



## **BORDER SECURITY FORCE**

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### **PRESS BRIEF : BSF RAISING DAY**

#### **WORLD'S LARGEST BORDER GUARDING FORCE COMPLETES ITS 52 YEARS**

- ✓ From 25 battalions in 1965 to 186 battalions; deploying more than 2.5 lakh personnel
- ✓ Safeguarding 6386 Kms along the India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders
- ✓ Recovered almost 10247 Kgs of Narcotics during this year
- ✓ Having deployed over 172 personnel to UN Peace Keeping Missions
- ✓ Awarded over 6,745 medals in recognition of Gallant and Meritorious service

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BORDER SECURITY FORCE**

1. The Border Security Force is completing 52 years of its dedicated, distinguished and glorious service to the Nation on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

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 52<sup>nd</sup> year of our formation, we re-dedicate our services to the Nation with a resolve to perform our duties with more vigour and valour and continue to live upto our motto 'जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य'.

#### **Highlights:-**

- Ops Arjun
- Technology solution for riverine gaps on IB
- BSF contribution in Organ Donation programme
- Financial Literacy Programme
- Yoga for Physical training session
- Launching of mobile app for Grievance Redressal
- MoU with NSDC, CRY, Patanjali & Shantigiri Ashram
- BSF PrepMantra application
- Vocational training for divyangjan

3. On this occasion, the organization remembers and pays homage to **1856 brave hearts**, who 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, 13 Veer Chakras, 4 Kirti Chakras, 13 Shaurya Chakras, 232 PPMsG and 910 PMsG. This is a matter of pride and honour for each one of us. This year BSF has been awarded following Medals on the occasion of Republic Day 2017 and Independence Day 2017.

• Police Medal for Gallantry	-	19
• President Police Medal for Distinguished Service	-	11
• Police Medal for Meritorious Service	-	<u>93</u>
	Total	- <b><u>123</u></b>

**Note :- List attached as per appendix-'A' for ready reference please.**

4. During the under covered period, the International Border with Pakistan, specially in Jammu and Kashmir witnessed **1020 incidents of cease fire violations by Pakistani forces** followed by numerous armed infiltration attempts. BSF troops not only repulsed these cease fire violations effectively but also foiled number of infiltration attempts by neutralizing heavily armed infiltrators in several occasions. The valiant efforts of BSF troops in defending our border with Pakistan were appreciated by peoples of different walks.

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 Nos. of Frontiers	-	13
Total Nos. of Battalions	-	186 Nos (Incl 3 Disaster Management Bn)

6. **OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

(a) **SEIZURE ON WESTERN/ EASTERN BORDER (01 DEC' 2016 TO 31 OCT' 2017)**

Items	Western	Eastern	Total
Seizure of Narcotics (in Kg)	439.219	9807.9	<b>10247.119</b>
Seizure of FICN (in Lakh)	-	49,44,000.00	<b>49,44,000.00</b>
Seizure of Arms (in Nos.)	24	26	<b>50</b>
Seizure of Amn (in Nos.)	561	45	<b>606</b>
Seizure of Cattle Head	-	120578	<b>120578</b>

(b) **ACHIEVEMENTS IN ANTI NAXAL OPS (FROM 01<sup>ST</sup> DEC'2016 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT'2017)**

S/No.	Achievements	Odisha	Chhattisgarh	Total
1.	Apprehension	28	92	<b>120</b>
2.	Surrender	22	02	<b>24</b>

(c) **RECOVERIES/ SEIZURES IN ANTI NAXAL OPS**

S/No.	Items recovered	Odisha	Chhattisgarh	Total
1.	IEDs	26	27	<b>53</b>
2.	Explosives (Kg)	55.785	2.41	<b>58.195</b>
3.	Gelatin Sticks	189	-	<b>189</b>
4.	Detonator	332	26	<b>358</b>
5.	Weapons	187	64	<b>251</b>

(d) **OPS ARJUN**

After the successful conduct of Ops Rustam in the previous year, an exercise to re-adjust re-inforce the manpower and other available resources on western border was planned and executed to meet the future threats and challenges from across the border.

On 25<sup>th</sup> Aug' 2017 Ct K K Appa Rao of 192 Bn BSF deployed at BOP Budhwar of Jammu Sector was snipped by Pak Forces. This was followed by unprovoked heavy firing and intermittent shelling in Akhnoor, Jammu and Samba Sectors, mostly targeting BSF posts and civilian inhabited areas. In retaliation, BSF launched "OPs Arjun" and started befitting reply to Pakistani forces by using small, medium arms and area weapons causing heavy casualties and damage to Pakistan side. During the Ops, injuries/ casualties reported on both sides are as under:-

Year	Casualties							
	BSF Pers		Own civilian		Pak Rangers/ infiltrators		Pak Civilians	
2017	Martyred	Injured	Died	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
25.08.17 to 24.09.17	01	06	01	16	07	-	11	35

**Casualties/ Injuries and damages on Pakistan side are based on media reports.**

This valiant action by BSF troops later forced the Pakistan Rangers to silence their guns gradually with a request to hold a tele-conversation between Directors General of both the border guarding forces for defusing the situation. As a result Pakistan forces stopped the un-provoked firing in that area.

