



BORDER SECURITY FORCE

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WORLD'S LARGEST BORDER GUARDING FORCE COMPLETES ITS 51 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 1,300 crore worth of Heroin during this year
- ✓ Having deployed over 300 personnel to UN Peace Keeping Missions
- ✓ Awarded over 4,000 medals in recognition of Gallant and Meritorious service

INTRODUCTION OF BORDER SECURITY FORCE

1. The Border Security Force is completing 51 years of its dedicated, distinguished and glorious service to the nation on 1st December 2016.

2. Since its inception, BSF has etched its history with unmatched sterling service to the nation be it Internal Security, Counter Insurgency or Anti Naxal Operations. The professional approach and capability of meticulous execution of assigned tasks bestows the Force with the status of the first wall of defence. We have defended our borders with courage and hard work, giving due

respect to human rights and earning cooperation of border population. In this 51st year of our formation, we re-dedicate our services to the Nation with a resolve to perform our

Highlights:-

- Ops Rustam
- CIBMS
- Dedicates the year 2016 as
 - Rain Water Harvesting.
 - Divyang Yodha Varsh
- Divyang Skill Development Centre (DSDC)
- Registering with NOTTO for organ donation
- Financial Literacy Programme
- Induction of Yoga for Physical training session
- Women Commando Team

duties with more vigour and valour and continue to live upto our motto - 'जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य'.

3. On this occasion, let us pay homage to 1733 brave hearts who have made the supreme sacrifice on the altar of duty and attained martyrdom. The supreme sacrifice of the Bordermen has been duly recognized by the Govt. of India by awarding 1 Mahavir Chakra, 11 Veer Chakra, 4 Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakra, 232 PPMG and 891 PMG. This is a matter of pride and honour for each one of us. This year BSF have been awarded following Medals on the occasion of Republic Day 2016 and Independence Day 2016.

• President Police Medal for Gallantry	-	01
• Police Medal for Gallantry	-	17
• Police Medal for Distinguished Service	-	11
• Police Medal for Meritorious Services	-	<u>92</u>
Total	-	<u>121</u>

4. On the western border especially in Jammu and Kashmir, our troops are performing duty in volatile situation and giving befitting reply to relentless attempts of Pakistani forces to push armed infiltrators to own side. The efforts of our men in defending our border with courage and dedication were praised by people of all sections.

5. **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)

6. **ACTION ON BORDER**

Items	01 Dec' 2015 to 20Nov' 2016
Seizure of Heroin (in Crore)	1302.92
Seizure of FICN (in Lakh)	155.19
Seizure of Arms	283 Nos.
Seizure of Amn	1683 Nos.
Seizure of Explosive (in Kg)	448.12
Seizure of Cattles	1,69,677 Nos

7. **OPS RUSTAM**

Speaking of our commitment to Border Security, recent developments of Jammu IB were a test of our skills, training and commitment. Post India's surgical strike, it had been envisaged that some misadventure may be tried from Jammu IB. We had done our homework covering all required parameters and were fully prepared to meet any challenges head on such challenge. On 190 Kms of Jammu IB, within 10 days from 21st Oct to 1st Nov 2016, we have faced 192 ceasefire violations. On 21st Oct 2016 Pakistan sniped our Constable Gurnam Singh in Heeranagar sector who succumbed to injuries after two days. Our effective and accurate retaliation on that day alone, resulted in shooting down seven (7) Rangers and one militants. This 21st Nov sniping has the background of our successful foiling of an infiltration bid from across in the intervening night of 19 – 20 Oct 2016, where our retaliatory fire had killed one of the 4 intruders. The ceasefire violations of Pakistan were targeting both BSF posts and civilian locations – much against the military norms. BSF emerged stronger in this test by fire not only standing upright on the IB to detect and deter any infiltration attempt but also to snub Pakistan shelling by picking their mortar positions and destroying them by accurate fire. In this unprovoked ceasefire violation from Pakistan. Our 05 brave men obtained martyrdom and 16 were injured. Our retaliation has killed 16 Pak Rangers and 12 probable infiltrators.

8. In this complete episode BSF has always maintained required restraint, respect for international protocols and respect for HR. Whenever, fire has come from across, it has been suitably retaliated with same calibre of weapon. You have given fair and unadulterated media space to our gallant actions. Thank you for showcasing courage, chivalry and valour of BSF men.

