SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE AT THE DIKSHANT PARADE OF IPS PROBATIONERS

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad, 05-11-2013.

It gives me immense pleasure to witness the Passing Out Parade of the Indian Police Service (IPS) Probationers at the National Police Academy, which is the premier police training institution in our country.

The Passing Out Parade marks a momentous occasion in the life of an officer. These are moments of pride and accomplishment. I extend my warm congratulations to all the officer trainees on their successful completion of the challenging training curricula and prior to that of passing a very difficult competitive examination which speaks of your academic excellence.





I am happy that the participants in this parade include 04 officers from the Royal Bhutan Police Service, 03 from the Maldives Police Service and 05 from the Nepal Police Service. I extend a very warm welcome to them. I am sure the bonds forged during the training will further strengthen the relations between our friendly nations. It is also noteworthy that there are 25 lady police officers in this batch. I congratulate you and welcome you to the elite Indian Police Service.

This is my second visit to the National Police Academy. In 1993, I visited this Academy as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister, created the All India Services with great expectation. At the dawn of our Independence in 1947, Sardar Patel advised young officers (and I quote) – "Above all I would advise you to maintain the utmost impartiality and incorruptibility in administration. A Civil Servant cannot afford to, and must not take part in politics. Nor must he involve himself in communal wrangles. To depart from the path of rectitude in either of these respects is to debase public service and to lower the dignity. Similarly, no service worth the name can claim to exist if it does not have in view the achievement of the highest standard of integrity." (Unquote). If these words were relevant 67 years ago, these are relevant now too and will continue to remain relevant for the future.

I compliment the officers of the Indian Police Service for their commitment, dedication, sincerity and willingness to make the supreme sacrifice in the cause of the nation. As far as the Police forces in the country are concerned, there is no room whatsoever for complacency. The nation has great expectations from you.

My vision of the Police for future India is not only that of a law enforcing body, but of a pro-active service provider, a partner in growth, development and peace. As police officers, you should always ensure that the grievances of the common man are redressed. This would require a change of role of the police from a reactive to a pro-active agency, which, in partnership with other stakeholders will create a peaceful and secure atmosphere conducive to the growth and prosperity of our nation. I expect from you the highest degree of professionalism at all times and consistent efforts to ensure that the rule of law is enforced in letter and spirit.

Police Constables are the visible face of Government and therefore enough attention should be paid for their training and development and improvement in their service conditions. Inculcating in them the highest degree of discipline, integrity and commitment is absolutely necessary. They are the cutting-edge of your workforce and the image of the Police overall depends on their conduct, behaviour and professionalism. The public forms an opinion about the quality of governance based on the response and efficiency of policemen at the grassroots.



These are challenging times for our police forces. There has been a worrying bout of communal violence in some parts of our country, accompanied by deterioration in inter-community relations. There is need to strengthen the ability of our district and local administration to notice such tensions in their initial stages and take necessary measures to contain them quickly.

Atrocities against women and children have also grabbed public attention and shaken the conscience of our nation in recent times. The Government of India has enacted a path-breaking legislation, the "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act", which provides for stringent punishment of persons who commit or abet such offences. The Government has also introduced the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2012, in Parliament. The Justice J.S. Verma Committee has made a number of important recommendations which are under the active consideration of the Government. Effective policing of our urban areas, especially the metropolitan cities and protecting the vulnerable requires urgent attention of our police



forces. The Justice Verma Committee has reiterated the importance of overall police reforms in the country. It is essential that we make progress in this regard, taking on board all concerned stakeholders. I am happy to know that the Academy is emphasising "Sensitization Orientation Training" focused on vulnerable sections, underprivileged, women, children, minorities, Dalits, etc. I congratulate them for this initiative.

Our country has made progress in many fields. However, the success of the Government's plans to strengthen the economy and ensure social justice through various welfare schemes depends critically on the maintenance of law and order. There is a need to provide a safe and secure environment for the successful implementation of the people-oriented schemes of the Government of India.

India continues to be targeted by terrorism from abroad, as well as threats from within, to our internal security. The Government is committed to dealing with Left Wing Extremism in a comprehensive manner. It is pursuing a two-pronged approach of conducting proactive and sustained operations against extremists and focusing attention on development and governance issues in extremist affected areas.



