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PRE-EVENT : PRESS MEET

BSF HALF MARATHON-2017: RUN FOR MARTYRS

BSF has earned the title of “India’s first line of Defence” with dedicated and unflinching service to the nation by Bordermen. Till date 1854 brave hearts have laid down their lives on the altar of duty. Their supreme sacrifice is monumental for BSF Pariwar. Their acts of valor were for national security, for keeping boundaries of nation intact and keeping the citizens safe. To commemorate, these Braveheart’s’ contributions and to make it a unifying factor for the community a Half Marathon is being organized by BSF on 22nd October at JLN Stadium which will have triple targets.

- (i) Run for the Martyrs
- (ii) Run for public connect
- (iii) Run for Unity

2. BSF Half Marathon is going to be organized on 22nd October 2017 in Delhi. It will be flagged off from Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. Route for the run is JLN Stadium-India Gate-Connaught place inner circle, Rail Bhawan, Rajpath, Nizamuddin Circle-Lodhi Road Flyover, CGO Complex and back to JLN Stadium. Similarly, a **Run For Fun** of 5 Kms will also be organized on the same day to include masses who wish to Run and contribute to the cause. It will also be flagged off from JLN Stadium as well. The prizes and trophies are named after the brave Bordermen who sacrificed their life in the line of duty, serving the motherland. Family members of the valiant Bordermen are invited in the function for felicitation. It is a gesture from Prahari Parivar of hand holding and a mark of respect too.

3. Our efforts are in consonance with Govt. of India’s web portal ‘**Bharat Ke Veer**’ where citizens of India can express their gratitude to the Martyrs and their family.

4. Such events will be simultaneously organized by other BSF Headquarters/ Training Institutions.

PRIZES

Total prize money is around 35 Lakhs. Categories are divided into National and International for both men and women. It is a recognized Half Marathon from Athletics Federation of India.

POSITION	LEVEL	MEN/ WOMEN	PRIZE
1 st	National	Men	Assistant Commandant R K Wadhwa (Mahavir Chakra Trophy) and INR 2,00,000/-.
		Women	Deputy Commandant Joginder Singh (Vir Chakra) Trophy and INR 2,00,000/-.
	International	Men	HC Mohinder Singh (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 2,00,000/-
		Women	Naik Umed Singh (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 2,00,000/-
2 nd	National	Men	Lance Naik Mohini Ranjan Chakraborty (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,50,000/-
		Women	Assistant Commandant Nafe Singh Dalal (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,50,000/-
	International	Men	Deputy Commandant Inderjit Singh Uppal (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,50,000/-
		Women	Naik Amal Kumar Mondal (VIR Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,50,000/-
3 rd	National	Men	Commandant V P Purohit (Kirti Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,00,000/-
		Women	HC Khuniho Sema (Shaurya Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,00,000/-
	International	Men	Constable C Stanly (Kirti Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,00,000/-
		Women	Assistant Commandant Vivek Saxena (Shaurya Chakra) Trophy and INR 1,00,000/-

In addition to above, prize money from position 4th to 15th are Rs. 90,000/- to Rs. 5,000/.

TROPHIES ARE DEDICATED TO THE NAMES OF:-



Shri R K Wadhwa, AC of 31 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 11 Dec 1971 at Raja Mohttam Post while defending his post during Indo-Pak war. Born on 10 Nov 1940, Shri R K Wadhwa joined BSF on 15 July 1968. On 3 Dec 1971, Raja Mohttam post was lost to Pak Army. On 5 Dec 1971, 31 Battalion BSF was assigned the challenge to recapture the BOP from Pak Army. Shri R K Wadhwa, AC, alongwith two platoons mounted attack on a company of 9 Baloch Regiment in the wee hours of 7th Dec 1971. After a three hour battle, Shri Wadhwa and troops secured the post and repulsed counter attacks. The Pak Army attacked the post with a Battalion. Shri Wadhwa went from bunker to bunker motivating his troops. On 11 Dec 1971, Shri Wadhwa, AC fell to the bombardment of the enemy while defending the post. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him "**Mahaveer Chakra**" (Posthumously).





L/Nk Mohini Ranjan Chakraborty of 78 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 20th Nov 1971 at Raiganj. Born on 10th May 1943. Unit was tasked to capture North bank of Phulkumari River near Raiganj. Two Companies left their location at Andharihar Khamar at 0001 hrs on night 19/20 Nov 1971 and occupied position on the bank of Phulkumari river. A fierce battle occurred between the enemy and our force, the enemy bunkers were very heavily fortified. The BSF had a tough time to dislodge the enemy. In this battle L/Nk Mohini Ranjan Chakraborty also sustained bullet injuries and later succumbed to these injuries on the spot. Raiganj was occupied on 21st Nov 1971 by BSF. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **“Vir Chakra” (Posthumously)**.



