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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BAND DISPLAY AND RETREAT CEREMONY AT NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL**

Marking the beginning of a series of ceremonies at the National Police Memorial, today on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju was the Chief Guest at the Band display and retreat ceremony at National Police Memorial. Honourable Minister and other distinguished guests paid rich tributes to the Police Martyrs at the Memorial. The Border Security Force put up a mesmerizing band display and a perfectly orchestrated retreat ceremony in a befitting homage to the Martyrs. The sombre yet spectacular display was highly appreciated by Sh Kiren Rijiju and all guests present at the venue.

2. Recently on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, with the initiative of special Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Sh Mahesh Kumar Singla, it was decided that every Saturday a band display as well as retreat ceremony will be conducted at National Police Memorial site. It is a monthly event for all CAPFs. BSF has the distinguished honour of initiating this solemn ceremony for times to come.

3. Mandated to serve motherland and to save the society from external and internal vices, Police forces of India have proven their mettle braving all odds. Every year, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct is observed as Police Commemoration Day. On this fateful day in 1959, 20 brave police men stood as rock against external aggression and gave supreme sacrifice on the altar of duty at the altitude of 16000 feet at Hot springs Laddakh. This legacy of selfless service to nation is carried on with great responsibility and selfless zeal by all Police Forces of India. A Memorial service is conducted every year at Hot springs Laddakh by representatives of all police forces. Since 2012 the same is being observed at a National level at National Police Memorial, Chankyapuri, New Delhi.

4. In a charged atmosphere, the memorial site came alive with the outstanding band display by Border Security Force. The martial tunes played and different formations display by the Brass and pipe band teams of BSF was followed by crisp retreat ceremony by the Seema Praharees who stand as the impregnable wall of India's first line of defence on Pakistan and Bangladesh Border.

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