Parents**

This is the narration of the incident which happened with a small boy on 18th of February 2017 towards the morning hours in the Silchar city, near BT College, opposite to 1st Link Road.

It was normal Saturday morning for all the people who reside in and around BT college area coping up with same hustle and bustle in the city. Everybody was moving through the streets of Link Road to their own workplaces, schools and colleges and other concerned places of importance, when suddenly, a boy came to their vision who was seen standing in the chajja (extended unused balcony towards the outer part of a building) of the 5th floor of the apartment named Snehalata Residency.

The name of the boy was Ankit Paul. He was just a boy of 13 years old and was himself unknown that how he went up to that place. The boy seemed to be in a troubled state with urge to help him out. He seemed to be a little acrophobic and was in dire need of help. His eyes were in need of somebody who can come up to him and rescue him from that height.



Fig1: The boy named Ankit Paul trapped in the chajja (extended balcony)

The people around that building seemed to outcry with fear of that boy collapsing down. The height being too high for a normal person to get up to, nobody dared or rather could do anything. With every passing minute, the situation was growing to be dreadful and everybody around was in great panic just to rescue the boy. His parents seemed to be helpless and wanted something magical to rescue back their son to their parental warmth.

During that very troublesome situation someone from their locality thought of calling up District Disaster Management Authority Control Room by dialling at the emergency number 1077 with some hope of the boy being rescued. After the information was received at DEOC they immediately started working for it. An advanced rescue tender

along with SDRF team was immediately sent to the incident spot. A fire rescue team was also sent to mitigate the problem as it was a height related one.



Fig2: Team preparing to rescue Ankit Paul

After a lot of turmoil by the efforts of the SDRF team and the support of the local volunteers & people around the mission to get back the boy down from that height was finally complete. Two volunteers of the locality viz. Mr. Manna and Mr. Das has taken active part of the rescue operation and rescued the boy from the height and the help of SDRF Team. Here one example is created by the volunteers and its proved that community strengthening is extremely important for Disaster Risk Reduction.



Fig 3: Rescue process of the boy going on

The boy was successfully rescued and shifted to the nearby hospital, SMCH for immediate and essential first aid reasons.



Fig 4: SDRF team along with local people/volunteers finally rescued the Ankit Paul

As it is said that all is well that ends wells. The team of Disaster Management was apt enough to bring a sigh of relief to all those who trusted them and believed that they are the ones who can rescue them genuinely. This believe of the people was what added up in bringing a little smile in the face of the boy, Ankit Paul who was rescued.



Fig 5: The boy Ankit finally stressed out after being rescued

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