While we must meet these challenges head on and address them with determination and persistence, the actions of our police forces must respect the human rights of our people and the letter and spirit of our Constitution. I am sure that with motivated, self-confident and sensitive leadership, our police forces can and will effectively deal with the challenges before the nation. I am confident that each one of you, the latest entrants into the IPS, will provide exemplary leadership to the men and women you command and do our country proud in the coming years.

My good wishes to you all once again.
Thank you! Jai Hind!

DIRECTOR'S PARADE

ADDRESS BY SHRI. SUBHAS GOSWAMI, DIRECTOR

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, Shri E.S.L. Narasimhan, Hon'ble Governor, Andhra Pradesh, distinguished guests, esteemed former Directors of the Academy, honoured guests from our neighbouring countries of Nepal & Bhutan, members of the print and electronic media, my colleagues in the Academy, family members of Officer Trainees, Parade Commander Ms. Shalini Agnihotri, my dear Officer Trainees of 65 RR, officers of Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives Police, ladies and gentlemen.



We are indeed privileged and honoured to have with us Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, as the Chief Guest at the Passing out Parade of the 65 RR of the Indian Police Service. We are indeed blessed by your august presence. On behalf of the Academy and on my behalf, I extend to you Sir, a very hearty welcome.



It is also my proud privilege to welcome the other distinguished guests. Your presence here inspires and motivates us all.

Sir, on the Parade today are **148** Officer Trainees. The training of **46** weeks of Phase-I culminates today with this grand Passing Out Parade, and they stand here crisply donning the khaki with a sense of accomplishment. **Out of the 148, 136 are IPS Officers including 22 lady IPS officers.** I must also make a special mention that **04** officers from Royal Bhutan Police, **03** from Maldives Police Service and **05** from Nepal Police Service, who were trained with the current batch, stand before you in today's Parade. Sir, it is a matter of honour and privilege that these IPS Officer Trainees took Oath in your august presence today, as they step out from the portals of this Academy to serve the people.



Sir, please allow me to say a few words about the Academy and its training activities. The Police Academy focuses in letter and spirit its efforts on a very well defined 'Vision' - **To be the Global Centre of excellence in Police Training.**



With great pride, I place on record the commitment and the dedication of the faculty members, outdoor and indoor instructors and the staff of the Academy whose untiring perseverance made it possible to extend the best possible training to these young police officers.

This year Academy has made significant efforts in upgrading the content and methodology of Basic Training Course of the IPS Officer Trainees keeping in pace with the dynamic requirements of policing in the Country. The officer trainees were sensitized towards gender, communal harmony, national integration, juveniles, marginalized groups, soft skills, etc, to give proper perspective for meeting the challenges of policing in a Democratic Society. **Phase-II Training of IPS Officer Trainees of 64 RR** was also meticulously designed and implemented in the month of August this year.



During the last year, 41 **in-service courses, seminars, workshops and conferences** were conducted at the Academy in which 1,465 officers were trained. Courses were conducted in subjects such as Anti Corruption strategies, investigation of crimes against women, national security, cyber crimes, crimes against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, and community policing. **Special Tactics Wing** of the Academy has conducted courses on 'Training in Jungle Operations', 'One Minute Drills', 'Intelligence collection', 'Explosives handling & tackling, and 'Urban Terrorism'.



Besides officers from the Indian Police Services, State Police Services, and Central Police Organizations, we also trained officers from the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Forest Service, Judicial Officers, the Indian Revenue Service, Coast Guards, and

Indian Army and Air Force during the year.

During the last year we have had the honour of hosting the Home Minister and a team of senior officials from Bangladesh. The Hon'ble Home Secretary of United Kingdom had also visited the Academy. This visit led to a seminar on counter terrorism with Indian police officers and officers from the West Midland police force sharing their experience and expertise. This year the **28th Sardar Vallabhbhai Memorial Lecture** was delivered by Ms. Aruna Roy, Social Activist at the Academy on 15th October. The theme of the Lecture was "Role of Police in a Transparent and Accountable Democracy".

Under the Police Fellowship Scheme of NPA, IPS officers and eminent Academicians have undertaken research projects on themes like Police response to sexual offences against women, Managing peaceful mass agitations, Improving conviction rates, etc. The NPA is involved in 15 research projects, and has published 9 books and 5 newsletters in two years.

