New Delhi (17th December, 2019):- Sh. K. Rajesh Chandra, IPS, Director General, SSB took the salute of the ceremonious Raising Day Parade as a part of SSB’s 56th Anniversary celebrations on 17th December, 2019 at SSB’s 25 Battalion, Ghitorni Campus, New Delhi. The highlights of the function included a magnificent march past of the nine decorated contingents drawn from all the frontiers of SSB which included three special contingents of Special Ops, a women contingent and the canine squad, this was followed by an inspiring speech by the Hon’ble DG SSB, which motivated all force personnel to strive towards excellence in all endeavours of the Force. This was followed by felicitation of DG’s Golden and Silver Discs to awardees in recognition of their outstanding performance in their sphere of duties. Thereafter, the audience was entertained with thrilling demonstrations by SSB’s daredevil team, Rifle Tattoo drill and the energetic displays of Wushu, which mesmerized everyone present in the viewers’ gallery. In a display of cultural integration initiatives by SSB in its Area of Responsibility a demonstration of the famous Lion Dance from the state of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim was also presented. The programme was attended by Sh. Jyotirmay Chakravarty, SDG, SSB and senior officers of SSB Force Headquarters and family members of SSB Officers and personnel.

Since its inception in the year 1963, SSB’s motto of “Service, Security and Brotherhood” has always been its guiding principle. After getting rechristened into a Border Guarding Force, SSB was deployed on Indo-Nepal Border (INB) in 2001 and later on Indo-Bhutan Border (IBB) in the year 2004. Inspite of being a relatively new Border Guarding Force, it is commendable that SSB has been able to raise and functionally operationalize all its sanctioned 73 Battalions. At present, 53 battalions of SSB are deployed on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders for performing the border guarding duties. On the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders SSB has till date established and operationalized 719 BOPs (Border Out Posts), which are instrumental in fulfilling its mandate of safeguarding the security of India’s borders and for promoting a sense of security among the people living in border areas and also in preventing trans-border crimes. In addition to above 53 Bns, five battalions of SSB are deployed in the state of Jammu & Kashmir for counter-terrorism duties, whereas seven battalions have
been deployed in Naxal affected areas to fight against the menace of Left Wing Extremism in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Two Battalions of SSB are converted in NDRF for undertaking Rescue and Relief action during national calamities and disasters. SSB’s performance, dedication and professionalism has been commended in its extensive deployment and services rendered during elections, Sri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Law & Order duties in various states. This is the first time that a female contingent of SSB comprising of 22 women personnel have been deployed for the UN peace keeping mission in civil war stricken Congo. Moreover another female team has been prepared which will relieve the currently deployed SSB Female engagement team in Congo.

In the year 2019, SSB remained deployed across various states for ensuring peaceful and fair General Parliamentary Election – 2019 as well as during Assembly Elections in the states of Maharashtra, Haryana and Bye-election in the states of Tamilnadu, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim & Uttarakhand. SSB Coys were also deployed in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Jharkhand & Assam for Law & Order duties. Besides this SSB companies were deployed in Kumbha Mela, Uttar Pradesh for security arrangements duties. In addition to 05 Bns already deployed for counter-terrorism duties in Jammu and Kashmir, 120 Companies of SSB are deployed for maintaining Law & Order duties in Jammu & Kashmir. With a view to maintain the Law and Order in North East & in the state of Assam during the process of National Register of Citizens, 33 Coys of SSB are performing the duties for purpose. 36 Coys of SSB are presently deployed in Jharkhand for Assembly Election duty.

This year MHA has sanctioned 156 posts of para-medical staff for 10/20 bedded hospitals in respect of units deployed in J&K, ANO and North East region and has also conveyed approval for up-gradation of 504 posts of Constable/GD to Head Constable/GD for 08 Battalions of SSB (i.e 66th Bn to 73rd Bn) with 63 posts of CT to HC in each of the Battalion. This has equalized the authorization of Constable/GD to 671 in all the Battalions of SSB. With a view to strengthen the present cadre structure of SSB, a proposal for cadre review of Group B & C employees for various cadres viz. GD, Ministerial, Stenographer, Para-medical, MT, Tradesmen cadres and Group A Medical officers has been taken up with MHA. Apart from this, proposal for creation of 1096 posts for guarding 4 ICPs on Indo-Nepal Border have been taken up with MHA. The Civil Wing of SSB was transferred to Intelligence Bureau along with 2014 posts and 19 cadres.

