SSB celebrated its 54th Anniversary, 2017

New Delhi (23rd Dec, 2017): Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) celebrated its 54th Anniversary today in its grand campus amidst imposing settings at 25th Battalion, Ghitorni, New Delhi. Sh. Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister, took the salute of the splendid parade as Chief Guest and he inspected the impressive parade with Sh. Rajni Kant Mishra, Director General, SSB. The Anniversary function was further followed by brilliant and disciplined march past of the smartly dressed Force personnel representing all seven Frontiers and one Mahila contingent of SSB.

After the parade, the Hon’ble Chief Guest awarded President’s Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously) to Late CT/GD Sh. Sanjeet Kumar and the Gallantry Medal was received by his wife Smt. Manu Sharma. Late CT/GD Sh. Sanjeet Kumar bravely laid down his life for the motherland while fighting against Naxals in Dumka, Jharkhand in the year 2015. He also felicitated four awardees for President Police Medal for distinguished service, twenty three awardees for Indian Police Medal for meritorious service in true acknowledgment of their selfless and unwavering service to the Nation. He also awarded four awardees with Union Home Minister Medal for Excellence in Training.
Later, the vivid and stunning display of SSB troops, Dog squad, Dare Devil team, Parkour event were captivating and exhilarating. SSB Martyrs were honoured by introducing a Tableau called “Pride of India” on parade to commemorate the sacrifices of our brave hearts in the line of their duties.

Union Home Minister in his address appreciated the discipline, dedication and synchronization shown by the SSB Jawans and Mahila contingent in their parade and March past.

Union Home Minister, Sh. Rajnath Singh applauded and praised SSB for serving the Nation with the motto of “Service, Security and Brotherhood”
wherever it has been deployed since its inception in the year 1963. He further said that he personally witnessed the people friendly approach followed by SSB in true words and spirit in its work culture and ethos during his visit to 36th Battalion SSB, Gayzing, Sikkim.

He said that SSB has become the second largest Border Guarding Force of the country by raising and with operationalization of its all 73 Battalions in a very short span of time. He further said that with the approval of cadre review faster promotional avenues will open up for SSB personnel and it will surely infuse more zeal and enthusiasm among the Force personnel.

The Union Home Minister also commended the unprecedented and exceptional achievements of SSB against perpetrator of various crimes, drug peddlers, illegal arms, FICN, wild-life and prohibited items on the border and he categorically applauded the efforts of SSB in seizing contraband and prohibited items valuing more than ₹700 crores and apprehending 7233 number of offenders till date in the year 2017. He also appreciated the initiatives of SSB in operationalization of 18 Rescue and Relief Teams at its all Sector Headquarters to enhance the capabilities of the Force in its area of responsibility as first responder in case of any disaster.
He also appreciated the on-going crusade and campaign of SSB against the menace & evils of human trafficking and child labour. He expressed his happiness that SSB has signed a “MoU” with National Skill Development Corporation to impart training to the victims rescued from human traffickers and make them self-sufficient.

He said that SSB is the first Border Guarding Force of the Nation to induct women in the year 2007 for border guarding duties and today 1854 women are serving in SSB. He expressed his happiness that wherever important duties have been assigned to these women Force personnel they have proved and established their steadfast perseverance and commitment for their assigned duties and they are working tirelessly along with their male counterparts in apprehension of anti-national elements.

He declared that Rupees one crore will be given to the any CAPF personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty since January, 2016. He also said that MHA is seriously contemplating on the proposal to help those CAPF personnel who had got injured while performing duties particularly to those who have become more than 50% disabled. He also announced uniform grant of Rs. 10,000/- per annum will be given to all CAPF personnel as per the recommendation of 7th Pay Commission.
On this occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister released a SSB Souvenir consisting of various informative and educative articles of retired and serving Force personnel.

Sh. Rajni Kant Mishra, Director General, SSB in his welcome speech thanked and conveyed his gratitude to Union Home Minister for gracing the occasion of 54th Anniversary of SSB. He further highlighted the glorious past of SSB and elaborated the achievements and initiatives taken by SSB for effective border management on open & porous Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders. He thanked the Hon’ble Home Minister for approval of the cadre review proposal of combatized and non-cobatized personnel which has been completed under the guidance of Union Home Minister. He also informed that modernization of the Force is on anvil and under current modernization plan Netra-2 UAV’s have been purchased and Bullet Proof vehicles, Mine Protected vehicles, Patrolling vehicle including Motorcycles, Modern Assault Rifles, Night Vision devices and Communication devices are being purchased soon to strengthen the operational capabilities of Force. He said that additional three Bomb Disposal Squads have also been set-up to reinforce our tactical operational powers in counter insurgency areas of deployment.

Union Home Minister also met a group of 46 girls & 130 boys, who reached Delhi from different parts of the country including the states of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim under “Educational Excursion cum Study Tour” organised by SSB in its Civic Action Programme and “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” campaign. These young girls and boys hailing from far-flung and remote areas shared varied and vibrant experience of their Educational Excursion cum Study Tour to various places of historical interest like Amritsar, Agra, Kolkata & Bangalore. Home Minister wished them good luck for their all future endeavors in Nation building.
The magnificent parade was attended by Chief of the Army Staff General Bipin Rawat, Director General, National Security Guards (NSG) Sh. Sudhir Pratap Singh, Sh. Sonam Tobga, Charge d’ Affairs Embassy of Royal Govt. of Bhutan, Sh. Parshotam Kandal, SSP Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal, Delegation of Nepal Armed Police Force, retired and serving officers of SSB and their families were also present.