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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **BSF DEDICATES 2016 AS “DIVYAANG YODHA VARSH”**

**FLAG-IN CEREMONY OF INFINITY RIDE 2016 THE PARA CYCLING EXPEDITION OF  
BSF AND ADITYA MEHTA FOUNDATION AT KHARDUNG LA, LADAKH BY HON'BLE  
MoS (HOME) SHRI KIREN RIJJU**

1. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD) is running the **Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)** for creating universal accessibility in built environment, public transportation and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) eco-system. Hon'ble Prime Minister, while chairing a meeting before launch of Accessible India Campaign (AIC) had desired that the campaign be made a mass movement by involving citizens in various States and sensitizing the society towards disability and the need for accessibility.

2. Always eager to contribute in nation building, Border Security Force has resolved to mark the year 2016 as the year of “Divyang Yodha”. A Para Cycling Expedition with the name ‘Infinity Ride-2016’ has started from Manali (Himachal Pradesh) on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 to kick start the drive of empowerment of Divyangjan. The expedition has covered 583 Kms of Himalayan heights to exhibit the commitment of BSF that nothing is impossible. The infinity ride team had nine divyangjan of BSF, other CAPFs

and of Aditya Mehta Foundation which were duly supported by BSF Institute of Advance Adventure Training (BIAAT) and AMF. The total team of 34 members have successfully rode through tough terrain, in difficult weather conditions, crossing many treacherous mountain passes and reached Khardung La on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016, the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, to celebrate the victory of divyangjan over their inhibitions within.

3. This Para Cycling Expedition was flagged off on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 at Nehru Park, Manali by HE Acharya Devvrat, The Governor of Himachal Pradesh. Today, the expedition was flagged-in by Hon'ble MoS (Home) Shri Kiren Rijiju at Khardung La, Ladakh in the presence of ADG BSF Dr A P Maheshwari and IG BSF Shri Aditya Mishra. Shri Kiren Rijiju was appreciative of the efforts of BSF for taking the initiative in the field of empowerment of divyangjan. He applauded the Infinity Ride Team-2016 for their resolute commitment to the cause. Shri Kiren Rijiju said that today's achievement of conquering Himalayan heights by Para Athletes in the Infinity Ride-2016 will set example to whole nation. "Nation owes its responsibility towards the members of Force who sacrifice their lives or limbs during the course of duty in protecting the Nation. Divyangjan are the people with extra ordinary capabilities. I am proud of all the CAPF Divyang soldiers & officers who have participated in the expedition," added MOS. Dr. A.P. Maheshwari, ADG, BSF in his address stated that we as a Force are committed to the cause of Divyang and this would definitely send the message across the nation that Devyanggan have the divine potentials to cross all the hurdles and perform much more than the ordinary. Honb'le MP of Leh Shri Thupstan Tsewang graced that occasion along with DC and SSP Leh.

4. The Para Cycling Expedition from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 was led by Shri R K Negi, Commandant BSF from BSF Institute of Adventure and Advance Training (BIAAT). The 34 member expedition was participated by 13 riders from BSF, 03 from CRPF and 18 from Aditya Mehta Foundation.

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