9. **NEW INITIATIVES ON BORDER AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

(a) **COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATE BORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CIBMS):-**

BSF deployments, on Western and Eastern borders of India face multifold challenges. Extreme weather conditions as per changing geographical terrain and corresponding demographic changes alongwith different crime patterns and

cross border challenges are the norms. If Jammu and Punjab International Boundary is crisscrossed by many rivers and nalahs and the elephant grass growth that hinders observation, in Rajasthan we face high temperature and shifting sand dunes phenomenon. In Gujarat Great Rann of Kutch and Creek areas pose new set of challenge. On the Eastern border, Mangroves of Sunderban, vast spread of Brahmaputra with its mystic char land matrix, dense monsoon forest of Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram present very different dimensions to border security challenges. BSF which stands with aplomb as an impregnable wall to any challenge, whatever be the area. The complete management of the borders security has continuously been augmented with modern surveillance gadgets.

Now a pilot project is underway where an integrated system of Human resources, sensors, networks, intelligence and command and control solutions are being worked upon. Our endeavour is to improve situational awareness at different levels of hierarchy to facilitate prompt and informed decision making and quick response to emerging solutions. Major component of this system will be the smart fence, which will be a seamless virtual fence installed comprising of various sensors and laser based technologies. Other components of the system to augment Smart Fence, will be data transmission and communication centre, command and control system and response mechanism.

With all these measures, endeavour is to make our response system highly accurate and effective. In place of making a human chain supported by gadgets for detection and then responding to situations, we are trying to use human resource to actively analyse inputs from ultra modern intelligent gadgets and give precise and calibrated responses free of psychological and physical fatigue effects.

(b) **Rain water harvesting**

BSF also dedicated the year 2016 for rain water harvesting and required logistics have been worked upon at all locations of BSF for this purpose. Awareness programmes are being organized to educate the troops on importance of rain water harvesting.

(c) **Divyang Yodha Varsh**

In the last fifty one years, gallant action on the borders and in the deployment for internal security duties, 1733 members have given supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation. A larger number of our personnel who fought valiantly in all these actions have been injured and rendered disabled. Our effort has always been to reintegrate them into the society and support them personally and professionally. Other than medical and monetary facilities , BSF directly supports its 204 disabled personnel who are part of the Force. This effort is to make them “stand on their feet” and give them back their confidence and self-respect.

In consonance with the concept of **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan** for creating universal accessibility in built environment, public transportation and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) eco-system, **always eager to contribute in nation building**, Border Security Force has resolved to mark the year 2016 as the year of “Divyaang Yodha.” For the same, detailed Divyaang Yodha Skill Mission has been planned with a series of activities. Hon’ble Prime Minister, while chairing a meeting before launch of Accessible India Campaign (AIC) had desired that the campaign be made a mass movement by involving citizens in various States and sensitizing the society towards disability and the need for accessibility.

The aim of this exercise is psychological, physical and vocational empowerment of the disabled persons, to make them overcome their mental inhibitions and start leading a normal life. Yearlong events were kick started by a cycling expedition by Divyanjan on 580 Kms track of difficult Himalayan heights and mountain passes from Manali to Khardung La in the month of August 2016. A Divyang Skill Development Centre has been planned and will be inaugurated tomorrow by Hon’ble MoS (Home). This centre will be catering for all CAPFs. We have also co-opted Aditya Mehta Foundation a premier sports training organisation to help us. Showcasing victory over mental and physical barriers, a mother contingent of Divyangjan cyclists started another rally on 24th Nov 2016 from Attari, Amritsar and will be reaching tomorrow in Delhi after covering more than 500 Kms to mark the Raising Day of BSF.

(d) **Introduction of Yoga**

Physical fitness and mental toughness is an essential pre-requisite to discharge the duties efficiently. Yoga plays an important role to keep a person physically and mentally fit. To provide best training in yoga, we have conducted a 10 days advance yoga training programme at Patanjali Yog Peeth Haridwar from 23 July to 01 Aug 2016 under the aegis of Baba Ramdev. During this training 1900 personnel got trained. Another batch of about 1700 personnel will undergo same advanced yoga training in next phase from 13 to 21 Dec' 2016.

Yoga plays a vital role to keep a person physical and mental fit. Keeping in view of benefits of yoga, it is decided that the 45 minutes routine physical training be replaced by suitable Yoga training/practices. Accordingly a modified yoga practice routine of 45 minutes has been prepared for our troops and a CD containing of these practices has been circulated to all formations for implementation. Now, 45 minutes modified yoga practices are being organized in place of PT routine.

(e) **Organ Donation**

The force that lives by their Motto "जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य" has now pledged to take its duty to the motherland to yet higher echelons. It is a well-known fact that due to non-availability of transplantable organ, many precious lives are lost in our country. In BSF, the members are counselled and educated for importance of organ donation and its humanitarian value. They are being encouraged to educate their family members and relatives to commit themselves for the post life organ donation and consequently till date fifteen thousand have pledged their tissues and organs.

