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SSB celebrated its 55th Anniversary, 2018

New Delhi (24th Dec, 2018): Celebrating the 55th Anniversary day, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) displayed a splendid show with an impressive parade and delightful demonstrations today. The eight decorated marching contingents marched past the saluting base with great vigor and pride. The grand campus of 25th Battalion, Ghitorni, New Delhi was jubilant as Sh. Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, inspected the parade along with Sh. Surjeet Singh Deswal, Director General, SSB and thereafter, as the Chief Guest, he took the salute of the marching contingents. The highlights of the function included a magnificent march past of the nine decorated contingents drawn from all the frontiers of SSB and 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 Chief Guest, which motivated all force personnel to strive towards excellence in all endeavours of the Force. This was followed by felicitation of 3 recipients of the President’s Police medal and 22 recipients of the Indian Police Medal for the year 2018 and awards to SSB battalions and frontiers in recognition of their outstanding performance in the sphere of border guarding duties were also given. Thereafter, the audience was entertained with thrilling demonstrations by SSB’s daredevil team and the adorable yet disciplined Dog squad. The energetic displays of Thang ta, Tao lu, Sepaktakraw and Mountaineering mesmerized everyone present in the viewers’ gallery.

Union Minister of State, Shri Kiren Rijiju in his address appreciated the discipline, swiftness and synchronization shown by the SSB’s men and women marching contingents and admired the professional functioning of SSB on the friendly borders of India with Nepal and Bhutan. The Chief Guest also commended SSB for
operationalising all its 73 sanctioned battalions and other formations within time and congratulated the Force and its personnel for their operational achievements in the field of seizures and apprehensions. Sh. Kiren Rijiju expressed his concern on the menace of human trafficking and child labour and lauded SSB’s initiative of not just curtailing them but also of rehabilitating the victims of these crimes by giving them skill development training in collaboration with NSDC for making them self reliant. The commendable work of SSB’s 18 Rescue and Relief teams as first responders during calamities and the achievements of SSB’s sportpersons of winning more than 700 international medals was highly appreciated by the Hon’ble Chief Guest. Sh. Kiren Rijiju recalled his long and close association with SSB and its activities since his childhood and wished the Force much more success in future. In the end the Hon’ble Chief Guest congratulated the recipients of President’s Police Medal and Indian Police Medal.

Union Minister of State for Home also met a group of 60 girls & 140 boys, who arrived in Delhi from different parts of the country including the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttrakhand, Chhatisgarh and Uttar Pradesh for the “Educational Excursion cum Study Tour” organised by SSB under its Civic Action Programme and “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” campaign. These young girls and boys hailing from far-flung and remote areas shared their wonderful experiences of the Educational Excursion cum Study Tour to various places of historical interest importance such as the Qutab Minar, Red Fort, Taj Mahal, Golden Temple, Indira Gandhi Memorial. Minister of State for Home Affairs while stressing on the importance of national integration and nation building wished them good luck for all their future endeavors.

On the 55th Anniversary celebrations SSB had the joy of hosting its guests which included important dignitaries such as the Lok Sabha Member of Parliament and President Wrestling Federation of India Sh. Brij Bhushan Singh; Minister of Economy Nepal Sh. Krishna Hari Puskar; Third Secretary Nepal Foreign Service Sh. Dev Doot Dhakal; Dy. Chief Mission, Bhutan, Sh. Sonam Topgye; Chief of Armed Police Nepal Sh. Shailender Khanal; DG Border Security Force Sh. Rajnikant Mishra;

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