



BORDER SECURITY FORCE

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WORLD'S LARGEST BORDER GUARDING FORCE COMPLETES ITS 50 YEARS

- ✓ From 25 battalions in 1965 to 186 battalions; deploying more than 250,000 personnel
- ✓ Safeguarding over 7000 kms along the India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders
- ✓ Recovered almost 1,500 crore worth of Heroin during this year
- ✓ Having deployed over 1,650 personnel to UN Peace Keeping Missions
- ✓ Awarded over 4,000 medals in recognition of Gallant and Meritorious service

INTRODUCTION OF BORDER SECURITY FORCE

1. BSF completes sterling 50 years in the service of the Nation on 1st December 2015. The force is celebrating 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. BSF, an elite force of the country with the strength of 25,000 personnel is today, more than 2.50 Lakh strong Force, conferring it the status of largest Border Guarding Force in the world with 186 Battalions (including 3 Disaster Management Battalions). These units are aptly supported by robust Training Institutions, an elaborated Medical

Set Up, an Artillery Regiment, Air and Water Wings, Camel contingent & Dog Squads, to come true to the current responsibility of safeguarding International Border with Pakistan and Bangladesh. The Border Security Force is a unique Force with both "Peace time" and "War time" roles and has proven its mettle in most difficult tasks assigned to it by the Government in times of Peace, War and Disturbed Peace (NWNP) at Borders and Hinterland.

Highlights: -

- Induction of lady GD officer (Assistant Commandant).
- Supply of piped water to all the BOPs.
- Advance Fiber Reinforce Plastic (FRP) hut for accommodation to Jawans.
- Induction of sand scooters in Rajasthan Ftr.
- Induction of Fast Attack Craft.
- Solar Power Station of 20 KW each to the BOPs of North East Ftrs.
- Limca record for maximum plantation.
- BSF 'Swachh Bharat, Swachh Himalaya' abhiyan.

3. The Challenge of effective policing of Indo-Pak border arose immediately after Independence. Till 1965, the police units of bordering States were entrusted with security of this border. The attack by a Pakistan Brigade on Sardar Post in Gujarat necessitated the requirement of an armed force to function under Union Govt. to ensure secured Borders. The need of the hour was to raise an Armed Force trained on the pattern of Army to defend the borders and also work like police to check trans-border crimes during peace and thereby inculcating sense of security to the border population. On the recommendations of a committee of secretaries the BSF came into being under the dynamic leadership of Shri K F Rustamji on 1st Dec 1965. Since raising BSF has been most dependable force for the Govt. in fulfilling arduous tasks and acceptable to the people of nation in times of their need.

4. Baptised by fire during various sensitive operations, the nascent force grew from strength to strength to become one of the best and trusted professional forces in the country. During the nascent years of its raising the force was tasked to assist Mukti Vahini for Bangladesh Liberation war of 1971. It is on record that BSF was mobilized before the actual war had broken out during Liberation war of Bangladesh.

5. BSF has also carved out an elevated niche among the security establishments of the nation in Internal Security, Counter Insurgency and Anti Naxal Operations through its dedication and unflinching professionalism. The professional approach and capability of meticulous execution of assigned tasks bestows the Force with the status of the most Dependable Warriors. We have defended our borders with courage and hard work, giving due respect to human rights. We have earned not only laurels but also the faith and cooperation of border population. In this 50th year of our formation we re-dedicate our services to the Nation with a resolve to perform our duties with more vigour and valour and continue to live upto our motto - 'जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य'.

6. Border Security Force has distinguished itself with flying colours in each and every task assigned to it over the years.

7. The BSF over the years has always displayed the highest standards of professionalism, valour and loyalty to the Nation while defending borders, countering internal unrest, assisting in natural disasters as well as any other duty assigned to it by the Govt. of India. It is a matter of pride that despite facing various challenges, the BSF has executed its assigned task in an exemplary manner and has earned its rightful place in matters of national security.

8. **BRIEF ABOUT BORDER**

Length of Border manned by BSF	- 6386.36 Km
- Indo-Pak Border	- 2289.66 Km (International Border)
- Indo-Bangladesh Border	- 4096.7 Kms
Total number of Ftrs	- 13
Total number of Bns	- 186 Nos. (including 3 Disaster Management Bn)

9. **ACTION ON BORDER**

Items	Dec 2014 (till 31 Oct 2015)
Seizure of Heroin in Kg	303.589 Kgs
Seizure of FICN	Rs.2,68,67,500/-
Seizure of Arms	78 Nos.
Seizure of Amn	2860 Nos.