The infrastructure at NPA has greatly expanded over the last four years due to the support of the Government and the untiring efforts of illustrious former Directors of the Academy. We are honoured that today you shall inaugurate a 58,300 Square-foot modern Indoor Sports Complex. During the year we commissioned a new band staff house, a large multipurpose store, and a new office for CISF personnel deployed for security. In the coming months we expect completion of a new Administration block, and Special Tactics Wing complex.





I express my gratitude to you Sir, for sparing your valuable time to be present on this momentous occasion. This is not only a historical day that remains specially etched in the memories of each and every Officer Trainee but also one that gives them the collective strength of a batch as the most special reward. I am sure they stand willingly accountable to the citizens of this great Nation and loyal to their oath as they march to peel off today.

I once again thank you Sir, and also thank the distinguished guests, families and the members of the media for being a part of this momentous occasion.

Thank You

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A NEW BATCH, A NEW BEGINNING

The green environs of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy were not silent for too long after the passing out of the 65 RR batch of Officer Trainees. Soon enough, 161 trainees of the 66 RR batch (2013 batch) joined the academy, keen and restless. Here are a few snippets of their first feel at the academy.

ON A WING AND A PRAYER : The OTs arrived at Hyderabad and were duly escorted to the Academy.









MAKING THEMSELVES AT HOME: Spacious, well-equipped rooms were allotted to the OTs at the Central IPS Mess.





A CUT ABOVE THE REST: All male OTs were directed to the Saloon on the first floor of the mess, to get their new 'officer-trainee' look.





Inauguration of Basic Course of 66 RR





The Basic Course Training of IPS officer trainees 66 RR (2013 Batch) commenced on December 23, 2013. The course was inaugurated by Shri K. Vijay Kumar, IPS (Retd.), Senior Security Advisor (Naxal Management), MHA on December 23, 2013.

Total Officer Trainees reported for 66 RR - 161

Total IPS Officer Trainees – **146**

Male	Female	Total
118	28	146

Total Foreign Officers - **15**

Country	Male	Female	Total
Royal Bhutan Police	5	1	6
Nepal Police	4	1	5
Maldives Police	2	2	4





BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT : The orientation week involved measurements for uniforms, ice-breaking sessions, and a slew of physical efficiency and sports aptitude tests. This gave the probationers an idea of where they stand.





GETTING A MOVE ON: Finally, the new batch of officer-trainees settled down to the regular regime of outdoor and indoor classes, with a cultural event organized to usher in the new year, and a 26KM cycling trip to Himayatsagar Dam on 4th Jan, 2014.





PRIDE AND JOY–FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF AN OFFICER-TRAINEE



- Merin Joseph, Officer-Trainee, 66RR

The realization that one has been selected to be part of the prestigious Indian Police Service sinks in fully when the awe-inspiring gates of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy appear in front of your eyes. The sheer grandeur and scale of the structure cannot be described in words alone; it is a moment to be lived and experienced. Goosebumps for some, thrill for others and a combination of pride, fear and trepidation for most of us.

The first thing that strikes a new entrant is the sprawling campus with its tree-lined avenues, neat signboards and markers and quite deceptively, if one may say so, an air of peace and quiet that bathes the place in gentle tranquility. For me, it was a moment to cherish forever, as I drove in with my parents, to the imposing Central IPS Mess, a place we would be calling home for the next 10 months or so. The sudden flashbulbs from the cameras of waiting official photographers served as a gentle reminder of the weight and responsibility of position we are lucky to be chosen for.

The officer's lounge was the first common space that struck one's gaze. With a life size portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and plush seating, it looked inviting and impressive. The dining area too, spanking clean and bright, grabs one's attention with its line of flags carrying the insignia of various state police forces.

The single rooms allotted to each officer were spacious and well-equipped. The joy of having a bathroom to myself meant not squeezing one's precious loo time to a few designated minutes to accommodate another person (unless of course the loud announcements from the loudspeakers reminded you that you are late for fall-in).

