

The Black Dungarees

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<u>From The</u> <u>Director General's Desk</u>



It gives me immense pleasure to greet all of you in the New Year, even as we cherish our achievements of a wonderful year gone by and look ahead with anticipation to the challenges of the days ahead. This quarter has witnessed hectic activity amongst the "Black Dungarees". We have leaped forward in cementing our bond with the Special Forces community of the world with close interaction, joint training and purposeful exchange of visits. The 17th International NSG Seminar on Counter Terrorism on 8th & 9th Feb 2017 will add another major chapter to this endeavour. We have continued to hone our skills to meet emerging challenges and strengthened synergy with states through capacity building exercises. And, in all this, it was a proud moment to see the Black Cats on the Rajpath as the Nation cheered for us. We have taken major strides in our quest to transform into "Scholar Warriors" including associating with the 'Centre for Anti Terrorism Studies' to guide us along this path of knowledge. We are committed to providing a good quality of life to the force while fulfilling our duties towards a healthier environment.

NSG on the Rajpath



The defining moment of the quarter was definitely the electrifying presence of the NSG Commandos on the Rajpath. In a historic decision, NSG announced itself by fielding a contingent for the Republic Day Parade. The shimmering Black Knights were a beholder's delight in their sheer awe inspiring presence. A contingent of 113 commandos showcased our resolve to excel on land, water & air. Their total commitment and resolve to set exemplary standards prompted the DG to award his Commendation Card to the entire contingent in an impromptu announcement post the stupendous performance on the Rajpath.







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The Release

The DG released the first edition of "The Black Dungarees" on 10 Nov 2016 in the presence of an impressive audience of 125 IPS probationers who were also the first recipients. The encouraging response to the initiative has spurred us on to continue to share with our patrons. A Calendar has been published to highlight the commendable journey of the Black Cats through the year.



BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER

March Towards Being "Scholar Warriors"

The quest for knowledge and collective will to transform NSG leadership into scholar warriors continued to draw eminent and inspirational speakers to share their pearls of wisdom on issues of tactical & strategic relevance. The vibrant sessions are generating the expected buzz amongst the ignited minds.

Col Sunil Sheoran, SM**, Ex GC 51 SAG-"Mumbai Ops".

Lt Gen SA Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM** (Retd), Ex GOC 15 Corps- "Sit in Kashmir"

Lt Gen GS Katoch, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)-"Grey Zone War & Evolution of Terrorism"



VOICES FROM THE VALLEY OF DISQUIET

A MOU with the leading think tank "Centre for Land Warfare Studies" (CLAWS) & a fresh initiative in the form of Centre for Anti Terrorism Studies (CATS) are steps in the right direction of propelling & empowering NSG along its growth curve.



THE NERVE CENTRE- NSG HQ

Change: The Only Constant

- > Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, AVSM, IG (Ops) to HQ Eastern Command.
- Shri UC Sarangi, IPS, IG (HQ) to BSF
- > Shri Rakesh Aggarwal, IPS, IG (Prov) to BSF
- Brig A Choudhary, DIG Comn to NCC
- Shri Alok Kumar, IPS, DIG (Adm) To BSF



TOWARDS GREENER PASTURES

- Maj Gen S Mishra, VSM IG(Ops)-Designate
- Shri PS Phalnikar, IPS, IG (HQ)
- Shri Abhishek Trivedi, IPS, IG (Prov)-In situ
- Brig Girish Suri, DIG (Comn)
- Brig RK Chhikara, SM, DIG (Ops & Trg)



WELCOME TO THE NSG FAMILY

THE OPERATIONS CENTRE: FORCE HO



The Black Cats continued to sharpen their fangs while training for any eventuality. The teams prepared for various scenarios in different contingencies. From protecting VIPs to metros, airports, trains; to hotels, stations and other high value target around the country, seamless coordination was achieved with all stake holders.



A contingent of Thai SF carried out Joint CT Exercise from 24 Oct to 05 Nov 2016



The bomb disposal team responded swiftly to an emergency to defuse a live bomb found in a residential area in Delhi on 28 Jan 17 once again displaying remarkable skills and courage.



IN QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE -NICT

The freshly rechristened National Institute of Counter Terrorism (NICT- erstwhile Training Centre) remained the hub of activity with a spate of vigorous courses and exercises dotting the period.

Flagship Courses. After a gruelling 12 weeks, Conversion Courses SAG-102 & SRG-106 concluded successfully in Dec 2016 with induction of 217 & 138 Commandos, respectively. 126 Police Commandos were also trained over 12 weeks to be trainers.





