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Press Release

New Delhi (18th December, 2018):- Sh. Surjeet Singh Deswal, IPS, Director General, SSB took the salute of the ceremonious 55th Raising Day Parade as a part of SSB’s Anniversary celebrations on 18th December, 2018 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 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, Dog squad and the energetic displays of Thang ta, Taulu and Mountaineering, which mesmerized everyone present in the viewers’ gallery. The programme was attended by Sh. Jyotirmay Chakravarty, ADG, SSB and senior officers of SSB Force Headquarters and family members of SSB Officers and personnel. As a part of regular interaction between the two forces, this year too officers of Armed Police Force, Nepal attended SSB’s Raising day celebrations.

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 708 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 and in the state of Assam two SSB battalions are deployed for counter-insurgency operations and Law & Order duties. Two Battalions of SSB are also deployed with NDRF on deputation for undertaking Rescue and Relief action during national calamities and disasters. SB’s performance, dedication and professionalism has been commended in its extensive deployment and services rendered during elections, Sri AmarnathYatra, Law & Order duties in various states.

In the year 2018, SSB has been deployed across various states for ensuring peaceful and fair elections in the states of Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram. Besides this, 78 more Coys of SSB have performed sensitive duties for the critical Panchayat elections in the J&K state. SSB Coys were deployed in Haryana, Delhi, Bihar, J&K, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Gujarat for Law & Order duties. Presently, 34 Coys are performing duties in Assam for The National Register of Citizens.

This year SSB has received a substantial expansion in its cadre from the Government of India with the sanction of 19 posts of SSB officers, in the rank of Inspector General (02), Deputy Inspector General (04), Deputy Commandants (02) and Assistant Commandants (04). This expansion in the officer’s cadre shall indeed strengthen SSB’s leadership. In addition to the above posts, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has also sanctioned the creation of 419 posts for RTC Supaul, thus extending SSB’s footprint to new areas. In 2018, the Government of India has also conferred the status of Group-‘A’ Central Services to SSB.

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 valuing more than 260 crores INR have been made by SSB in the year 2018 in the field of narcotics, fake Indian currency, wildlife and forest products. SSB has also destroyed more than 500 acres of illegal poppy cultivation in Bihar and Jharkhand. During the year 2018 SSB has successfully apprehended 6573 persons with large cache of arms and ammunition, which includes high tech weapons and explosives such as AK-56 rifles, LMGs, 5.56 mm rifles, MK II rifles, .22 mm pistols, hand grenades, explosives and live rounds. In the Anti-naxal operations SSB has registered good achievements by arresting 75 Maoist/Naxals, 53 linkmen, 05 NDFB cadres and 03 illegal infiltrators. SSB has also been successful in ensuring surrender of Naxal cadres, which gave a huge psychological setback to the naxal cadres. During the year 2018, SSB has heavily cracked down on the menace of Human Trafficking and with its enduring and decisive efforts SSB has rescued a total of 782 victims of Human Trafficking which includes 426 males and 356 females and has also apprehended 263 human traffickers under 180 Human Trafficking cases.
Rescue & Relief Teams at all Sector Headquarters have considerably enhanced the capabilities of the Force in conducting rescue & relief operations such as the recent Kerala floods, where SSB’s work has been highly appreciated.

The employee welfare schemes acts as a morale booster in any organization. In 2018 47 wards of SSB personnel have been granted Prime Minister’s Scholarship. For welfare of the families SSB has constructed and allotted 415 separated family accommodations at Lucknow and 85 acres of land has been acquired at Ibrahim Patnam, Hyderabad for establishment of Sector Hqrs, Battalion Hqrs and Separated Family Accommodation. This year, SSB has procured lands for constructing two composite hospitals at Purnea and Gorakhpur and for 11 BOPs. With a view to enhance the Force’s operational and training capacities, SSB has prudently invested in infrastructural developments. This year a Company complex at Aqua Marine Training Institute, Porbandar has been constructed for smooth conduct of Water sports and for Rescue & Relief training purposes. This institute has been running successful courses in the field of aqua-marine sports and rescue ops. SSB is in the process of raising a Mahila unit, which is to be deployed for United Nations peacekeeping missions.

Driven with movement of ‘Digital India’, SSB has introduced several internally designed technological innovations, 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 have also been created.

SSB has been popularly called ‘the people’s force, because of its close connect with the local masses established through civic action and minor 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. During 2018 Civic Action Programmes were conducted in J&K, North East region, LWE affected area and on Indo- Nepal and Indo-Bhutan Borders, and each of these programmes has received a positive response from the people and have been successful in their objectives. Pitching in for the ‘Skill India’ initiative, SSB in collaboration with NSDC also started a training programme titled “Man Friday”, a specially designed Employment Generation Programme to train the rural youth in the border areas with multiple employable skills. SSB being deployed at the remote border areas is able to provide medical assistance to the people and their livestock. In 2018, 248 Medical Civic Action camps and 303 Veterinary Civic Action
programmes were conducted, benefitting more than 50,000 people. Under the civic action programmes, SSB has also conducted 94 vocational/skill development training programmes, which has benefitted more than 2500 youth. In addition to above 15 study tours, 25 Samajik Chetna Abhiyan and 156 camps for distribution of utility items were also conducted. Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, SSB conducted awareness programmes on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders, in Naxal affected areas and insurgency affected areas of J&K. These awareness camps were conducted by SSB’s field units in collaboration with the Govt. of India’s Songs and Drama Division. All these programmes have received a very optimistic response from the local population.

In order to give boost to 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 the outstanding players, Hon’ble DG SSB has granted out of turn promotions to them, which includes ten SSB players who were part of the Indian Sepaktakraw team, which has represented India in the recent Asian games and won a Bronze for the country. Recently in the All India Police Games held in Bhubaneswar, SSB has won the maximum medals and was declared a winner of the Championship. One of our female officer K. Arunpama Devi has won a silver medal in the Wushu World Championship. In watersports, 5 of our jawans have represented India in the Asian Games. This year alone SSB sports personnel have won 64 Gold, 47 Silver and 68 Bronze Medals in various National/International events. Our Jawans are going ahead to represent India in various International events. Both men and women athletes of SSB are achieving phenomenal results in all sports disciplines.

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