The first week in the academy was spent exploring the expanse of the campus, admiring the world-class standards of the well-maintained infrastructure and most importantly, mentally acclimatizing to the rules and protocol that were a seamless part of the uniformed service. Many OTs watched the body language of our faculty with keen attention, particularly the way they carried themselves, wore their uniforms, and saluted their seniors and subordinates. My first impression was of a truly befitting image of the service that I always held.

Getting used to the loud commands of 'saavdhaan'and 'vishraam'of our ustaads to the extent that we can obey them in our sleep is perhaps the first lesson that a trainee learns. Unflinching obedience, ability to be a member of a squad and think collectively, putting individual preferences and opinions on the backseat are the first steps one takes when one enters a force that expects leadership over a vast army of men.

Food served in the mess turned out to be tasty and wholesome, a fact attested by a majority of trainees. Arguably, the kind of food we savour on a daily basis plays an integral role in determining whether the memories of our stay in the academy were pleasurable or not. While some complained of a high spice element, most others (especially those fresh from the foundation course in Mussourie) heaved a sigh of relief and welcomed the characteristic pungent flavours of Andhra cuisine. Being a Malayali, I experienced immense euphoria at discovering that coconut and curry leaves were used abundantly in most dishes.

As I timidly walked around the campus with all my naiveté, I remember being intimidated by the sight of cannons placed strategically around the campus, serving to reinforce not just the colonial heritage of the police in India, but also the reverberating mightiness of the force. Even as I experienced quivering knees looking at it, the pride that I felt alongside left behind a sweet aftertaste that I know I will cherish for a long time to come.

The inauguration by the legendary Sh. Vijay Kumar was a profound moment for many who had heard umpteen stories of the officer who played a pivotal role in the nabbing of forest brigand Veerappan. I personally was awestruck by the sheer force of his personality, the gravity of his stage presence and the strong vibes of positivity and confidence that he exuded.

The kind of physical exertion that we will experience together is bound to forge friendships deeper than anything most of us have ever experienced. The variety of tasks that one will be expected to perform as a member of a group will instill a plethora of qualities like team work, coordination, espirit de corps, besides exposing all of us to new skills and activities. The faculty pulls no stops in reminding all the officer trainees that the highest standards of discipline and commitment would be expected of them in the months that they spend in the academy, no doubt to be carried over to the rest of their careers.

Truly, I feel blessed to have been chosen for this job, given such responsibilities, a chance to serve a wide cross-section of society and most importantly, wear the khakhi with pride and with my held high. For a journey of a thousand miles has begun with the first step into the hallowed portals of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy. Jai Hind.

My first day at the academy



- Nidhi Dwivedi, Officer-Trainee, 66RR

On December 22, my flight from Delhi landed around 2:30 pm at Shamshabad Airport. My last visit to Hyderabad was way back in 1994 with my family. I was back after almost 20 years, but this time alone and with a different purpose.

By the time I moved towards the conveyor belt to collect my luggage, I got a call from a Mr. Soman of SVPNPA (interestingly he is my Squad DI now), who was there to receive me and other OTs. The bus carrying the 15-20 OTs left the airport and within half an hour reached the gates of NPA. The first sight of the entrance was breathtaking and will forever remain etched in my memory.

After the signing formalities at the gate we reached the Central IPS Mess, abode for the next 11 months. A board welcomed OTs of 66 RR and officers from Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal. More joining formalities, some random clicking of photographs, and I was allotted Room No 214. The room attendant carried my luggage and directed me towards the steps which eventually led to my room on the first floor. On the way I could see the dreadful barber room where the male OTs were sent for their "katora cut"; luckily ladies are spared.

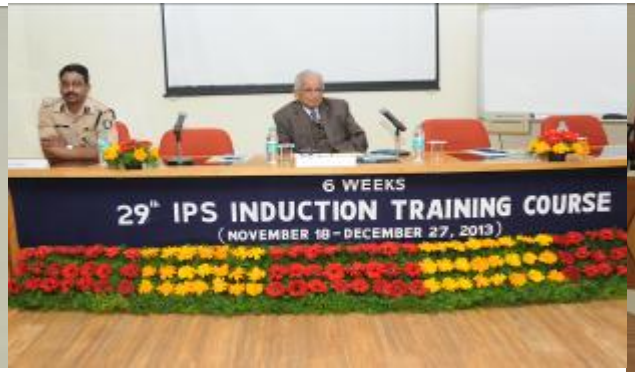
The single room was neat, with all desired facilities including an A/c which I was told would work only in summers. I again went downstairs to have lunch and was amazed to see the dining area; it was huge, orderly, well lit and decorated. At one end were flags of various state police organizations. The feeling of being at SVPNPA was yet to sink in.