(e) **TUNNELLING ACTIVITIES**

**ON WESTERN THEATRE** :- In the previous years, activities of digging tunnel from Pak side to own side of International border for facilitating infiltration attempts were detected in several occasions. In order to thwart such attempts, anti-tunneling exercise had been carried out on regular basis in vulnerable areas specially in Jammu area and during the under covered period, two such cases were detected by alert Bordermen. First case was in the area of BOP S M Pur while second case was in the area of BOP Mukesh (both in Jammu area) in the month of Feb & Sept 2017 respectively. Comprehensive action plan has been initiated to foil such attempts in future also.

**ON EASTERN THEATRE** :- During the period under report, the first instance case of tunnelling on eastern border was detected in Tura Sector area of Meghalaya on 8<sup>th</sup> March' 2017 wherein alert Bordermen unearthed a 50 feet long tunnel.

In the second case, smugglers/ miscreants tried to dug another tunnel in Fatehpur area of Kishanganj in North Bengal Frontier on 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> April' 2017 wherein alert Bordermen succeeded to unearth it timely .

➤ In the third case, alert Bordermen detected a tunnel in the area of BOP Sardartila in Dhubri district of Assam on 13<sup>th</sup> April' 2017.

7. **MAJOR STEPS TAKEN BY SPECIAL OPS FRONTIERS (CHHATTISGARH/ ODISHA)**

(a) **Expansion of Area of Domination**:- BSF has identified the areas where LWE (Left Wing Extremism) movement has been frequent and without any hindrance. These areas were safe haven for the LWE. Now, BSF has penetrated into these areas after increasing dominations and specialized operations. BSF has established presence & domination in cut-off areas where no government organizations have ever reached.

(b) **Occupation of New COBs (Company Operating Base)**. During the period under report, following new COBs (re-deployment plan finalized by the BSF in consultation with concerned State Govt.), have been occupied by BSF:

Ftr	Name of COB	Distt/State	Occupied by	Date of occupation	Remarks
Odisha	Kartanpalli	Malkangiri (Odisha)	85 Bn	04.02.17	New COB

Chhattisgarh	Charre-Marre	Kanker (Chhattisgarh)	134 Bn	27.03.17	New location
	Kanhargaon	-do-	171 Bn	31.03.17	New location. Taken over after handing over COB Korar to State Police.
	Bharenda	Narayanpur (Chhattisgarh)	125 Bn	03.08.17.	Taken over from ITBP.
	Jaal Top	Kanker (Chhattisgarh)	125 Bn	07.08.17	New location.

(c) **Forming of Small Action Team and Quick Response Teams for effective operations.** Small Action Team under the Command of Gazetted Officer already formed at COBs/ Battalion level and Quick Response Teams at each COBs are launching operations on actionable inputs in collaboration with the State Police. The mobility of teams comes from Motorcycles, which moves cross country. The teams equipped with all required weapons have proved very effective and has been succeeded to instil fear among Maoists rank and files.

## 8. **INITIATIVES OF BSF ON OPERATIONAL FRONT**

Technology based solution for sealing the existing riverine gap of 48.121 Kms International border in Dhubri area of Assam has been approved by MHA and the project is under process.

(a) **Air surveillance with the help of UAVs in sensitive areas along Indo-Bangladesh International border** :- MHA is being approached for procurement of 04 UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) as additional authorization for effective air surveillance in vulnerable infiltration areas of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura.

(b) **Training to Identify FICN** :- Immediately after the demonetization, BSF had taken an initiative to impart FICN identification training to Bordermen deployed on International border with Bangladesh. With the help of local bank authorities so far. 4174 personnel got training in the above subject.

(c) **Shifting of villages located ahead of Border Security Fence:** - To reduce the probability of any kind of trans-border crimes, case has been taken up with MHA for shifting of villages located ahead of fence along Indo-BD border in depth area.

(d) **Shifting of cattle haats** :- MHA has been requested to take up the issue with Chief Secretary, Govt. of WB for shifting of cattle haats beyond 08 kms from the Indo-BD border and case is still pending with MHA.

(e) **Infiltration of Rohingya into Indian Territory** :- Due to recent violence in Rakhine state of Myanmar following the attacks by **ARSA** (Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army) on Police and Army of Myanmar on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug' 2017, Rohingyas have been flushing Bangladesh in spite of BGB's best efforts to stop them. Infiltration of Rohingyas to India cannot be ruled out.

**During the current year upto 31<sup>st</sup> Oct' 2017, BSF has apprehended 87 Rohingya Muslims on Indo-Bangladesh border while trying to infiltrate/exfiltrate into India.**

To curb the illegal influx of Rohingyas into India, vulnerable Border Out Posts have been identified and additional BSF troops have been deployed in such patches. Special operations are being carried out with other agencies and sensitization meeting are also being carried out by the concerned commanders in their respective area of responsibilities.

(f) **Proposal for raising of BSF Battalion** : MHA has been approached for raising of at least 05 BSF battalions immediately for enhancing the deployment of BSF on vulnerable routes of infiltration along Indo-BD border.

## 9. **INITIATIVES OF BSF ON ADMINISTRATIVE FRONT**

(a) **Organ Donation** :- The BSF that lives by its motto "जीवन पर्यन्त कर्तव्य", pledged to take its call of duty even beyond on the International day of tissue and organ donation. Sensitive to the concern of precious lives being lost for want of organs for transplant, BSF Prahari's and family members came forward in large number to pledge for donation of organs and tissue. This is an ongoing mission in world's largest border guarding force. Till date, **60000** BSF personnel & their family members have registered their names for above campaign.