10. **NEW INITIATIVES ON INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER**

- (a) Vulnerability mapping of vulnerable patches on India-Pakistan is carried out.
- (b) Latest equipments like LORROS, HHTI, BFSR, NVGs and Night Vision Devices are provided to the troops to enhance the surveillance capabilities at cutting edge levels. The efforts are on to create surveillance grid to harness the technology for effective border guarding.
- (c) Active border domination and intelligence based operations led to the record seizures of Heroin (280.54 Kg) during 2015 in Punjab.

11. **NEW INITIATIVES ON INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER**

- (a) Vulnerable mapping of BOPs has been completed from the angle of Illegal migration, human trafficking, Phensedyl smuggling, FICN smuggling and cattle smuggling.
- (b) Under CBMP (**Coordinated Border Management Plan**) signed between India and Bangladesh to resolve minor issues, Nodal officers are detailed by BSF and BGB.
- (c) Day and night SCPs (Simultaneous Coordinated Patrols) are being carried out by both the border guarding forces.
- (d) Improved relationship with Border Guards Bangladesh through various Confidence Building Measures like
 - (i) Proposal for establishment of 66 Border haats along Indo-Bangladesh Border, however two border haats are already functioning in Meghalaya-Sunamganj border.
 - (ii) Under mutual exchange program, officers and other ranks of both the force will undergo joint courses in training facilities of either forces. Joint exercise will also be conducted in due course of time.
 - (iii) A special joint task Force of BSF and BGB has been set-up to check FICN smuggling.
 - (iv) Volley ball/ Basketball matches.
 - (v) Joint Retreat Ceremony.

- (vi) Witnessing raising days and other functions of either forces.

12. **NEW INITIATIVES BETWEEN BSF (INDIA) - GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR BORDER PROTECTION (GABP) MONGOLIA**

- i) Organizing the various types of professional training programmes for the Officers of GABP for Border Protection of Mongolia.
- ii) Reciprocal training of BSF Officers by GABP Mongolia for Training/ Courses.
- iii) GABP and BSF agree to organize joint exercises between the two sides.
- iv) Joint discussion on best practices in Border Security being followed by BSF and GABP and exchange visits of field Commanders.

13. **TRAINING:-**

BSF has five national centres of excellence recognized by the government of India which impart specialized training in commando, motor transport and maintenance, weapon and tactics, training for the dog and dog handlers and bomb disposal.

Over and above, doors of our training centres are open to other central police forces, state police organizations and trainees from foreign countries.

(a) **MAJOR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

For organizing and carrying out "Basic Fundamental" training and "In Service Professional Training", we have three (03) main training Institutions, (05) Special Training Schools and (11) Subsidiary Training Centres (STCs) across the Country as under:-

- **MAJOR BSF TRG INSTITUTIONS**
 - (i) TEKANPUR
 - (ii) Training Centre & School, Hazaribagh
 - (iii) Central School of Weapons and Tactics, Indore
- **SPECIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS**
 - (i) Central School of Motor Transport, Gwalior
 - (ii) National Training Centre for Dogs, Gwalior
 - (iii) Signal Training School, Tigri, Delhi
 - (iv) Signal Training School, Yelhanka, Bangaluru
 - (v) 'G' Training School, New Delhi
- **ELEVEN SUBSIDIARY TRAINING CENTRES**

14. **ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS**

(a) Since the time of its inception Border Security Force has been in the lime light for its glorious record in the field of sports. The prevalent sports culture in the Force always inculcated the spirit of healthy competition among its Officers and Jawans. The encouragement of sports activities has borne fruits which is evident from the performance of BSF players in national as well as international events. In, recognition to the outstanding performance, the BSF sportsmen have so far been awarded with one Padamshree, 17 Arjuna awards and 02 National Adventure awards.

(b) During this period under report, selected persons from BSF representing Indian Police contingent in Wrestling, Boxing & Swimming competitions at 2015 Fair Fax World Police & Fire Games which was organized at Virginia (USA) w.e.f. 26th June 2015 to 05th July 2015 have won 20 medals (02 Gold, 14 Silver & 04 Bronze).

