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**NSG "BLACK CAT" MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION-2019**  
**NSG COMMANDOS SUCCESSFULLY SCALED**  
**MOUNT EVEREST IN MAY 2019 AND RETURNED BACK**

National Security Guard (NSG) is an elite Special Force comprising of commandos from Indian Army and Central Armed Police Forces, popularly known as "**The Black Cats**" of the country under undertakes a mission to climb Mt Everest in 2019. Total 16 members including 04 support member of climbing team led by Lt Col Jay Prakash Kumar were flagged off by Shri Sudeep Lakhtakia, IPS, DG NSG on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from Delhi.

2. This is the first such expedition of NSG to Mount Everest. The aim of sending NSG expedition team to Mount Everest is to instill deep sense of confidence, pride, develop a strong sprit of undertaking unknown challenges, develop leadership qualities, instill positive attitudes among the members of the Force and reinforce the motto of " SAHAS KI VIJAY" and also to upgrade the intervention rock craft capabilities.

3. The NSG Everest expedition team comprising of 12 commandos with 04 support staff left New Delhi on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2019 for Kathmandu to undertake the mission through traditional South Eastern approach route via South Col in Solukhumbhu Region of Nepal to reach the highest peak of the earth. Before attempting to climb Mount Everest, the team also climbed Mount Labuche (6119 M) in Nepal.

4. Out of 12 commandos of NSG expedition team 07 commandos namely Lt Col Jay Prakash Kumar, AC-I Roshan Singh, AC-II Kunzang Namgail, R-I Tsewang Morup, R-II Tashi Stanba, R-II Ramanvir Singh & R-II Johny LT Mawia had successfully summited the highest peak of the earth on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 0705 hrs in first slot and 04 commandos namely Team Cdr Mahender,

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AC-II Vivek Thakur, R-II Sukhvir Singh & R-II Anoop Singh successfully scaled the Mount Everest in 2<sup>nd</sup> slot on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 0530 hrs. Finally, after completion of the mission to scale Mount Everest first time in the history of NSG, the entire team reached safely at HQ NSG, Palam New Delhi on 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

5. The idea to send NSG troop to Mount Everest was first conceived by Shri S.P.Singh,IPS the then DG NSG in the year 2017 and thereafter Shri Sudeep Lakhtakia, IPS, who is present DG NSG has been instrumental in planning, equipping training and motivate the commandos of this expedition. In this Mission, Home Ministry, Govt of India supported DG NSG in accomplishing this arduous task. Prior to undertake this arduous task the team of NSG commandos had successfully climbed Mount Nun(7135) in Laddakh Region(J&K) in Aug-Sept, 2017, Mount Deo Tibba(6001M) in Himachal Pradesh, Mount Jogin-I (6465M) and Mount Jogin-III (6116M) in Uttrakhand in the year 2018.

6. The Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Minister of State(Home), National Security Advisor, DIB, Union Home Secretary, Ambassador to Nepal and other dignitaries congratulated Shri Sudeep Lakhtakia, IPS, DG NSG for successful conduct of the expedition. The flag in ceremony of the entire expedition team will be organized shortly at HQ NSG, Palam, New Delhi.

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