VOILA! READY FOR BLACK DUNGAREES

The Police Training Group (PTG) oversaw the flawless conduct of Agni Pariksha-III, the 3rd **National Joint CT Exercise. Crack CT teams from** 10 states and a team of 11 SRG took part in the exercise from 10-24 Nov 2016. In a special effort, the gp trained 40 personnel of Bangladesh Police including officers and ladies of RAB, Metro & Armed Police.



Close on the heels came the 2nd National Counter IED Exercise: Agnishaman-II from 01-08 Dec 2016. Counter IED teams from eight states & CISF shared their best practices while learning a trick or two from the experts of National Bomb **Data Centre, NSG.** With the country facing the IED menace in every nook & corner, this exposure prepared them to effectively deal with several peculiar scenarios which the BD teams face frequently.



WATCHOUT! THERE'S A BOMB

Equipment Display Several new equipment were displayed during the two national exercises to give a peek into the technology of the future to assist SF. Participants evinced keen interest in the exhibitions, also encouraging the "Make in India" drive.



VISITS

The global stature of the force was evident from the eagerness of some of the worlds' best Special Forces to associate and share with the Black Cats. The British SAS, French GIGN, Israeli's, German GSG-9 and several other leading forces opened their welcoming arms to our delegates during various international exchanges :-

- > Delegation under Col Pratyush Atri: Nepal - 29 Aug - 03 Sep 2016.
- > Shri Ravindra Singh- Israel: 06 -11 Nov 2016.
- > Team led by Brig HS Walia: Germany -15 - 18 Nov 2016.
- Visit of Chief of GIGN France-22-23 Nov 2016.
- > Team led by Maj Gen Bipin Bakshi, VSM: UK - 27 Nov - 10 Dec 2016.



WITH SAS - BONHOMIE AMONGST EQUALS



ACHTUNG! RUBBING SHOULDERS



MAMMA MIA! THEY ARE A STEP AHEAD



YUMMY! INDIAN **THAI CURRY**

A starry eyed batch of 125 IPS Probationers visited HQ NSG and the Manesar Garrison to get a feel of the Force. They left obviously impressed.



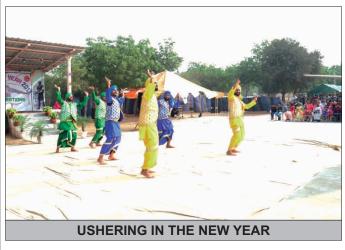
CENTRAL EVENTS

The **New Year dawned**, spreading sunny smiles everywhere. The fraternity has also embraced the new beginning with a fresh resolve to live up to the faith reposed in us.

Sainik Sammelan

The DG addressed all ranks of the NSG on 02 Jan 2017, priming them for the challenges ahead.





The New Year festivities saw the fraternity come out in large numbers to celebrate, with Lohri adding to the flavour.



SPREADING WARMTH AROUND WITH LOHRI

NHRC Debate

The NSG conducted the yearly NHRC Inter CAPF debate, setting exceptional standards of conduct. In a keenly contested final, Shri Ajay Sharma of 13 SRG won the English Debate while Shri HK Sharma of 13 SRG won a consolation prize.





MAKING US PROUD

The impetus on modernisation and up gradation is manifesting in the mushrooming of several critical facilities which aim to enhance the overall standard of training and living of the Black Cats. A state of the art Niranian Auditorium with a virtual classroom, 580 men barrack, innovatively designed confidence jump, IED Modular Range, modern equipment like ROVs & target systems will add to the world class infrastructure in Manesar Garrison.









MODERNISING FOR THE FUTURE

At Peace with Nature

Affinity of the forces towards everything green and their penchant for metamorphosing tepid surroundings into salubrious climes have been a traditional trademark. Initiatives stressing on polythene free zones, arboriculture plans, resource conservation & hygienic waste

disposal drive have left the garrison wearing an eye soothing ensemble.









WE OWE IT TO OUR POSTERITY

Our Very Own OLX- "BechDe"

In a novel initiative, NICT launched its very own OLX - a platform to enable our constantly "on the move" community to shed extra baggage while benefitting the new comers.

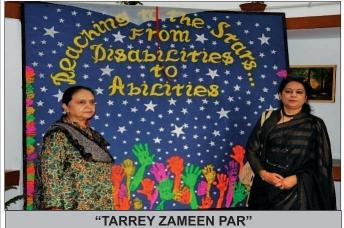




LEADING THE WAY

NWYA - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The **World Disability Day** was organised at "**Prerna**" under the guidance of Mrs Rajshree Singh, President NWYA. A sterling performance by



the differently abled children gave a wonderful expose into their beautiful minds.



Station Clientele Meet

A clientele meet was organised in the Manesar Garrison on 07 Jan 17 to obtain a direct feedback about the various administrative issues of all ranks with a view to improve the quality of life.



We Care

In a heartwarming gesture, the DG opened NSG's doors for the labourers working on the campus by providing schooling facilities & food for their young children.

