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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **JAMMU SCHOOL CHILDREN CALLED ON HON'BLE MoS (HOME) SHRI HANSRAJ GANGA RAM AHIR**

A group of 40 school children consisting of 20 girls and 20 boys hailing from remote and far flung areas of Jammu region called on Hon'ble MoS (Home), Shri Hansraj Ganga Ram Ahir at Conference Hall (Room No.119), MHA, North Block, New Delhi. The students in the age group of 12-18 years are on a Bharat Darshan Tour from 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 organized by the BSF.

2. The concept of Bharat Darshan Tours for the children from Jammu & Kashmir was started as an annual feature in the year 2000. The entire expenditure on the tours is met by BSF. This includes Dresses, Travel Expenses, Boarding and Lodging etc.

3. Shri K K Sharma, DG BSF welcomed the Hon'ble MoS (Home) Shri Hansraj Ganga Ram Ahir and apprised him of the composition the group. He informed that Bharat Darshan tour has widened horizons and given the children an opportunity to see the diversities of the nation.

4. The children then shared their experiences of visits to different historical places and thanked the BSF and the Government of India for organizing tours of this nature.

5. These children are selected for Bharat Darshan as a part of intensive civic action programme of the force in remote and backward areas of the border.

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6. This tour is conducted to give them insights into the rich historical, cultural and social profile of the country and the progress made in Industrial, Technological and scientific fields. The tour also aims at inculcating in them a sense of pride for the nation.

7. As part of the programme, the children were taken to Mysore, Bangalore, Delhi, Agra, Kolkata - Sundarban and Amritsar. They had an opportunity to enjoy Metro Train ride in New Delhi, as also the pristine beauty of the Taj Mahal.

8. Till date 1578 children from J&K have participated in BSF sponsored 57 Bharat Darshan Tours.

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