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14TH BSF INTER FRONTIER BAND COMPETITION-2017

Today, in **National Police Memorial, Teen Murti Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi**, the **14th BSF Inter Frontier Band Competition-2017** concluded in the presence of **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**. 15 Band teams of different BSF institutions contested to be the "**FIRST AMONG EQUALS**" in a 4 day competition which started on 18th Sept' 2017. The experienced judge's panel from Indian Army, Sashastra Seema Bal and Haryana Police tested the teams on their turn out, marching, instrument playing, formation making and other skills of band display. Following teams had the podium finish :-

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| (a) | Jammu Frontier | - | First position |
| (b) | Gujarat Frontier | - | Second position |
| (c) | South Bengal Frontier | - | Third position |

2. Contestants and teams were presented medals and trophies by the Chief Guest **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** in the ceremony.

3. Earlier in the function, welcoming the chief guest and other dignitaries, **Shri K K Sharma, DG BSF** told that BSF Bands have a rich legacy of performance. The central BSF Band is winner of All India Police Band Competition for consecutive 6 times since 2012, Shri Sharma added. DG BSF also mentioned the initiative of Bordermen for forming the unique **Camel Band**.

4. Chief Guest Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat congratulated winning participants and the teams. He also lauded the efforts of other teams which participated with competitive spirit of games. Shri Shekhawat told that he has a long association with BSF and he likes the discipline of the force. MoS said that it is the bands, which inculcate initially the sense of discipline in training days which ultimately becomes a lifestyle of force's personnel. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat appreciated the efforts of organizers and the judge panel who took a 4 days pain to conduct the meet.

5. Band is an essential component of the Armed Forces and so BSF band has special importance in the Force. It not only infuses enthusiasm and a sense of pride within the rank and the file but also strengthens the feeling of fervor and discipline amongst them. It also gives a more humane face to the men in uniform and acts as a powerful and proactive tool to engage the community, through the medium of music.

6. BSF Band plays a significant role in enhancing co-ordination among various groups of uniformed personnel giving them rhythm and energy to act as a cohesive unit in synchronization with each other. It instills a sense of stimulation and helps building confidence and raising the morale and discipline of the participants. Band music in the forces is a powerful tool that can encourage any member to believe that they can accomplish anything – A victory in a war, a win in a game and excellence in other fields. It inspires, relaxes, energizes and entertains us.

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