(b) **Launching of mobile applications "MHA Grievances Redressal" and "BSF My App"** :- All Central Armed Police Forces have well organized mechanism for redressal of grievances of their personnel. Notwithstanding, there are still some personnel, who feel that their grievances needs further consideration and better solution. As a result, they have a keen desire to raise their grievances to the level of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Considering the requirement, Ministry of Home Affairs had tasked BSF to develop a common system in which all personnel of various CAPFs can submit their grievances through a Mobile application so that same can be provided to respective forces for taking appropriate action. The mobile application also has a provision for MHA to continuously monitor the action taken by various CAPFs on their grievances and regulate the process for further improvement in the grievance redressal system. '**MHA Mobile Application**' is the name of system, which has been solely developed by BSF.

BSF has also developed a Mobile application namely '**BSFMyApp**' which cater to the requirement of grievance redressal as well as various other services and welfare related issues of the Force personnel, deployed in the field. It provides mechanism to address issues related to Pay, GPF, Leave, Deputation etc. The most significant feature of the application is its financial literacy module which not only educates BSF personnel about investment of their savings but also facilitates investment in a safe and systematic manner.

(c) **Signing of MoU between NSDF, NSDC & BSF** :- On the remote frontiers for civil population, BSF is the face of the state. In the continuous journey of strengthening human resources within and in vicinity, BSF signed MoU with NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) in July' 2017 to provide "Skill –training to retired BSF personnel and those who are on the verge of retirement, as well as to the population residing in border areas.

**The objective of the MoU :-**

- To contribute to the Skill Development Agenda of the country by ensuring the successful roll out of NSQF (National Skill Qualification Framework) based skill training to the retiring or retired BSF personnel and local population in the area of deployment through NSQF compliant training programmes at multi-skill development centres run by BSF. This will help in meeting the aspirations of the stakeholders for training and employment.
- This collaboration aims to train and provide gainful employment to retired BSF personnel and their families, school students, youth and differently abled for five years starting from April 2017 to April 2022.
- The project will be of a limited time period i.e. (5 years) and in mission mode. As such, the curriculum development and capacity building are being encouraged to enable the model to be self-sustaining over time.
- The program will be appropriately named keeping the objectives in view and will have BSF co-branding with skill India and NSDC.

(d) **Signing of MoU between BWWA (BSF Wives Welfare Association and CRY (Child Rights & You)** :- BSF Wives Welfare Association (BWWA) has signed an MoU with CRY. BWWA is a non-profit organization which trains and assists wives of BSF personnel in areas such as skill generation, education of children, introducing new opportunities/ avenues to wives of BSF personnel as well as their children, career counselling, health, life style, housing for widows and sharing and resolving their problems. Child Rights and You (CRY) is an Indian non-profit organization that believes in every child's right to a childhood - to live, learn, grow and play. For nearly 4 decades, CRY and its 200 partner NGOs have worked with parents and communities to ensure lasting change in the lives of more than 20 lakh underprivileged children, across 23 states in India.

(e) **Inauguration of Patanjali Shop** :- On the series of initiative of BWWA (BSF Wives welfare association) for introducing various schemes for welfare of BSF personnel and their families BWWA and Patanjali Ayurveda Limited Haridwar signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for sale of items of Patanjali through "BWWA Patanjali Shop" spread across various BSF locations all over India.

(f) **MoU with Santigiri Ashram** :- A MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between BSF and Santigiri Ashram was signed on 22 June 2017 at FHQ BSF, New Delhi for providing concessional rate packages of Panchakarma treatment in centres of the Ashram Pan India to BSF personnel including retirees and their dependents on voluntary utilization basis.

(g) **Rally for Rivers** :- Isha Foundation, Coimbatore in consultation with the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change had organized "Rally for Rivers" awareness campaign. The "Rally for Rivers" was flagged off from Isha Yoga Centre, Coimbatore on 3<sup>rd</sup> September'2017 and culminated in Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October'2017, covering 13 States and 21 Major Cities. As part of community service, BSF has consented to partner with Isha Foundation in the Mission initiated by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Isha Foundations noble cause of saving our rivers. A core team of BSF accompanied the rally right from inception (Coimbatore) to its culmination at Delhi.

(h) **BSF Half Marathon-2017** :- Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of sports and Youth Affairs was flagged-off the 21 Kms BSF Half Marathon in the memory of martyrs on 22.10.2017 from Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. The marathon received overwhelming response of residents of Delhi and participants who registered to run for the cause. Total 4865 participants registered for the run. In addition, BSF Prahari Pariwar participated in large numbers. Other segment of the race 05 Kilometres run was flagged-off by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble MoS (Home). Shri Rijiju also participated in the run for martyrs with DG BSF Sh K K Sharma and other force members including members of BWWA. The BSF Half Marathon had the support of 'Padma Shri' Ms P T Usha, Golden Girl of Indian Athletics, 'Padma Bhushan' Shri Abhinav Bindra, Olympian Ace shooter, 'Arjuna Awardee' Shri Amit Luthra, Golfer and Ms Swara Bhaskar, Film Actress and all of them graced the occasion. BSF Half Marathon had the support of Shri Virat Kohli, Md Shami and Yusuf Pathan who supported the cause by their social media posts. Sh Akshay Kumar has also supported BSF Half Marathon 2017 run for Martyrs. Dr. Satyapal Malik, Hon'ble MoS Human Resource Development (Higher Education) Minister and Padma Vibhushan and social worker Ms Sonal Man Singh, famous classic dancer were present during felicitation ceremony of winners. In the function, the family members of martyrs were also felicitated. All trophies and prizes were dedicated to force martyrs. The family members of martyrs were present in the function. Medals and certificates were distributed to all the participants. The whole event was conducted in a professional manner. The cultural event presented was appreciated by peoples