Shri V P Purohit, Commandant of 171 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 2nd Aug 2002 at Malpura Distt-Budgam (J&K) while performing CI duty. Born on 28 Dec 1958, Shri V P Purohit joined BSF on 17th Sept 1984. On 2nd Aug 2002 at about 1230 hrs Shri V P Purohit, Commandant 171 Battalion BSF received some specific information about the presence of militants in a house located in Vill-Malpura, PS-Charare-e-Sharif, Badgaon and planned an operation with Shri Ved Singh, 2IC of 10 Battalion BSF and Shri O P Sharma, AC 171 Battalion BSF. After laying outer and inner cordon of the suspected house, the operation was launched. When the QRT led by Shri V P Purohit, Commandant reached near the target house, militants inside the house opened heavy volume of fire on the party. During encounter Shri V P Purohit, Commandant sustained bullet injuries in his left thigh. With total disregard to his personal safety and despite having grievous injuries he heroically killed one militant single handedly and caught hold of the barrel of the rifle of another militant who was trying to fire at his chest. Later he succumbed to the injuries during evacuation. His sacrifice has been recognized by the Govt. of India by awarding him **“Kirti Chakra” (Posthumously)**.



Shri Joginder Singh, Deputy Commandant of 3 PGA (Now 1066 BSF Arty Regiment) attained martyrdom on 17th Dec 1971 at Indo-Pak Border in the Kutchh Region of Gujarat during Indo-Pak war 1971. Born on 29th March 1941, Shri Joginder Singh, DC joined BSF on 31st May 1967. Shri Joginder Singh, DC (Arty) was entrusted with the responsibility of raising BSF PGA Regiments at Bhuj. He alongwith BSF Arty stood by the job entrusted to him and effectively countered the hostile activities of the enemy Artillery. He provided fire support not only to the BSF Battalion but also to the army INF regiments and inflicted heavy casualties on enemy. He sacrificed his life during the war in battlefield. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **“Vir Chakra” (Posthumously)**.





Shri N S Dalal, Assistant Commandant of 40 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 24 April 1972 at Delta Counter Sauji (Jammu & Kashmir) during Indo-Pak offensive operation. Born on 12 April 1943, Shri N S Dalal, AC joined BSF on 8 Jan'1971. On 24 April 1972 at 1430 hrs, Shri N S Dalal, AC was ordered to lead a platoon patrol to DELTA counter to prevent any intrusion by the enemy in own area. When the leading elements of the patrol were 50 yards short of DELTA Counter, it came under very heavy MMG, Mortar, LMG Fire from three directions. The complete patrol was held up. It was not possible to withdraw or move forward due to intense enemy fire. Shri N S Dalal, AC took the LMG himself and moved forward and opened fire on the enemy MMG post from which direct fire was coming on the patrol. He simultaneously directed his men to withdraw. He silenced the enemy MMG by his LMG fire, but suddenly the enemy fired MMG burst-fire from another direction and Shri N S Dalal got hit on his right thigh. In spite of severe injuries, profuse bleeding, he kept the enemy engaged without regard to his own life and safety, till his men moved to the alternative position under his covering fire. He kept the enemy engaged till he become unconscious. It was due to the courageous action of Shri. N S Dalal, AC that the men were saved otherwise whole patrol would have been annihilated. Shri N S Dalal, AC by his courageous leadership saved the life of 30 of his comrades. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **"Veer Chakra" (Posthumously)**.



Head Constable Khuniho Sema of 111 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 1 Sep 1989 at CI Post "Laniye Bridge" while performing Counter Insurgency role. HC Khuniho Sema joined BSF on 16 Sep 1973. HC Khuniho Sema laid down his life while defending CI Post "Laniye Bridge" thus saving his "comrades in Arms" on 1 Sep 1989 when post was attacked by about 50 Armed Naga insurgents. HC Khuniho Sema inflicted heavy casualties and losses to the attackers and the attack was repulsed which brought honour to the unit as well as to the force. His sacrifice has been recognised by Govt. of India by awarding him **"Shaurya Chakra"**.



