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HON’BLE UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI RAJNATH SINGH DECORATED THE GALLANT OFFICERS AND MEN OF BSF ON THE OCCASION OF 16TH BSF INVESTITURE CEREMONY-2018

Today in a befitting ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, BSF Braveheart’s have been awarded with medals and honoured by Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. Total 46 members of the Force were decorated with Medals in which 14 members with Police Medals for Gallantry (including 04 posthumously) and 32 Officers and men (including 07 retired members) have been awarded with Police Medals for Meritorious service. Retired DsG/ IsG of BSF, serving DsG of CAPF, officers from different ministries of Govt. of India and members from print and electronic media were in audience with BSF fraternity today.

OUR HEROES

POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (POSTHUMOUSLY)

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2. The Investiture Ceremony organized on 22\textsuperscript{nd} May’ 2018 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.

3. Welcoming all to the occasion, DG BSF Shri K K Sharma first paid rich tribute to the martyrs of the Force who gave supreme sacrifice on the altar of duty, serving the motherland. Shri Sharma reiterated BORDERmen’s commitment for the services of protecting the boundaries of nation. Shri Sharma said that BSF is in constant endeavour of preparing itself in terms of strategy, infrastructure, weaponry and training. BSF is carrying out relentless vigil along the borders. 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 “\textbf{Founding Father of BSF}”.

4. DG BSF reiterated the BSF commitment to national security and nation building in his welcome address.

5. Speaking to proud recipients and their families, and also to the audience where heads of CAPFs and senior officers of different organizations were present, Hon’ble Union Home Minister started his address with a reverence and gratitude to the martyrs of BSF and other forces who have given supreme sacrifice. Honourable minister quoted the words of a Bordermen in his address that “\textbf{Borders are our responsibility but our responsibilities are limitless}”. Shri Rajnath Singh said that “\textbf{BSF is the First Wall of India’s Defence}”. 
8. During the function, BSF released a documentary ‘Beyond the Call of Duty’ based on the social responsibilities of Nation building, borne by the Force. In the function, on the request of DG BSF, Hon’ble Union Home Minister unveiled ‘Happiness & Health’, an SOP (Standing Operating Procedure) for Holistic Wellbeing of the force members. In addition to that a ‘Coffee Table Book – A tale of Courage & Compassion’ and second edition of ‘BSF History Book’ have also been released. A book written by BSF Inspector General Shri A K Sharma, ‘Safar Sipahi Ka – School Se Sarhad Tak’ was also released.

9. High point of the function was, a ‘Postage Stamp’ release, commemorating the 25 years of social service of BSF Wives Welfare Association (BWWA). Home Minister also graced to unveil the magazine of BWWA, ‘Prahari Sangini’ in the same function.

10. The Investiture Ceremony-2018 was followed by 13th Rustamji Memorial Lecture. Guruji Dr. H R Nagendraji the founder member of Shree Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan (S-VYASA), delved into the topic of ‘Yoga and Leadership’.