World Organ Donation Day has been observed by BSF on **13th August' 2016**. The programme was conducted by BSF in collaboration with National Organ & Tissue Transplantation Organisation (NOTTO) on 13th August' 2016 at BSF facility at Nizamuddin, New Delhi wherein fifteen hundred BSF personnel volunteered to take pledge and register themselves for organ donation. Now this number has crossed fifteen thousand mark.

Moving higher than our motto 'JEEWAN PARYANT KARTAVYA' we have now adopted 'JEEWAN UPRANT KARTAVYA' as our epigram.

(f) **Financial Literacy**

This concept has been introduced to incorporate twin realisation for our troops. First, we are trying to inculcate the habit of savings to our personnel. Secondly this programme is to educate them to have maximum returns on the savings. Our jawans who are committed on 24x7 duties on borders have very little time to think over and use any financial wisdom. We have invited experts from the field to give us indepth inputs on concepts of savings and also to advise us how to get maximum returns. With the physical and mental health of our men, their financial health is also important. This exercise is being done for the same.

(g) **Use of renewable energy**

Solarisation of 20 BOPs of North East Ftrs (Tripura-8, M&C-8 and Meghalaya- 4) has been completed. Besides this, one plant each at BSF campus Bhondsi and Tekanpur has also been installed. The work of solar power plant at 18 BOPs of Guwahati Ftr and 18 BOPs of Gujarat Ftr is in progress. Keeping in view of speedy progress of BSF in solarisation, the sanction of 72 BOPs has also been issued recently.

(h) **Telemedicine Project**– Telemedicine project was inaugurated by Sh Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Home Minister on 26th Feb 2016.

Telemedicine Software/Portal is conceptualized, developed and hosted by IT wing, Comn & IT Dte, BSF. The website facilitates the remote locations in getting advice of super specialists available in Delhi and thereby saves the precious life of Seema Prahari guarding the borders in remote locations.

Till date appx 1299 personnel have been registered and diagnosed by Specialist Doctors. As on now, 173 number of locations have utilized Telemedicine facility.

(j) **BISAG (Bhaskaracharya Institute for space Application and Geo-Information) –**

Presently being availed by BSF for broadcasting welfare, Adm and healthcare related programmes for troops deployed at BOPs and various Units/ SHQrs under command free of cost.

(k) **Induction of Modern Equipment**

Cool vest are being introduced for troops deployed in extreme hot climatic conditions in Gujrat and Rajasthan Frontier. Boots and goggles for desert area and special boots for creek area are also being introduced for sandy condition.

Modern and light weight bullet resistance jackets and helmets are being introduced under modernisation plan of the force.

(l) **New construction**

Sanction for construction of 17 numbers RC helipads on Indo-Pak & Indo-BD border amounting to Rs. 13.54 Crore accorded by MHA.

Sanction for construction of 833 numbers surveillance cum observation post shelter /ACP shelter on Indo-Pak and Indo-BD border amounting to Rs. 97.03 Crore accorded by MHA.

Land case of 03 Key Location Point (KLP) and 08 BOPs has also been finalised during the current year.

(m) **Raising Of Various Women Teams In BSF**

To provide more opportunities and to give more representation to women in other activities of the Force, following women Teams are being raised in BSF:-

S. No.	Name of Team
1	Women Motorcycle Janbaz Team
2	Women Band Platoon
3	Women BOLDS (Border Lion Drill Squad) (To perform synchronized Rifle drill demonstration)

(n) **Raising of Women Commando Team and conducting of Commando course for Mahila Prahari**

In view of the present security scenario and future operational requirements of women Commandos in our Force, a Women Commando team has been raised in BSF. Total 73 women have successfully undergone Commando course at TC&S Hazaribag w.e.f. 19.09.2016 to 12.11.2016

11. **New Acquisition of weapons and other equipment**

(a) **Pump Action Gun (PAG)**

The 12 Bore Pump Action Gun has been specially developed for use as a security weapon. It is a single barrel breach loading weapon superior to 12 Bore DBBL. Due to rapid reloading by pump action and spread of shots, it is an ideal weapon for counter ambush tactics.

Total 4491 Nos Pump Action Guns have been authorized to BSF by MHA.



12. **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) **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) Academy 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**

13. **ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS**

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.

09 para sports person of BSF in Badminton, Cycling and Swimming event are undergoing training camp for duration of three month w.e.f. 15th October 2016 with association of Aditya Mehta Foundation at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kolkata respectively.

(a) Shri Paramdeep Singh, Assistant Commandant, coach of central Basket Ball team accompanied as coach of Indian Basket Ball team during 24th FIBA Asia U-18 championship 2016 held at Iran in July 2016.

