From The Director Generals' Desk

The NSG, for long has remained the last bastion of counter terrorism in the country, which is a matter of immense pride for us in “The Black Dungarees”. But what goes into the making & honing of a Black Cat commando remains an enigma to an inquisitive polity. Through this fresh initiative, we hope to bring the force closer to our patrons, while reaching out to our veterans and colleagues. It is with this hope of strengthening our bond and evoking a tinge of nostalgia that I wish all our readers happy reading.

The Editors’ Pennings

In another sterling initiative by “The Black Cats”, we have taken one more step in our journey of learning & sharing. The enigma shrouding the Elite Force is being gradually unveiled to the environment to present the professional, yet friendly facade - to bring the Black Dungarees closer to the people we protect. It also gives us an opportunity to remain connected to NSG’s diaspora. This quarterly chronicle will encase the entire gamut of activities the commandos undertake to retain their edge, and the herculean efforts that go into their evolution

In our pioneering edition, we have endeavoured to introduce our readers to glimpses of NSG’s professional as well as humane face. We are confident that the efficient orchestration of events by a well-oiled Sudarshan HQ, the awe inspiring regimen of the Training Centre & the superhuman efforts of the Black Cats will make an interesting read for our discerning patrons. I am sanguine that this curtain raiser will whet your appetite for more and your welcome feedback will egg us on in our continuing efforts to open our intriguing world to all of you.
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The Police Commemoration parade was held at the NSG Memorial on 21 Oct 2016. The wreath was laid by Maj Gen Bipin Bakshi, VSM, IG (Trg) on the solemn occasion. Names of all martyrs were read out to remind us of their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Parliamentary Committee on Official Language inspected and reviewed the progress made in the use of official language and steps being taken to promote the use of official language by National Security Guard on 02 Sept 2016.

The Shaurya Vatika was inaugurated by Shri & Smt RC Tayal at Manesar on 26 Aug 16 as a befitting tribute to our martyrs.

Shri Sudhir Pratap Singh, IPS took over as the Director General, National Security Guard on 26 Sep 2016.
With the dawn of the new training year 2016-17, the training Centre was at the forefront of activities. A chock-a-block schedule of flagship courses, capacity building courses and a plethora of all-round action saw the Centre leap forward in its continued quest for excellence.

Flagship Courses. The flagship Conversion Courses & the Police Commando Instructor Course started in Jul & terminated successfully with induction of 291 commandos into NSG folds, while 118 Police Commandos were trained to be trainers.

Synergy with first responders will be the key to NSG operations. NSG worked closely with effected states viz Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Assam & Odisha during joint CT exercises to enhance their operational capabilities.

In an exclusive initiative, NSG reached out to provide in-situ training to state BD teams in C-IED protocols. Team from Telangana, Bihar, Punjab & Meghalaya were imparted training by our teams in their native locations.

ROV Daksh. The NBDC received a major fillip with induction of the versatile and multifaceted ROV Daksh enhancing the C-IED capacity manifolds.

NSG Task Force was deployed for BRICS & BIMSTEC 2016 from 10 Oct to 17 Oct 2016 to thwart any terrorist attempts during the event, covering the most vulnerable targets with anti-drone grid & Bomb Disposal cover.

Honourable Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the imposing office edifice of NSG at Samalkha on 23 Aug 2016.
COMPETITIVE INSTINCTS-FIRST AMONG EQUALS

Best Commando Competition - 2016. Nothing brings out the best in a Black Cat than the adrenalin pumping adventure of competing with the elite. The coveted “Best Commando Trophy” was hotly contested through several stages of selection. Hav Digambar & Nk Tara Chand proved to be the “First Among Equals” bagging the treasured trophy.

FROM THE FIELD OF SPORTS

The sporting calendar of the NSG was equally challenging, bringing out the most competitive, yet the best sportsman spirit. Expectedly, the sports generated great fervour & zeal among the participants, egged on by the cheering crowds bellowing war cries & catchy slogans.

Football. Our own Messis’ & Ronaldos’ took to the fields with gusto. The incessant, yet welcome rains only added to the flavour as the skills on show brought spectators in hordes, giving a run for money to Rio Olympics viewership as Hyderabad Hub pipped 51 SAG to lift the trophy.

Best Instructor Competition-2016. The elite set of instructors showcased their mettle during a comprehensive & elaborate battery of tests to vie for the exclusive “Best Instructor Trophy”. Capt VA Singh, TC, Coord, Nb Sub Mohite Vijay, SRTG & Hav Mahipal Singh, SRTG were adjudged winners during the glittering Raising Day Barakhana ceremony.

Volleyball. The spikers from various places converged at Manesar for the championship in Sep. In a riveting final, Training Centre retained supremacy overcoming a five setter challenge by 13 SRG.

Golf. The lush & inviting golfing greens regularly saw the Golfers descend on EP&TA, Manesar for several scenic rounds. The NSG Team took part in the All India Police Golf Tournament from 26-28 Sep 2016 & impressed everyone with their skills & swerves.

NSG Marathon. Of course, the icing on the cake was the marquee “NSG Marathon”. The annual Gandhi Jayanti Special Event saw zealous participation in full (42 Km), Half (21 Km) & Run for Fun (8 Km) category by 05 to 55 year olds. Flagged off by IG, Trg, the event was a grand success in portraying the indomitable spirit of the NSG fraternity. The glamour quotient went several notches up by the inspiring presence of Ms Mary Kom, RajyaSabha MP & boxer, & cricketer Mr Ashish Nehra of Team India fame for the Prize Ceremony.
Rahul Kumar Pal, ASI & Lnk Dalbir Singh won the 42 Km & 21 Km events, respectively sparking great jubilation & cheering by the resplendent crowd.

Smt Savi Tayal inaugurated two additional class rooms of NSG Primary School on 08 Aug 16.

Tree Plantation. On the occasion of ‘International Women’s Day’ a ‘Kinoo Orchard’ was inaugurated at the Training Centre by Mrs Aruni Doval, wife of Shri Ajit Doval, NSA and Mrs Radha Choudhury.

International Yoga Day. On 21 Jun 2016, a ‘Yoga Workshop’ was organised on the occasion at Manesar. The packed stadium reflected the keen sense of health consciousness among one and all.

Diwali Mela. The Diwali festivities were organized with aplomb at Manesar featuring various activities including Kids Painting Competition, Rangoli Competition & a colourful mela. Mrs Anita Bakshi ushered in the celebrations with the traditional lighting of the lamp.