#### 10. **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 friendly countries.

#### (a) **TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

For organizing and carrying out "Basic Fundamental" training and "In Service Professional Training", we have five (05) Centre of excellence, (02) Special Training Schools and (11) Subsidiary Training Centres (STCs) across the Country as under:-



- **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**
  - (i) Academy Tekanpur, Madhya Pradesh – **Commando Training.**
  - (ii) Training Centre & School, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand – **Commando and Bomb disposal training.**
  - (iii) Central School of Weapons and Tactics, Indore, Madhya Pradesh – **Weapon & Tactics Training.**
  - (iv) Central School of Motor Transport, Tekanpur, Gwalior – **Motor driving.**
  - (v) National Training Centre for Dogs, Tekanpur, Gwalior – **Dog training.**
- **SPECIAL TRAINING SCHOOLS**
  - (i) Signal Training School, Tigri, Delhi
  - (ii) Signal Training School, Yelahanka, Bangaluru
- **ELEVEN SUBSIDIARY TRAINING CENTRES**

## 11. **NEW INITIATIVES IN TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

### (a) **Imparting Yoga training to troops**

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. Yoga has been adopted as a way of life in BSF and routine PT has already been replaced with Yoga to enable “Praharis” to tackle physical and mental hardship diligently. Selected BSF personnel have been sent to various yoga institutes for undergoing specialised yoga training/ courses as under :-

#### **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)**

S/No	Particulars	Period	Strength participated from BSF
1.	Certificate course in Yoga Science for 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> batch	01 Dec 2016 to 15 March 2017	22 Constables attended
2.	Certificate course in Yoga Science for 15 <sup>th</sup> batch	01 Apr 2017 to 31 July 2017	20 Constables attended

### (b) **Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar**

Advance yoga course by the yoga instructor of Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar was conducted at RTC/ 95 Bn BSF Bhondsi and BIAAT Dehradun for 150 and 50 personnel respectively w.e.f. 18 Sept to 17 Oct 2017.

### (c) **DRDO, Timarpur, New Delhi**

Yoga training for BSF personnel under DIPAS project was conducted by DRDO, Timarpur, New Delhi w.e.f. 10 July 2017 to 09 Aug 2017 at SHQ BSF Jaisalmer (North). Total 87 personnel attended the yoga training.

(d) **S-VYASA Yoga University, Bangalore**

Following Yoga programme/ workshop was conducted by S-VYASA Yoga University, Bangalore at their campus:-

S/No	Name of the yoga programme/ workshop	Period	Strength participated from BSF
1.	Self-Management of Excessive Tension (SMET)	30 Oct to 01 Nov 2017	10 Senior Officers attended
2.	Yoga therapy training programme	30 Oct to 04 Nov 2017	10 Medical Officers attended

(e) **Shiv Yoga Foundation**

Yoga training for BSF Low Medical Category personnel was conducted by Shiv Yoga foundation w.e.f. 15 July to 02 Aug 2017 at Composite Hospital Tekanpur. Total 100 LMC personnel attended the yoga training.

(f) **Inner Engineering retreat programme**

Following Inner engineering retreat programmes for BSF officers/ BWWA members were conducted by Isha Foundation at Chhatarpur/ Dwarka (Delhi):-

S/ No	Name of the programme	Duration and place	Participants
01.	Inner Engineering retreat programme	22 to 25 June 2017 at Chhatarpur, New Delhi	09 Officers attended
		13 to 16 July 2017 at Chhatarpur, New Delhi	06 Officers attended
		16 to 22 Aug 2017 at Dwarka, New Delhi	20 Officers & 01 BWWA member attended
		24 to 27 Aug 2017 at Chhatarpur, New Delhi	02 BWWA members & 02 Officers attended
		05 to 08 Oct 2017 at Chhatarpur, New Delhi	02 Officers attended

(g) **Emotion Free Technique (EFT)**

Emotion Free Technique (EFT) training was conducted by M/S Manpreet Kaur, Expert of EFT on 07 & 08 June 2017 at STC BSF Jodhpur and 15 & 16 June 2017 at STC BSF North Bengal. Total 61 personnel attended this training programme.

(h) **Workshop on eradication of stress & enhancing inner strength**

02 days workshop on eradication of stress & enhancing inner strength for BSF personnel is being conducted by the faculty of security service wing, Mount Abu (Rajasthan) at all BSF Sector HQs except Ftr HQ Kashmir from 24 July 2017 to 22 Dec 2017. So far workshop has been conducted in 25 Sectors.

