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BSF CELEBRATED 'WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY' IN THE PRESENCE OF MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF INDIA SH J P NADDA

The "First line of India's Defence", Border Security Force raised on 1st Dec 1965 for guarding Indo-Pak (now both Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangla) borders of 6387 Kms is considered world's largest Border Guarding Force with its manpower of around two hundred fifty thousand. The Force draws its uniqueness with its own air and water wings, artillery wing, camel- house- canine contingents, ISO certified institutions like Tear smoke unit, training centres branded as centre of excellence.

2. With its immaculate border management duties, BSF has become a brand for professionalism for all occasions. Be it internal security duties, general elections or any disaster response. Martial element of the force is duly supplemented by Human face as the Force bears the national and social responsibilities. It is a well-known fact that due to non-availability of transplantable organ, many precious lives are lost in our country. In BSF, the members are counselled and educated for importance of organ donation and its humanitarian value. They are being encouraged to educate their family members and relatives to commit themselves for the post life organ donation.

- 3. **World Organ Donation Day** has been observed by BSF **on 13**th **August' 2016**. The programme has been conducted by BSF in collaboration with National Organ & Tissue Transplantation Organisation (NOTTO) on 13th August' 2016 at BSF facility at Nizamuddin, New Delhi wherein 1500 BSF personnel who have volunteered to take pledge and register them for organ donation. This ceremony will also mark the beginning of the drive in which whole BSF family of over 10 lac members will be participating. Union Health and Family Welfare minister, Govt. of India Shri J P Nadda was the chief guest to the function.
- 4. Hon'ble Minister was received by Sh Krishan Kumar Sharma, Director General BSF along with senior officers of BSF at BSF facility at Nizamuddin. Chief Guest was presented a guard of honour. Welcoming the chief guest and other dignitaries to the occasion DG BSF extended gratitude and re-iterated commitment of BSF for all social causes of Nation building. Sh Sharma said that in addition to securing the nation's boundaries, Border Security Force is always participative to the services of humanity. The initiative of BSF for after-life organ and tissue donation is taking BSF to a new height. True to the motto of 'JEEWAN PARYANT KARTAVYA' where BSF men are ready to give supreme sacrifice for security of nation, with today's pledge we moved a step further to 'JEEWAN UPRANT KARTAVYA' also.
- 5. Hon'ble Minister Shri J P Nadda appreciated the initiative and rated it as a huge step for the fulfilment of the cause. He conveyed that after life organ and tissue donation shall be considered the supreme among all of social services. Minister said that a faulty organ of a human being cannot be replicated artificially. It has to come from within. For saving lives of needy who need organ transplantation, volunteers for donating the same is required. The huge gap between the **demand** of

organs to the **supply** of it can only be fulfilled by such bold initiative as BSF has taken today. Shri J P Nadda, Hon'ble Minister applauded the donors of BSF who taken the pledge of donating organ and tissues after life for saving precious lives of citizen and said that it will be setting an example for others to come forward.

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