SSB has been assigned the mandate of preventing trans-border crimes, smuggling and other illegal activities in its area of responsibility, by the Govt. of India. In achieving this important mandate, SSB has made several operational achievements this year. Seizures worth more than 367 crores INR have been made by SSB in the year 2019 in the field of
narcotics, fake Indian currency, wildlife and forest products with overall 6100 arrests. SSB has also destroyed more than 937 acres of illegal poppy cultivation in Bihar and Jharkhand. During the year 2019, SSB have also seized a large cache of arms and ammunition, which includes high tech weapons and explosives such as AK-47 rifles, 5.56 rifles, 9mm pistols, hand grenades, explosives and live rounds. In the Anti-naxal operations SSB has registered good achievements by arresting 201 Maoist/Naxals/linkmen, 07 NDFB cadres, 04 PLFI cadres and 50 illegal infiltrators. SSB has also been successful in ensuring surrender of Naxal cadres, which gave a huge psychological setback to the Naxal cadres. SSB gunned down most wanted Naxalite Sahdev Rai alias Tala Da in Dumka, Jharkhand who was carrying a reward of 10 lakh on his head and another Naxalite Ramesh Paswan got killed in an encounter with SSB in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. During the year 2019, SSB has heavily cracked down on the menace of Human Trafficking and with its enduring and decisive efforts SSB has rescued total 454 victims of Human Trafficking which includes 217 males and 237 females and has also apprehended 233 human traffickers under 240 Human Trafficking cases.

18 Rescue & Relief Teams at all Sector Headquarters have considerably enhanced the capabilities of the Force in conducting rescue & relief operations in time of need during natural calamities.

The employee welfare schemes acts as a morale booster in any organization. In 2019, 52 wards of SSB personnel have been granted with Prime Minister’s Scholarship. To provide better health facilities to the Force personnel, land acquisition work has been completed for Composite Hospitals in Purnia & Gorakhpur and also for setting up the Headquarters the land has been acquired for SHQ Purnia, SHQ Gorakhpur, 51st Bn Sitamarhi & 11 Nos. BOPs. Besides this, many modern BOPs have been constructed for Jawans on Border. 85 acres of land has been acquired at Ibrahim Patnam, Hyderabad for establishment of Sector Hqrs, Battalion Hqrs and Separated Family Accommodation.

Driven with movement of ‘Digital India’, several internally designed technological innovations are already prevalent in SSB, such as MySSB app for our personnel, Personnel Information Management System Version 2, software for submitting willingness for transfers, deputations and courses and the operationally advantageous software like Border Operational Planning System - Counter Insurgency Operation Planning System.

Besides, new softwares have also been optimized which are developed indigenously, they are:- e-Medal, E-AIMS(Appointment Information Management System), WMS(Welfare Management System), e-DIMS (Disciplinary Information Monitoring System), e-APAR (APAR tracking system), Parliament Question Database.
SSB has been popularly called ‘the people’s force, because of its close connect with the local masses established through civic action and developmental programmes, which are of huge consequence for the people of border areas. Under the Civic Action Programmes, SSB also conducts Perception Management Programmes, which are solely focused and aimed at guiding and strengthening the motives, emotions and beliefs of our stakeholders i.e. the border population, through our inclusive approach which consolidates their feelings of Nationalism. In 2019, 464 Medical Civic Action camps and 482 Veterinary Civic Action programmes were conducted, in which 95,048 people of remote villages in border areas and 81,500 livestock benefitted. Under the civic action programmes, SSB has also conducted 143 vocational/skill development training programmes, which has benefitted more than 3700 youth. In addition to above 18 study tours, 94 Samajik Chetna Abhiyan and 153 camps for distribution of utility items were also conducted. Various other programme were also undertaken to provide hand pumps, Installation of RO, installation of Solar Street light, distribution of solar lights and construction of toilets blocks. Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, SSB conducted various awareness programmes on the Indo-Nepal and Indo- Bhutan borders alongwith in Naxal affected areas and insurgency affected areas of J&K. All these programmes have received a very optimistic response from the local population. SSB being deployed at the remote border areas is providing medical assistance to the people by introducing free mobile medicare and ambulance service. Carrying forward its initiative started in year 2018, SSB continues contributing towards skill development of border youth. SSB in collaboration with NSDC is imparting the Housekeeper cum cook training called “Man Friday” at 08 locations of SSB, a specially designed Employment Generation Programme to train the rural youth in the border areas.

In order to give boost to structural approach towards sports in SSB several motivating initiatives have been taken, which includes enhancement in sportspersons’ training facilities, sports infrastructure, welfare activities for them and widening their professional prospects. For motivating towards continuing the outstanding performances of sportspersons, SSB is granting out of turn promotions and cash rewards. Many emerging players of SSB have participated and performed tremendously in National as well as International sports events. Some of the important achievements are:-

- 01 Gold and 01 Bronze medal in Asian Speaktakraw Championship 2019 held at Kunming, China.
- 20 sportspersons represented India in 18th World Police & Fire Games 2019 held at Chengdu, China and won 30 medals in various events viz. Athletics, Boxing, Judo, Wrestling etc. In this championship, SSB’s Mahila Player Ranga K set new records in 100 Mtr, 200 Mtr and 4x100 Mtrs relay race.
- Wushu player Poonam was felicitated by Sh. Kiren Rijiju, Sports Minister and awarded with 14 lakh for achieving silver medal in 15th World Wushu Championship 2019 held at Shanghai, China.
- Recently in South Asian Games 2019, SSB’s Wushu contenders won 04 Gold medals and 01 Gold each in Football & Handball.

In 2019 alone SSB sports personnel have won 72 Gold, 60 Silver and 75 Bronze Medals in various National/International events taking our total medal tally to 1015. Both men and women athletes of SSB are achieving phenomenal results in all sports disciplines.

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