**(j) Training of Divyang**

- (i) Basic computer course Srl No. 01 w.e.f. 05 Dec 2016 to 27 Jan 2017 (08 weeks) conducted and 14 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (ii) Draughtsman course Srl No. 01 w.e.f. 05 Dec 2016 to 27 Jan 2017 (08 weeks) conducted and 16 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (iii) Basic computer course Srl No. 02 w.e.f. 13 Feb 2017 to 07 April 2017 (08 weeks) conducted and 15 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (iv) Draughtsman course Srl No. 02 w.e.f. 13 Feb 2017 to 07 April 2017 (08 weeks) conducted and 16 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (v) Domestic Data Entry Operator course Srl No. 03 w.e.f. 08 May 2017 to 25 Aug 2017 (16 weeks) conducted and 13 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (vi) Draughtsman course Srl No. 03 w.e.f. 08 May 2017 to 25 Aug 2017 (16 weeks) conducted and 12 personnel of various CAPFs attended.
- (vii) Domestic Data Entry Operator course Srl No. 04 w.e.f. 18 Sept 2017 to 05 Jan 2018 is going on and 20 personnel from various CAPFs are attending this course.
- (viii) Draughtsman course Srl No. 04 w.e.f. 18 Sept 2017 to 05 Jan 2018 is going on and 07 personnel from various CAPFs are attending the course.
- (ix) 15 disabled personnel have completed long duration vocational training at QMTI Pune from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug' 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July' 2017 for which a sum of Rs.7,36,600/- paid to the Institution out of central welfare fund.

**(k) Special counselling/ training camp**

- (i) Pranic healing session for Divyang yodhas was conducted from time to time by the experts from "World Pranic Healing Foundation", New Delhi.
- (ii) Three counselling sessions were conducted by Sh Aditya Mehta Foundation for all Divyang Yodhas of the force at SHQ Amritsar on 18/04/2017, DSDC Chhawla on 28/04/2017 and SHQ Kolkata on 30/04/2017.
- (iii) One week training camp was organized from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 at STC BSF Bengaluru for Divyang yodhas in association with Aditya Mehta Foundation for identifying the capabilities of Para sports among BSF Divyang yodhas.

(I) **ACTIVITIES OF BSF INSTITUTE OF ADVENTURE AND ADVANCED TRAINING (BIAAT)**

During the period BSF Institute of Adventure and Advance Training (BIAAT) organized/ participated in various National/ International level training/ sports activities as under :-

(i) **Infinity Ride – 2017 (Hyderabad to Tirupati)** :- The aim of the ride was psychological empowerment of the disabled persons to make them able to overcome their mental inhibitions and to start leading a normal life. To build training expertise, the BSF has co-opted “Aditya Mehta Foundation”, a body that helps to train athletes with disabilities to pursue sports. In compliance to above, mountain biking team consisting 09 members of BIAAT Dehradun and members of Aditya Mehta foundation started the ride which was flagged-Off by Shri Venkateshan, IAS, Secretary Tourism, Telangana on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017 from Hyderabad and successfully completed at Tirupati with hoisting National flag.

(ii) **111 Kms Ultra Marathon at La-Ultra The High, Leh Ladakh** :- Sh Y S Rawat, DC of BIAAT had been participated in 111 Kms Ultra Marathon at La-Ultra the high organized at Leh Ladakh. The event was dedicated to veterans, Soldiers and martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in protecting the sanctity our country. Dr. Rajat Chauhan, Race & Co-Medical Director of La Ultra Marathon flagged-off the race on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017 from Nubra Valley. Total 35 National and International level sports personnel were participated, out of which only 17 personnel have completed the race in which Sh Y S Rawat, DC endurance runner of the institute has completed the above race in 19 hours and 46 minutes inspite of all odds of terrain with elevation of 14000 feet to 17400 feet and temperature varying form 40 degree celsius to minus 10 degree centigrade in the age of 54 years.

(iii) **Harela Parv - 2017** :- Harela Parv is a Hindu festival celebrated basically in the Uttarakhand state of India. The mythology behind the festival is that it is celebrated as the wedding of Lord Shiva and goddess Parvati with probable origin in Neolithic fertility festivals. This year Harela Festival was celebrated at BIAAT campus, Dehradun on Sept 2017 with the help of Forest Department. Harela parv was inaugurated by Hon'ble chief minister of Uttarakhand in the presence of all cabinet members of Uttarakhand and planted more than 5000 saplings/ trees to support nature environment.

(iv) **BSF Mountaineering Expedition – 2017 to Mt Jogin-I (6465 Mtr)** :- BSF has resolved to embark on Mt. Jogin-I (6465 Mtr) mountaineering expedition a pan National campaign on “Swatch Bharat Swatch Himalayas” w.e.f. 15 Sept to 15 Oct 2017, to reach out the people form remotest dwellings in Himalayas cutting across different section of society ushering them to join the mass movement as synonym to patriotism. Mounting waste on mountain trails/ in various camps being used by trackers and mountaineers is a growing problem in

Himalayas, which can have plethora of adverse impact on fragile mountain eco system. BSF Mt. Jogin-I expedition was organised with an aim to create an expanding pool of holistic mountain leaders, capable of providing basic health care, life support and rescue logistics to expeditions and the remote mountain communities until the arrival of definitive medical care.