(b) BSF won the Maitree Cup matches played between BSF and BGB at following occasions

- i) Kabaddi - Dhaka, Bangladesh in May 2016.
- ii) Volley Ball - New Delhi in October 2016

(c) BSF won the overall championship of All India Police Athletic championship 2016 held at Hyderabad in September 2016 with 09 Gold, 02 Silver & 06 Bronze medal.

(d) BSF won the championship in both Gross and Net events of All India Police Golf tournament 2016 held at Noida(UP) in September 2016.

(e) BSF participated in the All India Police Aquatic & Cross country Championship 2016 held at PAP Jalandhar in July 2016 and secured first position in Cross country, Swimming and Water Polo. In Diving event BSF secured the second place.

(f) Sh A K Singh, Commandant 49 BN BSF won the silver medal in All India Police Badminton championship held at Shillong in September 2016.

(g) BSF Football team was winner of B N Mullick cup All India Police-2016 Football Tournament.

(h) BSF shooters were winners in all categories of shooting competition of All India Police-2016.

(j) All India Police Games is being conducted in 24 disciplines and as on date AIPG of 08 disciplines have been conducted in which result of BSF Sports teams are as under : -

S/N	Discipline	Position	
		Men	Women
1	Aquatics	1st Position	-
2	Athletics(M&W)	1st position	Participate
3	Cross country	1st Position	-
4	Golf	1st Position	-
5	Football	1st Position	-
6	Shooting(M& W)	1st Position	1st Position
7	Badminton	Participate	-
8	Archery (M& W)	Participate	3rd position

Summary

Description	Men	Women
No of teams participated	08 teams	03 teams
1st Position	06 teams	01 team
2nd position	-	-
3rd position	-	01 team
Participation	02 teams	01 team

<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
	08 teams	No of teams participated	03 teams
	06 teams	1st Position	01 team
	02 teams	3rd position	01 team
		Participated	01 team

14. **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.

15. **WELFARE**

(a) **Family Accommodation for troops**

1135 no. of Residential Quarters amounting to Rs. 201.91 Crore was sanctioned under current financial year out of which 513 No. Of Quarters amounting to Rs. 76.84 Crore already completed.

(b) **Supply of piped water**

Continued endeavors are being made by BSF for **Supply of piped water at all the BOPs**. In this regard sanction obtained from MHA for providing piped water to 28 BOPs in the current financial year.

(c) **Accommodation for Jawans**

Sanction for construction of 49 rooms SOs Mess in BSF BNs in place of existing 04 room SOs Mess accorded by MHA. 11 Nos. of 120 men jawan barrack for Rs. 77.40 Crore were sanctioned out of which 05 barrack amounting to Rs. 25.42 Crore already completed.

103 numbers of other buildings such as Administrative block, training block, SOs/ Officer's mess for Rs. 126.57 Crore were sanctioned for financial year and 40 numbers of buildings completed in this year.

102 No. of BOPs elements for Rs. 42.68 Crore is sanctioned.

(d) **Pension adalat**

Pension Adalats are being conducted under the direct supervision and in the presence of FA BSF, IG of respective Ftr, Director PAD or his

representative, DIG (RR), Commandant (RR) and other officers from FHQ, Ftr and PAD BSF to sort out the grievances of pensioners/ retirees of BSF. 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.

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

BSF Director General's Merit Scholarship for wards of BSF serving and deceased personnel.

2016-2017

Total DG's merit scholarship Cases	Amount
105 Cases	Rs.15,75,000/-

(f) **BSF education loan**

BSF Education loan is being provided for wards of BSF serving personnel for higher education.

2016-2017

BSF Education loan Cases	Amount
324 Cases	Rs.3,00,14,000/-

(g) **Financial assistance for education to children of BSF serving personnel**

Financial Assistance for education to children of service personnel after 12th class for one child is being provided.

2016-2017

Financial assistance for higher education Cases	Amount
655 Cases	Rs.21,77,500/-

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

Financial Assistance @ Rs. 60,000/- for two daughter marriage out of Special Relief Fund.

(m) **Financial assistance To NOKs/Widows under CBF/SRF**

Following amounts are being paid to NOKs under Contributory Benevolent Fund (CBF) and Special Relief Fund (SRF):-

- (a) Out of CBF Rs. 50,000/-
- (b) Out of SRF Rs. 20,000/-

(n) **Prime Minister's scholarship**

Prime Minister Scholarship for wards/widows of Ex CPFs/in service personnel (below Officers rank of Subedar Major/Inspector Only)

Amount

Rs. 24,000/- per year for boys
Rs. 27,000/- per years for girls

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