Head Constable Mohinder Singh of 27 Battalion BSF martyred on 3 Dec 1971 at BOP Picket Rania, Distt-Amritsar while performing IB duty. Born on 7 April 1935. During Indo-Pak war of 1971, HC Mohinder Singh was commanding a Section Post - BOP Rania. On 3 Dec 1971 during Indo-Pak war, he inspired his men to stand the fight. The enemy attacked twice in strength and succeeded to reach wire obstacles and surrounded the post. HC Mohinder Singh ran out of his trench and rallying his men charged in the evening, killing 4 of enemies. He continued to fight till he was badly wounded by enemy's machine gun fire and breathed his last at battle field. The gallantry and determination of highest order displayed by HC Mohinder Singh has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **"Vir Chakra" (Posthumously)**.





Shri Inderjit Singh Uppal, DC of 78 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on the night of 20 Nov 1971 at Raiganj. Born on 1 Jan 1939 Shri Inderjit Singh Uppal joined BSF on 8 June 1967. Unit was tasked to capture Northern bank of Phulkumari River near, Raiganj. Two Companies left their location at Andharijhar Khamar at 0001 hrs on the intervening night of 19/20 Nov 1971 and occupied position on the bank of Phulkumari River. A fierce battle occurred between the enemy and our force, the enemy bunkers were very heavily fortified. The BSF had a tough time to dislodge the enemy. Deputy Commandant Shri Interjit Singh Uppal led his men from front, repulsed enemy attacks and captured Northern bank. But in due course sustain multiple bullet injuries from enemy MMG and later succumbed to injuries. For his exemplary courage and display of leadership skills officer was awarded **"Vir Chakra" (Posthumously)**.



Constable C Stanly of 10 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 3 July 2002 at village Vheck Ichhagaz, Pulwama, Srinagar, while performing CI duty. Born on 25 July 1973, Ct C Stanly joined BSF on 16 Feb 1995. On 3 July 2002, a party of 01 Sub Inspector and 14 Other Ranks left Pakharpura for cordoning of village Chacki Changoz. Ct C Stanly took position at vital point to cover the escape route. He saw one militant in the room of top floor. The militant also having seen the troops surrounding the house opened fire towards Ct C Stanly. The fire was effectively retaliated by Ct C Stanly. Militant shifted his position and started firing from ground floor. Ct C Stanly was hit on the stomach. Ct C Stanly fired one long burst on that militant and killed him on the spot. Later Ct C Stanly succumbed to his injuries. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **"Kirti Chakra" (Posthumously)**.



Naik Umed Singh of 61 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 18 Dec 1971 at BOP Kamala. Born on 5 March 1942, Nk Umed Singh joined BSF on 21 Dec 1968. During the Indo-Pak War in 1971 Nk Umed Singh was performing duties on observation post. When the enemy started firing, Nk Umed Singh alerted whole post. In total disregard to his personal safety, he moved all his comrades to bunkers and shelters to save them from shelling. In this heroic action, he himself was severely wounded by splinters of Mortar Shells. Later he succumbed to injuries. His brave action and his sacrifice has been recognized by Government of India by awarding him **"Vir Chakra" (Posthumously)**.





Naik Amal Kumar Mondal of 77 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 13 Nov 1971 at enemy BOP Khanpur. Born on 3 June 1945. Naik Amal Kumar Mondal joined BSF on 1 April 1966. 08 Nov 1971, 77 Battalion BSF launched attack on Pak BOP Khanpur with assistance of 04 Madras. BSF Column left forward assembly area at 0130 hrs on 13 Nov. At about 0400 hrs enemy opened fire on BSF assault party with MMG and other heavy weapons. In spite of heavy firing BSF column continued its assault towards target. During fierce battle Naik Amal Kumar Mondal who was in assault party got a burst of MMG Burst on his body, in spite of injuries, he continued fire on enemy till last breath. Due to his fire support BSF Column could capture BOP Khanpur. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **“Vir Chakra” (Posthumously)**.



Shri Vivek Saxena, AC of 02 Battalion BSF attained martyrdom on 8 Jan 2003 at North West of Sajik Tampak, Manipur while performing CI duty. Born on 20 Dec 1973, Shri Vivek Saxena, AC joined BSF on 6 March 2000. On 8 Jan 2003, troops of 2nd Battalion BSF, 2 Companies of 128 Battalion BSF and one Coy of 64 Battalion BSF carried out a joint operation in village Sajik Tampak area. They came under heavy fire of the insurgents from the surrounding dominating height. Shri Vivek Saxena, AC led his men from front and launched counter attack on insurgent troops. His gallant action motivated the men and they could repel the insurgent moves. In due course Shri Vivek Saxena, AC sustained multiple bullet injuries and later succumbed to that. His sacrifice has been recognized by Govt. of India by awarding him **“PMG” & “Shaurya Chakra” (Posthumously)**.



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