(v) **Martyrs Day Ride-2017 in collaboration with Aditya Mehta Foundation** :- DG BSF Shri K K Sharma flagged-off the martyrs day ride at India Gate, New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov' 2017. The Cycle Ride was conducted for commemorating martyrs of the force. On a 13 day cycle ride the participants covered distance of 1365 Kms through various districts of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra carrying the message of valour of Bordermen, who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The ride culminated at Gateway of India, Mumbai on 26<sup>th</sup> November'. Through such rides and functions, Bordermen relive those moments and put up story of valour and service to the Nation to masses. The 23 member team is special as it has 6 Divyangjan of BSF & other CAPFs who will be riding along with team mates from BSF Institute of Advance Adventure Training (BIAAT) and Aditya Mehta Foundation.

(vi) **2<sup>nd</sup> Rustamji BSF White Water Rafting Challenge Cup - 2017** :- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rustamji BSF white water rafting challenge cup-2017 was organised with "Clean Ganges, Save Ganges" theme from Mala Kunthi, marine drive to Ganges NIM Beach, Rishikesh Uttarakhand. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rustamji BSF White Water Rafting Challenge Cup – 2017 organized w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 encompassing white water marathon and white water sprint events. Total 16 teams from various organizations participated in the championship in which BSF secured Runner-up position in both the events. Besides these events BIAAT also embarked on sensitization campaign and cleanliness drive along the holy river Ganges during the championship.

## 12. **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 01 Padma Shri, 17 Arjuna awards and 02 National adventure awards.

a) **Shri Pushpendra Singh Rathore, Deputy Inspector General, DIG (HQ) FHQ** participated in World Police & Fire Games-2017 at Los Angeles California, **USA** and won **02-Gold, 01-Silver and 01-Bronze** Medals.

- BSF Golf team is the champion of 2017 All India Police Golf Tournament.

b) All India Police Judo, Gymnastic, Wushu & Taekwondo Championship-2016 held at Kolkata from 03 to 07 Jan 2017. BSF teams participated in the said championship and secured position as mentioned below:-

- |      |                 |   |                          |
|------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| i)   | Judo (Men)      | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |
| ii)  | Judo (Women)    | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Position |
| iii) | Gymnastic (Men) | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |

c) All India Police Wrestling, Boxing, Weight Lifting Championship-2016 held at Patna, Bihar from 27 to 31 Jan 2017. BSF teams participated in the said championship and secured position as mentioned below:-

- |      |                        |   |                          |
|------|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| i)   | Boxing (Men)           | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |
| ii)  | Boxing (Women)         | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |
| iii) | Weight Lifting (Men)   | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |
| iv)  | Weight Lifting (Women) | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Position |
| v)   | Wrestling (GR-Men)     | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |
| vi)  | Wrestling (FS-Men)     | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position |
| vii) | Wrestling (FS-Women)   | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Position |

d) 27<sup>th</sup> National Canoeing Sprint Championship- 2017 held at Bilawali Lake Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 09 to 13 Jan 2017. Under mentioned BSF central water sports players won medals as mentioned against each:-

S. No.	Events	Medal	Participant
01.	K-4 500 Mtr	Bronze (Team)	CT Surender Beniwal CT Renjit M CT Manmohan Dangi CT Satpal Tomar
02.	C-2 (1000 Mtr)	Bronze (Team)	CT Arun CT Satish Kumar
03.	C-2 (200 Mtr)	Bronze (Team)	Ct Joseph Francis One other participant from other Org.
04.	<b>C-2 (200,500, 1000 Mtr)</b>	<b>03 Gold (team)</b>	<b>M/CT Inocha Devi</b> <b>One other participant from other Org.</b>

e) 51<sup>st</sup> Sr. National cross country championship-2017 held at Bhilai, Chhattisgarh on 15 Jan 2017. BSF cross country team secured bronze medal. Name of participants are as under:-

S. No.	Name of participants	Medal
01.	Inspr Manju	Bronze (team)
02.	Ct Jagmal	Bronze (team)
03.	Ct Gova Ram	Bronze (Team)
04.	Ct Soman Raman	Bronze (team)

05.	Ct Biplab Roy	Bronze (team)
06.	Ct Kapil Kumar	Bronze (team)

f) BSF Equestrian team participated in National Equestrian Championship Dressage held at Delhi from 10 to 15 Jan 2017. Team won 01 Silver and 01 Bronze Medal in the team event.

g) Following Para cyclist of BSF participated in the **6<sup>th</sup> Asian Para Cycling Championship** held at Bahrain from 24 Feb to 2 Mar 2017.

- i) **Ct Harinder Singh** - **01 Bronze Medal**
- ii) CT Ajay Singh - Participated
- iii) CT Kaigoulal - Participated

CT Harinder Singh won Bronze medal during the championship, which is maiden bronze medal in Asian para cycling championship by any CAPF personnel.

h) **Sub Inspector/ Vehicle Mechanic R Ramdas** of Sector Headquarters BSF, Thiruvananthapuram participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Masters veteran athletic meet-2017 held in **Rugao (China)** from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Sept' 2017 and won two medals (Silver and Bronze).

j) **Constable Amar Kumar Santra** participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> National Para Swimming Championship-2017 (visually impaired category) held in **Udaipur (Rajasthan)** from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Nov' 2017 and won a Gold and two Silver medals.

k) Senior National Judo Championship 2016-17 held at Chennai from 25 to 28 Feb 2017 and BSF team secured medals as mentioned against each:-