Later in the day, I met Aparajita, Khyati, Swati, Tejaswani, Prerna and many more fellow OTs. What started as mere acquaintances grew into long chit-chats and chirpy talks towards the end of the day. Later I visited the NPA cooperative store which was aptly named Suraksha and was very happy to get some discount. Post dinner we decided to take a walk around campus. We saw various venues like Parade ground, Auditorium, Stadium, Alumni Column, statues of Sardar Patel, Indira Gandhi, etc, and wondered how they would look in broad daylight. The serpentine roads of NPA also caused great confusion and we almost lost our way.

It was time to sleep but the mind was too occupied with diverse thoughts—about family, friends, the near and dear ones whom I had left behind and at the same time it was also excited about the next day—the inauguration. Being a nocturnal creature for the past 3-4 years, I almost forced myself to sleep because the next day (and hereafter at NPA) I had to get up at 5 a.m. Phew!!

29th IPS Induction Training Course







A 6-week "IPS Induction Training Course" was conducted at the Academy for the IPS Officers inducted from State Police Service (SPS) and who have not attended the Induction Training Course at this Academy in the past, from 18th Nov, 2013 to 27th December, 2013.

The Objectives of the Course were to enable the participants (1) to acquire an all India perspective, (2) to equip them with knowledge and skills required to manage a district charge, and (3) to enable them to develop an understanding of modern management principles as applied to police working.

44 Officers attended the Course. The course was inaugurated by Padmashri Dr. S.Subramanian, IPS (Retd.) and Sri H J Dora, IPS (Retd.), former DGP, AP, Hyderabad delivered valedictory speech to the course participants on 27th December, 2013.













Course On Tactics - 43

A "Course on Tactics " to expose experienced Officers of States & Central Armed Police Forces in handling counter insurgency operations was conducted at this Academy from 09 – 20 December 2013. 41 Officers of the rank of SPs, Addl SPs, Dy SPs from various States and Dy Comdts, Asstt Comdts from CAPFs attended this Course. The objectives of the course were to make the participants (1) Conversant with the conduct of tactical operations in militancy infested areas including urban, rural and jungle areas. (2) Conversant with the minor tactics and basic drills of CI Ops. (3) Conversant with use of geographical area and weapons to their tactical advantage. (4) Aware about latest technologies in terms of weapons including non-lethal options, communication equipment, body wear/armour, tentage and ration items to sustain prolonged operations. (5) Aware about importance of engaging with the community in insurgency / naxalism prone areas for success of CI Ops.



Special Orientation Course for ITBP Training Managers and Trainers





On the request of ITBP, NPA organised a 05 day "Special Orientation Course for ITBP Training Managers / Trainers" from 30 Dec, 2013 – 03 Jan 2014 to expose experienced Officers of ITBP in understanding the concept of integrated training. 21 Officers of the rank of IG, DIG, Comdt, 2IC & DC from ITBP attended this Course. The Aim of the Course was To provide opportunities for understanding the concept of integrated training to improve learning environment and thus Apply the concept of integrated training in planning and execution of training modules. Further enable them to Plan course design for AC (DE) basic course, SO (Tac) in-service course in integrated format & Plan training activities in an interesting way without loosing focus.

One day workshop on 'Counter Insurgency'





One day Workshop on 'Counter Insurgency' was organized at the Academy on October 17, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Vijay Kumar, IPS(Retd), Senior Security Advisor(NM), MHA, New Delhi. Retired IPS Officers, serving IPS officers from naxal affected areas, other officers, Academics and Civil society members were invited for the Workshop.

The goal of the workshop was to develop an understanding and sensitizing various stakeholders regarding the nature of the issues faced by the state. The workshop was organized to address issues such as (1) Maoist political thoughts, (2) their political heritage, (3) their strategy, (4) liberal democracy, (5) its working in India, (6) dynamics of the conflict and (7) present scenario in Maoist front.