15. **MEDALS AND DECORATIONS**

(a) Border Security Force is proud of all its achievements & successes which is result of sweat & toil. There is a long list of supreme sacrifices & braveries. To its credit, 01 Borderman has been awarded with Mahavir Chakra, 01 with Ati Vishisti Sewa Medal, 04 with Kirti Chakra, 11 with Vir Chakra, 12 with Shaurya Chakra, 231 with President Police Medal for Gallantry, 56 with Sena Medal, 12 with Vishist Sewa Medal and 864 with President Medal for Gallantry Medals so far. Over 1692 Officers and men have made the supreme sacrifice at the altar of duty to maintain the integrity of the Borders and to uphold its sovereignty. Significantly, these sacrifices have become an inspiration to the Bordermen, in discharging their duties and upholding the motto "**Jeevan Paryant Kartavaya**".

(b) The following number personnel of BSF have been awarded Medals on the occasion of Republic Day 2015 and Independence Day 2015.

• Police Medal for Gallantry	-	10
• Police Medal for Distinguished Service	-	11
• Police Medal for Meritorious Services	-	<u>92</u>
	Total	- <u>113</u>

16. **UN MISSION**

(a) Border Security Force has been regularly deployed in various United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in addition to its primary role of Border guarding. Some of such missions are UN Mission in Namibia-1989, Cambodia-1992, Mozambique-1994, Angola-1995, Bosnia & Herzegovina -1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

- (b) Presently, BSF contingents are also deployed in Colombo (Sri Lanka), Congo and Haiti. Apart from these missions, BSF personnel are also deployed in many other UN missions as UN police observers.

17. **WELFARE**

(a) **Supply of piped water**

Serious endeavours are being made by BSF for improving basic amenities at BOPs. **Supply of piped water at all the BOPs** is being pursued in Mission mode during this year, being the Golden Jubilee Year.

(b) **Solar Power Station**

Solar Power Station of 20 KW one each to the 20 BOPs of North East Ftrs (Tripura-8, M&C-8 and Meghalaya- 4) has been installed.

(c) **Advance FRPs for Jawans**

BSF is constructing the Fibre Reinforce Plastic (FRP) huts with advance technology for improving the living conditions of BSF Jawans at high altitude with adverse climatic condition.

(d) **Insurance Scheme – ‘Golden Jubilee Prahari Kavach’**

BSF introducing ‘**Golden Jubilee Prahari Kavach**’ insurance scheme after replacing the earlier insurance policy i.e. the SPBY, managed by the LIC. The new insurance policy will be managed in-house by BSF and timely and higher insurance cover will be granted to the NOKs of the deceased as well as disabled personnel.

(e) **Pension adalat**

BSF is regularly conducting pension Adalats for retired BSF personnel to sort out their pension related problems. These Adalats are very useful and a large number of pensioners attended the same and most of their grievances were heard and settled on the spot.

(f) **IPP based personal grievance redressal mechanism**

Recently BSF started Intra Prahari Project based personal grievance redressal mechanism, henceforth all grievance of Force personnel will be registered and redressed through IPP based computerized system. The present status of any personal grievance cases can be seen/ tracked/ monitored by entering unique ID of the force personnel in the IPP system.

(g) **E-suggestion portal**

E-Suggestion Portal made functional on IPP to invite the suggestion from all serving personnel which are welfare oriented and overall benefits of the force.

(h) **SMS based grievances redressal system**

SMS based Grievances Redressal System has been implemented for the benefits of troops.

(i) **Air courier service for jawan's**

BSF is providing Air Courier Service to Jawans at following locations:-

- (i) Kolkata-Agartala and Agartala-Kolkata
- (ii) Kolkata-Aizawl and Aizawl-Kolkata
- (iii) Kolkata-Imphal and Imphal-Kolkata
- (iv) Kolkata-Silchar and Silchar-Kolkata
- (v) Srinagar-Jammu and Jammu-Srinagar
- (vi) Delhi-Leh and Leh-Delhi

➤ In addition to above routes, new route i.e. Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata is under consideration.

(j) **DG'S merit scholarship**

Rs.3,48,000/- have been granted under DG's Merit Scholarship to 20 students out of Central Education Fund.

(k) **BSF education loan**

Rs.3,53,46,000/- have been distributed to 398 wards of BSF personnel out of Central Education Fund.

(l) **Financial assistance for education to children of bsf serving personnel**

Rs 67,17,200/- has been paid to BSF serving personnel on account of financial assistance for education to children of BSF personnel out of Central Education Fund. Number of cases during this period is 1500.

(i) **Financial assistance to widows for daughter's marriage**

Rs.84,00,000/- paid to NOKs of BSF personnel for daughter's marriage for 140 cases out of SRF.

(m) **Financial assistance To NOKs/Widows**

Rs.17,65,600/- paid to NOKs/widows of BSF personnel for 190 cases for education of their wards out of SRF.