- i) CT Mandeep Singh - Bronze Medal in 60 Kg
- ii) CT Anjkjit Bisht - Bronze in 66 Kg
- iii) CT Narender Kumar - Bronze in 73 kg
- iv) CT Shubham Kumar - Bronze medal in 100 kg
- v) CT Ravinder Singh - Bronze in +100 kg

l) 17<sup>th</sup> All India Police Rifle & Revolver/Pistol Shooting Competition – 2017 was organized by Assam Police from 10 to 14 March 2017 at 4<sup>th</sup> Assam Police Battalion, Kahilipara, Guwahati (Assam). BSF Team secured First position by securing 05 Gold, 02 Silver, 02 Bronze medals and 02 Best shot during the competition.

m) 26<sup>th</sup> All India G V Malvankar Shooting Championship held at Kadarapur Gurugram, Haryana from 20 to 27 Mar 2017 BSF team participated and won following medals :-

- i) CT Jutan Modak - 01 Gold (Indvl)
- ii) Inspr Chetan Prajhapati - 01 Silver (indvl)

- iii) M/CT Amandeep Kaur - 01 Silver (Indvl)
- iv) CT Rankesh Singh - 01 Bronze (Indvl)
- v) M/CT Jasbir Kaur - 01 Bronze (indvl)

n) 60<sup>th</sup> National Shooting championship (Big Bore) held at Kadarapur, Gurugram, Haryana from 28 Mar to 05 April 2017 BSF team participated and won the following medals :-

- i) M/CT Rajvir Kaur } - 01 Gold (team)  
M/CT Baljit Kaur }  
M/CT Sonia Dadwal }
- ii) M/CT Baljit Kaur - 01 Silver & 01 Bronze (Indl)
- iii) M/CT Sonia Dadwal - 01 Bronze (Indl)

o) Sh Paramdeep Singh, AC Coach of Central Basketball team had appointed as the Coach of Indian women team for training camp from 03 to 22 April 2017 and 08 to 27 May 2017 in connection with preparation of FIBA Women's Asia Cup- 2017.

p) Following mahila shooters of BSF Central Sports team participated in 2<sup>nd</sup> Indo-Bhutan Bore Shooting Championship from 06 April to 13 April 2017 & secured medals as under:-

- i) M/Ct Manjeet Kaur - 02 Gold (team) & 01 Silver (Indvl)
- ii) M/Ct Sonia Dadwal - 01 Gold (team)

q) As per the directions of GOI, OORJA-CAPFs youth under -19 football talent hunt tournament successfully conducted by CAPFs in three phases from 01<sup>st</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Four teams who have been selected by BSF during the first & second phase were entered into finals. BSF Punjab (Boys) team won the tournament by defeating BSF Karnataka (Boys) in final match. BSF West Bengal (Girls) team stood third during the Championship.

r) M/CT Gunjan Kumar of Central Archery team participated in 3<sup>rd</sup> stage Archery World Cup held at Salt Lake USA from 20 June to 25 July 2017.

s) Following Archers of BSF Archery team participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Senior National archery championship held at Hyderabad from 14 to 16 July 2017 and won medals as per details given below :-

- i) M/CT Pallvi Boro - 01 Gold (Indvl), 01 Silver (team) & 01 Bronze (Indvl)
- ii) M/CT Tutumuni Boro - 01 Gold (Indvl), 01 Silver (Indvl) & 01 Bronze (Team)
- iii) CT Uttam Swaragiya - 01 Silver (team)
- iv) M/CT Sandeep Kaur - 01 Silver (team)



t) 20 Sports persons of BSF Central Sports teams participated in 2017 World Police & Fire Games held at Los Angeles, California, USA from 07 to 16 Aug 2017 and won medals as per details given below :-

<b>Events</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Total</b>
Swimming	05	02	03	10
Athletic	10	08	07	25
Wrestling	04	-	-	04
Boxing	03	-	-	03
Archery	01	02	-	03
Shooting	07	05	03	15
Golf	02	01	01	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>

u) All India Police Cluster held at Ranchi, Jharkhand from 10 to 14 Oct 2017 and following BSF Central teams participated and secured position as per details given below :-

- i) Yoga - 1<sup>st</sup> Position
- ii) Basketball - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

v) All India Police Cluster conducted at Pune, Maharashtra from 27 to 31 Oct 2017. Following BSF Central teams participated and secured position as mentioned below :-

- i) Weight Lifting - 1<sup>st</sup> Position
- ii) Wrestling (FS) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position
- iii) Wrestling (GR) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position
- iv) Boxing (Women) - 1<sup>st</sup> Position

### 13. **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 deployed in Colombo (Sri Lanka) and Congo.

### 14. **WELFARE ACTIVITIES**

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

BSF Director General's Merit Scholarship is being provided to wards of BSF serving and deceased personnel.

#### 2017-2018

Total DG's merit scholarship Cases	Amount	Status
120 Cases @ Rs.15,000/- per case	Rs.18,00,000/-	Still under process

(b) **BSF Education loan**

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

2017-2018

BSF Education loan cases	Amount distributed
162 Cases	Rs.1,54,33,000/-

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

Financial assistance for education to children of service personnel after 12<sup>th</sup> class for one child is being provided.

