



BORDER SECURITY FORCE

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Main attraction during Golden Jubilee day

- ✓ Parade by BSF Mahila foot contingent.
- ✓ Unveiled of two books “**Annual Magazine-Bordermen& BSF History**”.
- ✓ Camel acrobatics show
- ✓ Dog show
- ✓ Tableau of Fast Attack Craft
- ✓ Tableau of latest techniques of communication
- ✓ Heart throbbing BSF Motor cycle show.

PRESS RELEASE

BSF GOLDEN JUBILEE DAY PARADE CELEBRATED

1. BSF completed its sterling 50 years in the service of the Nation on 1st December 2015. The force has celebrated its ‘**Golden Jubilee**’ to commemorate this historic milestone. The country’s history will record the contribution of the first wall of defence’s i.e. BSFs valour, sacrifices and utmost dedication to the motherland in golden words.
2. An impressive parade & marchpast conducted at BSF Campus Chhawla, New Delhi during Golden Jubilee BSF Day Parade, Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and took the salute from smart assay of contingents representing various frontiers & wings. Men of 11 Frontiers, Mahila Contingent, Dare Devil Riders, Artillery, Dog Squad and Padma Shri & Arjuna awardee participated.
3. The misty morning air of Chhawla Parade Ground was filled with the joyous reverberation and spontaneous clapping of the audience in attendance. The BSF musical band dressed in its smart attire lent a tune to the cheering audiences, who enjoyed the colourful and disciplined display of the force.
4. Smart march of BSF’s mahila contingent smartly dressed in camouflaged disruptive pattern combat uniform with Beretta weapons in their hand stole the show. The strength of Mahila foot contingent was 45 which includes 01-Officer (Doctor), 02-Subordinate Officers, and 42-Mahila Constables. Their average height is 5 feet 5 inch. BSF inducted Mahila GD Constables in 2008 and then inducted Sub Inspector (GD) in 2009 and now inducting Mahila Assistant Commandant as Officers (GD) in 2015.

5. Tableau of Fast Attack Craft was the epicenter of attraction for visitors. Fast Attack Craft was recently inducted in BSF for Gujarat borders. Fast Attack Craft(FAC) guards the marshy creeks at Kutch border. The American made FAC can cover a distance of one kilometre in 15 to 20 seconds with speed ranging between 30 to 35 nautical miles. The crafts are response vessels that can respond to any suspicious activity observed or on receipt of input especially in anti-terrorist operations. The FAC are bullet proof and are fitted with arms at the hull. It is equipped with latest stealth technology that enhances operations at the water by minimizing reflections of radar, infrared or visible lights that alarm the enemies. The crafts have navigation and communication, night vision mechanism and technology to coordinate with the border outposts on ground and floating border outposts.

6. Another tableau which is showing the latest technology introduced in the force. BISAG, which is a Direct Satellite Dish TV transmission system, has been made functional in BSF and regular programmes are being broadcasted from Satellite Earth Station in Ahmadabad (Gujarat). At present, the system is working on a Free-to-air channel.

7. People also witnessed the heart throbbing activities act of Dare Devil BSF Motor cycle riders. The Dare Devil BSF Motor Cycle show by the Name '**JANBAZ**'. BSF Motor Cycle team was started in the year 1990 with the aim to display dare devil shows riding 350 cc Enfield bullet motor cycle bikes. Over the period of time the team has achieved many successes by performing dare devils shows at various national occasions throughout the country and brought laurels to this elite Force. Since its inception the team has recorded its name in the **Limca Book of World Records** and has become known to the whole nation.

8. During the ceremony, a dog of BSF squad namely SHERA presented a bouquet to Hon'ble Chief guest. These Dogs are trained by BSF's National Training Centre, Tekanpur and have an equally significant role to play along with his master. They have also participated in a number of National and International Competitions.

9. The unique BSF Camel Contingent participated in BSF Day Parade. Troops of the BSF on camels, holding various modern arms of combat and the BSF musical band. Contingent on Camels will inspire as well elevate the head and heart of the millions or viewers. The camels have shown the acrobatics during the BSF Day Parade.

10. Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh released two books. One is the BSF Annual Magazine—"**Bordermen**". The magazine is a collection of stories of accomplishments by our soldiers who have given their blood and sweat for the country. Another one is "**BSF History-The First Line of Defence: Glorious 50 years of the BSF**" which is compiled during the Golden Jubilee Year under the guidance of Shri D K Pathak, IPS, Director General BSF.

11. Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh presented the medals to the brave soldiers for their gallant heroic acts and to Officers for their distinguished service. He presented 01 (one) Police medal for Gallantry and 17 (seventeen) President's Police Medal for Distinguished service.

12. Hon'ble Union Home Minister also presented the prestigious trophies to the winners. The **General Choudhary Trophy-2015** was won by 192 Battalion BSF and received by ShriSatwinder Pal Singh, Commandant, **DG's Banner – 2015** won by 89 Battalion BSF and received by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Commandant, **DG's Banner LWE (OPS) – 2015**, won by 123 Battalion BSF and received by ShriVijay Singh, Commandant, **Ashwini Kumar Trophy (Sports & Training) – 2015** won by BSF Jammu Frontier and received by ShriRakesh Sharma, IG and **MaharanaPratap Trophy to Best Border Management – 2015** won by BSF Jammu Frontier received by ShriRakesh Sharma, IG.

13. Union Home Minister ShriRajnath Singh has lauded the Border Security Force (BSF) for effectively checking cattle smuggling across the Bangladesh border. Addressing the Golden Jubilee Parade here today, ShriRajnath Singh said there has been a sharp 70% decline in such incidents. He added that this step has been widely hailed from all quarters, - North and South India - wherever he visited on tour.

14. Noting with appreciation the effective retaliation by the BSF to ceasefire violations by Pakistan, ShriRajnath Singh said this has reimposed the faith of the nation upon the BSF to guard the borders with vigilance. Observing that during his recent visit to China, he was apprised that the Great Wall of China used to be their first line of defence, ShriRajnath Singh said one might well say that here in India the BSF is the nation's first "wall" of defence.

15. The Union Home Minister also recalled the contribution of the BSF to Internal Security including anti-terrorism and LWE operations, and humanitarian efforts such as Disaster Rescue and Relief during Gujarat earthquake earlier and the J&K floods last year. ShriRajnath Singh also praised the BSF for undertaking the Swachh Bharat campaign and a massive plantation drive that earned the force a place in the record books.

16. On this occasion, Director General Border Security Force, Shri D K Pathak also addressed a large audience. He recalled Border Security Force journey since 1965. He said that BSF has successfully faced several challenges and crises over these years, and enjoys an excellent track record. He further stated that BSF is ready to face the challenges and is preparing itself in terms of doctrine, infrastructure, weaponry and training. He stated that BSF is carrying out relentless vigil along the borders. He reiterated BSF's commitment in bringing peace in the Maoist's infested areas where it is deployed.

17. The BSF Day celebration was also attended by senior officers of MHA, DG's of other CPO's and DG of Border Guard of Bangladesh.

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