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BSF TO ORGANISE AN ALL WOMEN CAMEL SAFARI FROM KUTCH TO ATTARI

New Delhi, Tuesday, February 10, 2014: India's First Line of Defence, the Border Security Force, which has been safeguarding the India – Pakistan and India – Bangladesh borders since 1965 has come together with Tata Steel Adventure Foundation to organise an all Women Camel Safari along India's international border with Pakistan. The month long safari will commence from The Rann of Kutch to Attari – Wagah joint border post in Punjab. *The* flagging-off the Safari will be on February 24, 2015 from Bhuj in Gujarat. The team will be led by Dr Saroj Shinde, Assistant Commandant of BSF.

The expedition aims to promote the spirit of adventure and enterprise among young women and men of India. From a national perspective, it will promote national integration and patriotism. The team will interact with the border population, youth clubs and school children at multiple locations. The teams would also be visiting various historical places along the way.

The participants undergone specially designed training programs organized by BSF's Gujrat Frontier at Bhuj. BSF has also arranged for a camel tattoo show to make the launch event far more engaging for the visitors.

The expedition will largely run parallel to the international border with Pakistan. However, due to harsh condition at The Rann of Kutch, a few detours might be taken in the Gujarat areas. In totality the expedition will cover approximately 2190 Kms across three frontiers of BSF: 700 Kms in Gujarat within 10 days, 1190 Kms in Rajasthan within 11 days

and 300 Kms in Punjab within 4 days. The entire route is quite adventurous includes three different types of terrain.

Team Composition: The expedition will be led by Dr Saroj Shinde, Asstt Commandant of BSF alongwith 26 Women (12 from BSF and 14 from TATA Steel Adventure Foundation). 12 BSF women are Mahila Constable Prajapati Mital, Mahila Constable Prajapati Kamble, Mahila Sub Inspector Pintu Choudhary, Mahila Constable Deepa M, Mahila Constable Varsha K, Mahila Constable Ekonkr Durga, Mahila Constable Pinal Bahen Damor, Mahila Constable Saraswti V, Mahila Constable Kavita, Mahila Constable Santita Gound, Mahila Constable Mukesh Kumari and Mahila Constable Geeta Devi.

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