(n) **Financial assistance out of CBF**

Rs 6,41,81,732/- paid to NOK of deceased/retired BSF personnel on account of financial assistance out of Contributory Benevolent Fund.

18. **BSF AIR WING**

(a) BSF Air Wing came into existence in the year 1969 with a single Queen Air C-80 aircraft. Thereafter utility of its operations and services were extended to cover all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in the year 1974. With Civil aviation

making rapid advances in all fields, BSF Air Wing has brought about a qualitative change in the total flying environment by the process of expansion, reorganisation and modernisation.

(b) With an aim to cater for the growing needs of the troops deployed in various parts of the country, Air Wing inducted new aircrafts to its fleet thereby becoming one of the prized assets of MHA. Present Air Wing Fleet consists of Embraer-135 J, Avro (HS-748) and Super King B-200 aircraft in fixed wing and ALH (Dhruv), Cheetah and Mi-17 1V in Rotary Wing.

(c) With ever increasing role of air support, Air Wing is inducting new aircrafts in its fleet with Mi-17 V5 (acquisition already in process) and proposal for Embraer Legacy 145 BJ has been put forwarded.

(d) 8 MI-17 V5 Aircrafts are being inducted which would be a force multiplier in Anti Naxal Operations and further enhance sustainability of air maintained Border Out Posts on borders.

19. **BSF WATER WING**

Initially in 1967 water Wing was raised with 34 small Boats and 61 Crew deployed in West Bengal only. As on date it is having a sizably large flotilla of 510 Watercrafts/Boats comprising from small naka boats (3 men capacity) to large vessels called Floating BOP (38 persons capacity), Medium Crafts, Mechanized Boat, Speed Boat (Twin and Single Engine) etc for domination of riverine border.

20. **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

(a) **Swachh Bharat Swachh Himalaya**

“Swachh Bharat Swachh Himalaya” Abhiyan was organised from 12 Oct to 25 Nov 2015. These 45 days long expedition was conducted in four phases. During the first phase a Mountain Biking Expedition left from New Delhi to Gangotri covering around 1000 kms propagating “Swachh Bharat Swachh Himalaya” message. The second phase involved a trekking expedition from Gangotri Dham to Goumukh Glacier. The team undertook the cleaning the Goumukh Glacier alongwith collection and disposal of garbage. On the third phase a white water rafting expedition started from Gangotri to Rishikesh cleaning the Ganga river enroute. The fourth and concluding phase a cycling expedition from Rishikesh to New Delhi was on campaign for a safer environment. The expedition also organized a series of free medical camps and interacted with groups of civil society enroute to spread awareness about cleanliness in daily lives.

(b) **BSF Mahila camel safari**

BSF Mahila Camel Safari consisting of BSF Mahila Constables and lady members of Tata Steel Adventure Foundation was flagged off from Bhuj, Gujarat on 24th Feb'2015 and culminated on 22nd Mar'2015 at JCP Attari, Amritsar (Punjab).

(c) **Seminar on Border Management**

Seminar on “**Border Management in India-Challenges & Options**” conducted on 30 Apr'2015 at India International Centre (IIC), Max Muller Road, New Delhi.

(d) **Release of Martyrs Book**

BSF has compiled stories of valour and supreme sacrifice of BSF personnel in the form of a book, titled, “**BSF Martyrs – A legacy of Pride & Valour**” released on 22 May 2015 by Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh.

(e) **Felicitation function to honour Noks/ Relatives of Martyrs**

Hon'ble Union Home Minister presided over felicitation function – “**Paying Tributes to BSF Martyrs**” to honour NOKs/relatives of martyrs was conducted at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 21 Oct'2015. Similar functions were also conducted at 60 other locations at all over India to honour NOKs of 1551 BSF martyrs.

(f) **Swachh Bharat Mission**

‘Swachh Bharat Mission’ being followed religiously in all BSF campuses to inculcate the habit of cleanliness of the surrounding areas as well as personal hygiene & sanitation.

(g) **Limca book of records for maximum plantation**

Limca Book of Record (new National Record) created by planting 5,24,424 saplings at various HQrs/ field formations on 12th Aug'2015 from 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs with the help of 12,610 BSF personnel.

(h) **Security at Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra**

Smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2014. This is a very sensitive assignment both from the operational point of view and the massive administrative efforts. It was for the twelfth consecutive year that the BSF has ensured an ‘Incident – free yatra’ for which the credit goes to all who tirelessly maintained continuous vigil and complete domination in their areas of deployment despite inclement weather, hostile terrain and disturbed security environment in the state of J&K.

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