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BSF INVESTITURE CEREMONY-2022 CELEBRATED AT VIGYAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI **HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE (HOME) SHRI NITYANAND RAI DECORATES GALLANT** **OFFICERS AND MEN OF BSF**

On 3rd June 2022, BSF personnel were awarded medals and honoured by Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai who presided over the 19th BSF Investiture Ceremony as the Chief Guest. Total 42 members of the Force were decorated with medals, in which 16 members were awarded with Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG) and 26 members with Police Medals for Meritorious Service (PMMS). During the ceremony retired DsG/ IsG of BSF, DsG of CAPFs, serving officers from different Ministries of Govt. of India and representatives of print and electronic media were in attendance with BSF fraternity today.

2. The Investiture Ceremony is an occasion marking the deep seated affection and respect for the first Director General of BSF, Padma Vibhushan Shri K F Rustamji. BSF has been organizing the Investiture Ceremony on occasion of the birthday of Shri K F Rustamji since 2003.

3. Welcoming the Chief Guest, eminent personalities and all those present at the venue for the occasion, DG BSF Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh first paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Force who made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland at the altar of duty. Emphasizing the constant endeavour of the Force in preparing itself in terms of strategy, infrastructure, weaponry and training, DG BSF referred specifically to the various operational achievements by alert Seema Praharis while thwarting the nefarious designs of Anti-National Elements. The Director General also spoke about the 'Soldierly traits and Visionary Leadership Skills' of first Director General, Padma Vibhushan Shri K F Rustamji who is popularly referred to as "Founding Father of BSF".

4. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble MoS (Home) Shri Nityanand Rai paid glowing tributes to the brave BSF personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of sacred duty in protecting the nation, along with those who have made the Force and the country proud with their operational performances despite the challenging work conditions. Hon'ble Home Minister also highlighted the exceptional role of BSF in upholding the sovereignty of the Nation by effectively ensuring the sanctity of the International Border as well as various deployment scenarios of Internal Security.

5. Hon'ble MoS (Home) also delivered the Rustamji Memorial Lecture on the topic of "सीमावर्ती जनसंख्या : सीमा प्रबंधन से राष्ट्र निर्माण"

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