2017-2018 (1<sup>st</sup> April to Sept 2017)

Financial assistance for higher education total cases	Amount distributed
7599	Rs.7,49,11,673/-

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

Financial Assistance @ Rs. One lakh for two Daughters marriage out of Special Relief Fund.

(e) **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):-

- Out of CBF Rs. 50,000/-
- Out of SRF Rs. 20,000/-

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

Prime Minister Scholarship is being provided to the 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

Details of last year scholarship (2016-2017)

Total Nos. of Prime Minister's Scholarship cases	Amount distributed
925 cases	Rs.2,31,81,000/-

(g) **Re-Orientation Training for personnel proceeding on Superannuation**

15 persons have attended Re-Orientation training at BSF Academy Tekanpur from 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to 27<sup>th</sup> March' 2017 for their Rehabilitation/ Re-settlement.

(h) **Rehabilitation Scheme**

Various steps have been initiated for re-employment/ rehabilitation of retired BSF personnel. The retired personnel can register their names in the mobile application maintained by WARB in which re-employment features are available.

(j) **Family accommodation for troops**

Sanction for construction of 456 Nos. of Residential Quarters amounting to Rs. 77.61 Crore has been accorded by MHA under EFC/ EPC scheme and construction of 213 Nos. family quarters amounting to Rs. 36.31 Crore has already been completed.

(k) **Accommodation for Jawans**

03 Nos. 120 men Jawan Barrack for Rs. 16.68 Crore were sanctioned and out of which 01 Barrack amounting Rs. 5.12 Crore completed. 07 Nos. other building such as Adm Block, Training Block, SOs/ Officers mess etc for Rs. 21.31 Crore were also sanctioned. Out of which, 27 Nos. buildings amounting Rs. 97.81 Crore completed. 96 Nos. of BOP elements for Rs. 37.96 Crore is sanctioned.

(l) **Supply of piped water**

Continued endeavors are being made by BSF for **Supply of piped water to all the BOPs**. In this regard sanction obtained from MHA for providing piped water to 181 BOPs amounting to Rs. 99.91 Crore in the current financial year.

(m) **Renovation/ up-gradation**

Sanction for renovation/ up-gradation of 10464 Nos. residential buildings outlived 20 or more years amounting to Rs. 344.50 Crore accorded by MHA.

(n) **Atithi Grah**

Sanction for construction of 01 Atithi Grah each for 186 BSF Battalion Rs.1.84 Crore per Atithi Grah has been obtained from MHA.

15. **NEW INITIATIVES IN BSF**(a) **Financial Literacy Programme**

To educate BSF personnel on financial investment in the market to gain maximum profit on their genuine investment through experts, BSF has undertaken a financial literacy mission to invest their hard earned money in more profitable way for better returns in a longer period through SIP. This drive is covered in three steps:-

- (i) Educating BSF personnel on financial investment.
- (ii) Providing support through expert in their financial planning.
- (iii) Evaluation of their financial investment.

(b) **BSF PrepMantra**

Online free access for the coaching of competitive examinations – the application Prep Mantra was launched on the initiative of DG BSF for wards of BSF personnel with a view to provide them better coaching in various competitive exams. The course material includes mock tests, model test papers and tool for performance analyse is available in it.

(c) **Wellness Quotient Assessment Test**

In a first-of-its kind step, to curb suicides and depression amongst its officers and jawans, the country's largest border-guarding force BSF has launched ambitious project of wellness quotient assessment test. In order to keep both – the mental and physical health of BSF personnel in check, a 'wellness quotient assessment' test will be added in their annual medical check-up which will enable an early identification of such personnel (who are in stress or in trouble) and such instances are reduced to the best extent possible. It is a multi-point questionnaire which is being "linked" to the annual medical test of jawans and officers. Under this project, troops will have to reply to a variety of questions relating to a various life situations, challenges and conditions and these questions have been prepared by expert mental counsellors and doctors. The test is aimed to identify those troops who need help psychologically by counselling. The wellness quotient Assessment Test will be implemented under the able guidance of Dr. Vimal Kumar Sharma, MD, FRCP (Psy), PhD and his team.

(d) **Golden Jubilee Seema Prahari Kalyan Kawach (GJSPKK)**

Personnel of BSF are generally deployed in remote, inaccessible and very sensitive areas where the life is highly risky. BSF personnel rendering supreme sacrifice for the sake of country. But after the supreme sacrifices, dependents of martyr have to face financial constraints. In order to avoid such financial constraints, with the approval of Director General of the Force "**Golden Jubilee Seema Prahari Kalyan Kawach**" has been initiated. There will be provision to deposit a fixed amount initially Rs. 500/- per month by all the permanent members of Border Security Force.

The compensation being paid to NOKs (Next of Kins) of BSF personnel killed in action has been enhanced. Comparative statement of compensation paid to NOKs of BSF personnel as per various insurance schemes since last seven years as under :-

- Jan'2010 to Aug'2014 - Rs.10 Lakh under SPBY (LIC) Scheme.
- Sept'2014 to Aug'2017 - Rs.20 Lakh under Golden Jubilee Seema Prahari Kalyan Kawach Scheme
- Sept'2017 onwards - 40 Lakh under Golden Jubilee Seema Prahari Kalyan Kawach Scheme
- **Operational death case** - Rs.40 Lakh
- Accidental Death/ Heart Attack/ any type of Illness/ Suicide and missing cases - Rs. 40 Lakh

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