New Delhi (24 Jan, 2019):- On 23rd January, 2019 a plaque has been unveiled at Janta Higher Secondary School, Dabra, Gwalior (MP) to honour the Martyr Sh. AC Kumar, Ex Dy. Inspector General, SSB who sacrificed his life for the Nation in an attack by Ultras in 1997 in Manipur. The programme started with Saraswati Vandna followed by the cultural programme by school children.

Shri A C Kumar is a legend of SSB and a brave hero of this great country. He has born in the year 1943. He did his initial schooling from a Govt School in Dabra district of Gwalior and before joining the Maharaja’s College in Jaipur he completed his intermediate from the S A Jain College, Ambala. While Sh. A C Kumar was pursuing his degree in Chemistry, India was pulled into an unthinkable war by China. The whole country was in a shock but firmly united to fight against the Chinese aggression. Being a true son of the soil Sh A C Kumar, without having a second thought, joined the Indian Army under the Emergency Commission on 9th Feb, 1964. While in the Army Sh A C Kumar served at several strategically important locations and later he also earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the College of Military Engineering, Pune.

After serving in the Army for 5 years Sh Kumar joined Special Service Bureau or SSB as we know it now, in the year 1969 at Group Centre, Bongaigaon.

Sh Kumar was a well accomplished officer and a strict disciplinarian. Throughout his career he maintained the highest order of professionalism and integrity. While serving in SSB, Sh Kumar went on deputation to R&AW and he was posted as the 1st Secretary in Toronto, Canada. During his tenure at the Indian Consulate in Canada he made several inroads into the Canadian community and helped in bridging a better and firm relationship between India and Canada.
After returning from the R&AW deputation, Sh. A C Kumar was posted at the SSB Headquarters as DIG Administration and later he took the charge as Divisional Organiser of the Manipur & Nagaland Division which was one of the most sensitive and disturbed Divisions of SSB back then. During his stint in Manipur, Sh Kumar positively touched the lives of several innocent local people by bringing constructive changes in their daily affairs. He understood the driving force behind insurgency, which were majorly poverty and lack of opportunities for earning a livelihood. To overcome these factors Sh A C Kumar started several vocational training schools for women and piggery for kids which helped the families increase their household income substantially. This helped in combating the menace of insurgency. Efforts made by Sh. Kumar to empower the locals with better employment opportunities dampened the recruiting efforts of the insurgents which in turn severely affected insurgent’s activities in that area. The positive change brought by Sh Kumar was creating difficulties for the insurgent groups to operate and thus on the fateful day of 9th May, 1997 assailants attacked Sh A C Kumar early in the morning, while he was unarmed and out for his daily exercise. Sh A C Kumar’s dedication and his spirit of selfless service to the Nation has been well recognized by the Govt. of India at several occasions by conferring upon him Honors and Medals such as the Raskha Medal, 25th Independence Anniversary Medal, Police (Special Duty) Medal which he received three times and DG’s commendation.

Sh AC Kumar was a decorated and a regal officer, whose life is an embodiment of National service, valour and dedication, which will continue to inspire us all.

Mr. Prince Kumar Jha, DIG BSF, Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma, Commandant, 25th Battalion, SSB Ghitorni (New Delhi), Mrs. Jyati Singh, IAS, SDM Dabra, Mr. Udayveer Dubey Chariman, Janta School Dabra alongwith school children and locals attended this essential ceremony of honoring Shri A C Kumar, ex DIG SSB.

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