



BORDER SECURITY FORCE

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PRESS NOTE

BSF TO HAVE 5 CONTINGENTS FOR REPUBLIC DAY PARADE

The world's largest border guarding force will salute the Hon'ble President of India on January 26, 2015, with a total of five contingents. BSF would have the highest number of contingents present in comparison to any other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of India.

1. Foot Band Marching Contingent

Led by SI Pankaj Raval and following the footsteps of BSF's marching contingent. The Brass Band will play the "VIJAY BHARAT" tune. It would consist of 91 Force personnel. This very band had bagged the 1st position during the 8th All India Police Band Competition in 2006-07 held in Jaipur, 10th All India Police Band Competition 2009-10 in Secunderabad (AP) and 12th All India Police Band Competition – 2012 in New Delhi.

2. Foot Marching Contingent

BSF will lead the marching contingent for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). Shri Rakesh Kumar, DC, Deputy Commandant, will be commanding the contingent. This contingent consists of 147 Force Personnel, which will have a presence from thirteen BSF Frontiers coming in from various parts of the Country. The countrywide participation truly reflects national integration and unity in diversity.

3. Camel Mounted Contingent

Under the command of Shri Kuldeep J Choudhary, Deputy Commandant, these ships of the desert will march on the Rajpath. They are the only dependable companions of the Bordermen in the dry & arid Thar Desert of Rajasthan and the inhospitable terrain of The Rann of Kutch. The 54 camel mounted Troops

have been instrumental in successfully tracking down several notorious smugglers and extremists in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

4. Camel Mounted Band Contingent

BSF's camel mounted Band is unique and the only band of its kind in the entire world. The band will be led by SI Phoola Ram. The band was raised by Rajasthan Frontier of the Border Security Force during 1986-1987. This popular Band is a permanent feature in Rajasthan's desert and Marwar festivals and has also participated in various Tattoo Shows. This Camel Mounted Band Contingent consists 36 Force Personnel. The president of USA has also appreciated the performance of BSF's Camel Mounted Band during his visit to Delhi on November 5th, 2010.

5. Jan Baz (Motorcycle Stuntmen)

BSF's motorcycle stunt team 'Jan Baz' has been captivating audiences since its inception in 1990. The team was formed with the aim of showcasing to the world that the Border-Man not only guards but possesses other skills such as marksmanship and acrobatics by displaying various acts of dare-devilry while riding Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycles. The riders are trained at BSF's Central School of Motor Transport, part of the BSF Academy, Tekanpur.

Their name has been featured in the Limca Book of World Records. In 2006, 'Jan Baz' created two new world records by forming a Human Pyramid of 26 Jan Baz stuntmen riding on just 3 Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycles, covering a distance of 1km in 1 minute 16 seconds. The other record was created by having 40 Jan Baz stuntmen ride on just 1 Bullet motorcycle covering a distance of 32 meters in 48.11 seconds.

During the Republic Day Parade, BSF's 'Jan Baz' team consisting 210 Force personnel will perform the following stunts led by Insp Amit Kumar and Team:

- a. Border Man Salute
- b. Side Riding
- c. Ladder Double
- d. Neck Riding
- e. Harmony
- f. Exercise
- g. Yoga
- h. JanBaz

- i. Parallel Bar
- j. Human Pyramid
- k. Guldasta
- l. Seema Prahari
- m. Flag March

About BSF

India's first line of defence, the Border Security Force (BSF) is one of the world's largest para-military forces. It has been safeguarding the India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders since its inception on December 1, 1965. Apart from its prime responsibility of guarding the international borders of India during times of peace and harmony, BSF continues to remain deeply involved in combating insurgency, militancy and law & order related issues across various interior regions of the country. Similarly, during an actual war or war-like situation, the BSF works as a force multiplier and contributes substantially towards the overall war efforts. It helps and enables in building a formidable front line to protect India's national interests.

Today, almost *50 years* later the BSF has emerged as an elite border guarding force of the country, with the distinction of having excelled during the 1971 war with Pakistan.

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