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HON'BLE UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI RAJNATH SINGH DECORATED THE GALLANT OFFICERS AND MEN OF BSF ON THE OCCASION OF 14th BSF INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2016

1. On 20th May 2016, Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, the Chief Guest for the occasion decorated the 06 BSF Men with Police Medals for Gallantry and 13 BSF Officers and men with Police Medals for Meritorious Service on the occasion of 14th BSF Investiture Ceremony which was held at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**. Shri K K Sharma, IPS, Director General BSF, Senior Officers from MHA, Directors General and Senior Officers of other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), BSF Officers and men, Retired officers of the BSF and families of the force members were present on the occasion.

2. Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, the Chief Guest on the occasion said that he felt privileged to be present during this solemn occasion of BSF Investiture Ceremony. He also paid a rich & tribute to late Shri Rustamji and other officers whose pioneering efforts were instrumental in the raising and growth of this illustrious Force. Sh. Rajnath Singh delivered the Key note address on the topic of '**Challenges of Border Management in current security scenario**'.

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3. Earlier the Director General Border Security Force, Shri K K Sharma, IPS delivered the welcome address. Recalling the journey of the BSF since its inception, he stated that BSF has successfully faced several challenges and crises over the years. The world's largest Border Guarding Force enjoys an excellent track record and is ready to face any challenges that come its way. BSF remains in constant endeavor of preparing itself in terms of strategy, infrastructure, weaponry and training, stated the DG. Sh Sharma also 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. The Director General also spoke about the 'Soldierly traits and Visionary leadership Skills' of first Director General Shri K F Rustamji, who is always popularly referred to as "**Founding Father of BSF**".

4. The Investiture Ceremony organized on 20th May 2016 is a mark of deep seated affection and respect for founding father of BSF, Shri K F Rustamji. BSF has been organizing the Investiture Ceremony on the birthday of Shri K F Rustamji since 2003.

5. During this Investiture Ceremony, a magazine '**Praharī Sangini**' was also unveiled by Hon'ble Union Home Minister and a short documentary produced by National Geographic Channel on '**BSF-India's First Line of Defence**' was also screened. On the Occasion of the Investiture Ceremony, BSF salutes all the heroes who sacrificed their valuable lives for the motherland and also pays respect to the serving soldiers who stand valiant guard at the borders every day and night keeping the nation's borders safe & secure.

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