Right to Information Act




A 3-day Seminar on "Right to Information Act" was conducted at the Academy from December 16-18, 2013 for the IAS/IPS/IFoS officers. A total of 28 Officers participated in this Course which was inaugurated by Shri M.L. Sharma, IPS (Retd.), Former Information Commissioner, CIC, New Delhi The objective of the Seminar was to enable the participants to understand : (1)The purpose and concept of Right to information. (2) The Salient features of the Act and its possible implications.(3) The process of seeking and providing information. (4) List of exemptions prescribed. (5) The procedure of appeals and penalties imposable by Information Commission. (6) The Responsibilities of Public Authorities. (6)The strategy for operationalizing Right to Information. The Valedictory session was presided over by Shri Rajiv Mathur, IPS(Retd.), Information Commissioner, CIC, New Delhi.

Mobile Phone Forensics




A Course on **"Mobile Phone Forensics"** was conducted at the Academy from **December 16 - 20th, 2013** for Police Officers of the rank of Addl. SP and above from the States/ UTs and the Investigating & Intelligence agencies of Central Government, IRS officers of equivalent rank from CBDT/ CBEC and Enforcement Directorate involved in Investigation of cases or intelligence collection. A total of 34 Officers participated in the Seminar. The objectives of the course was (1)To provide basic understanding of Mobile Phone Communication. (2) Sources of digital evidence in Mobile Phone & Mobile Phone Forensics. (3) Legal Issues related to Mobile Phone Interception.(4)Analysing Call Detail Record/ Tower Dump with different software. The Valedictory session was presided over by Shri Subhas Goswami, Director, SVP NPA.

Module On Facilitation Skills In Classroom




A Module on 'Facilitation Skills in Class Room' was organized at the Academy for all the faculty members on 09-10th December, 2013. The Module was conducted by faculty members from the Centre for Creative Leadership (CCL), Inc. (USA). As against teaching which involves input by the teachers only, the facilitation skills help participants to discover for themselves and learn in the process on the subject. 13 Faculty Members participated in this 1½ day faculty development programme.

Training of Trainers Course on CCTNS



A Course on " **Training of Trainers Course on CCTNS**" was conducted by National Crime Records Bureau at the Academy from December 02-13, 2013 for the officers of the rank of Dy. SP and above. A total of 11 officers attended the course.

Farewell



To Shri Man Singh
(Sub Inspector)
Superannuated on
31-10-2013.



To Shri
G. Premchandran
(Sub Inspector)
Superannuated on
31-10-2013.

Joining



Shri O.V.K. Shastry (Asstt.Commandant)
Joined on 18-11-2013 .

NPA, CHAMPIONS OF 32nd ALL INDIA POLICE EQUESTRIAN MEET



Left to Right :- HC Niraj Kumar, HC Guman Singh, HC Gajender Singh, Shri Narender Modi, CM Gujarat, Tejpal Daber , Dy. Cdt, Insp V Pandiyan, HC P Subba Rao.

National Police Academy Hyderabad proved their mettle in the ibid competition as they emerged champion at the All India Police Equestrian meet conducted at 2nd to 10th Jan 2014, Ahmadabad (Gujarat). A total of 18 Teams participated from state Police & CAPF in 23 events with 450 riders on 300 horses. NPA team under the Captaincy of Shri Tejpal Daber Dy. Cdt (Equitation Officer) won the overall Championship Trophy with, 16 Medals (Gold - 7, Silver - 2, Bronze - 7)

Shri Tejpal Daber Dy. Cdt (Equitation Officer) was conferred the title of **BEST RIDER** of the event for winning maximum medals (Gold –4, Bronze-3) in the meet. His Horse "Aspen" was declared the **BEST HORSE** of the event. SI Styaveer Singh continued his win in Dressage Individual Novice & Open for last 06 years. HC Niraj Kumar hit gold in Preliminary Jumping out of 72 Horses. NPA won Trophies in open show jumping & Six bar ,Eventing, Dressage. The performance by Insp V Pandian, HC Subbah Rao, HC Guman Singh and HC Gajender Singh lifted up the medal tally and NPA clearly emerged as the best team.

Christmas Celebration



HARSSH.A.PODDAR
66 RR Officer Traniee