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SHRI K K SHARMA, IPS TAKES OVER THE CHARGE OF DG BSF

Shri K K Sharma, IPS took over the charge of Director General of BSF on 29th Feb, 2016. He is the 23rd Director General of elite Border Security Force, which is the largest Border Guarding Force of the world having the strength of Two Lac fifty Thousands (2.5 Lacs) brave and dedicated Bordernen protecting the International Borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

2. Born on 30th September 1958 in New Delhi, Shri K K Sharma is alumni of Delhi University. He did his LL.B. from Delhi University before joining Indian Police Service. Shri K K Sharma possesses also the Post Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice and Police Management from Police Training College, Bramshill United Kingdom and University of Leicester, United Kingom.

3. Shri K K Sharma belongs to the **1982** batch of the Indian Police Service and was allotted the Rajasthan Cadre.

Important assignments handled by Shri K K Sharma - an overview:-

- In his early days in the Indian Police Service has served in several districts in Rajasthan.
- Served as ADC to Governor Rajasthan (two tenures).
- Special stint in CID (CB), Rajasthan.
- Served in Special Protection Group, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India as Assistant Director and Deputy Inspector General.
- Served in Ministry of Civil Aviation (Govt. of India) as Inspector General of Police & CVO (on deputation to India Airlines).
- Joined on 28th Sept 2012 as Inspector General in BSF served as IG Kashmir Frontier.
- Served in BSF as Addl Director General/ Director BSF Academy Tekanpur.
- Served as Addl Director General (Operational) at FHQ BSF, New Delhi.
- Since Feb 29th, 2016, he is holding the charge of Director General BSF

4. Shri K K Sharma has been decorated with Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Services in August, 1999 and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services in August, 2009. He has been awarded with several DG's Disc's and commendations.

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5. BSF, an elite force of the country with the strength of 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.

6. 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.

7. 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'.

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