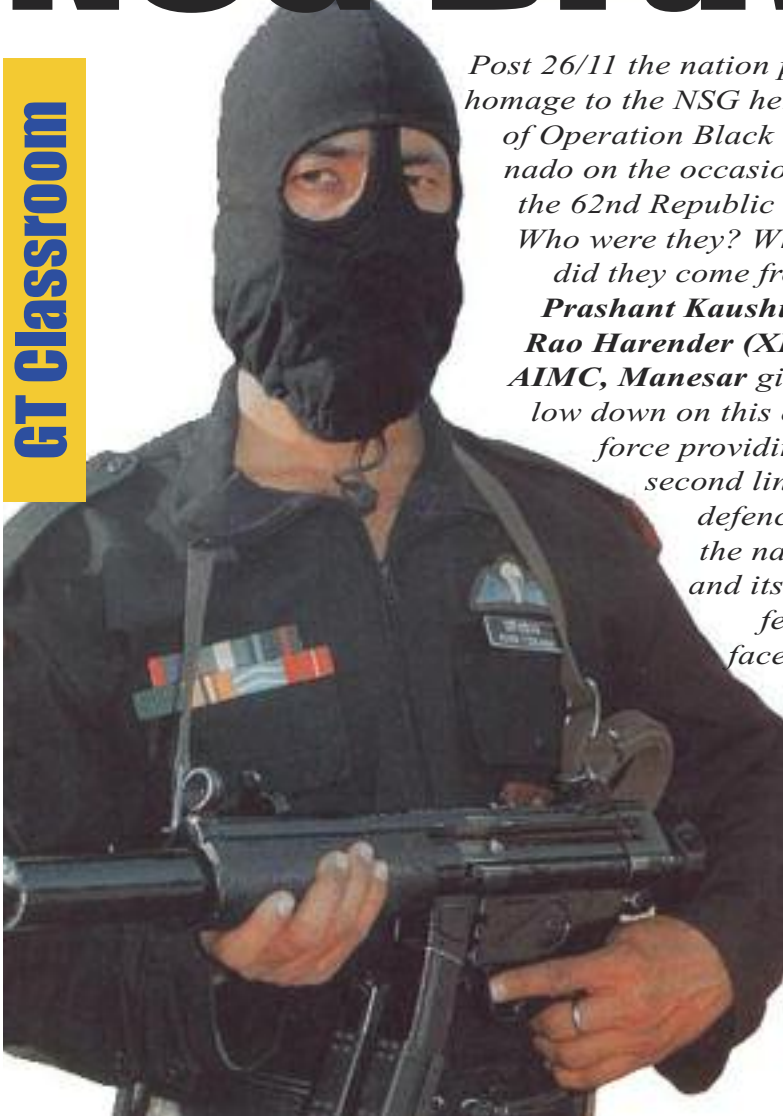


NSG Bravo-(f)acts

GT Classroom



Post 26/11 the nation paid homage to the NSG heroes of Operation Black Tornado on the occasion of the 62nd Republic day. Who were they? Where did they come from? Prashant Kaushik & Rao Harender (XI) of AIMC, Manesar give a low down on this elite force providing a second line of defence to the nation and its different facets...

History

The NSG was set up in 1984 as a FPDF (Federal Contingency Deployments Force) to tackle all facets of terrorism in the country. The primary role of this force is to combat terrorism in whatever form it may assume in areas where activity of terrorists assumes serious proportions, and the state police and other central police forces cannot cope up with the situation. The NSG is a force specially trained to deal with specific situations. As on December, 2008, Germany offered to give additional assistance, training to upgrade NSG by famous GSG9, the elite special force of the German federal police.

Physical Structure

The NSG with a total strength of 7500 personnel is divided into two groups namely the Special Action Group (SAG)

Overall Operational Result	
Armed recovered	131
Explosive recovered	100 Kg.
Terrorist killed	106
Terrorist apprehended	34
Terrorist surrendered	339
Hostage rescued	625

and the Special Rangers Group (SRG). The former comprises 54% of the force drawn from the Indian Army. The latter with members from BSF, CRPF, ITBP and RAF plays a supportive role to SAG. Those who complete the basic training period at the organisation's training centre at Manesar successfully are inducted into the NSG and given further specialised training.

Prime Tasks

- Neutralising specific terrorist threat in any given area, building, vital installation etc.
- Engaging terrorists or suspected terrorists in specific situations in order to neutralize them.
- Handlings hijack situations involving piracy in the air and land.
- Rescue of hostages in kidnapping situations.

How can one join & be trained for NSG ?

NSG is a deputationist force and therefore there is no direct recruitment. NSG commandoes come from Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Central Coastal Guard and other Forces. The requests need to come through respective government agencies. There is no arrangement for training private individuals. There are also several physical and psychological tests to assess suitability

GT Question-4 Win Sur Prizes

Name the NSG Martyrs in Operation Black Tornado ?

Send in your answers at The GT Q-4, AKC House, E-27, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

Ans to GT Q-3

Q: Is the duration of day on earth increasing, decreasing or constant?

Ans: Increasing. Due to tidal effect of moon on earth, the rotational speed of earth is decreasing which increases the duration of the day.

Winner : Navanshu Aggarwal, VII D, AIS Gurgaon Sect 43

NSG's Previous Operations

May 12, 1988 | Operation Black Thunder II. April 25, 1994 | Operation Ashwamedh. Oct, 1998 | Major Combat Missions in J&K. July 15, 1999 | Rescue of 12 hostages held by terrorists who stormed an apartment complex in Kashmir and Killed 4 people. Sept 25, 2002 | Operation Vajra Shakti. Nov, 2008 | Mumbai attacks - Operation Black Tornado, Operation Cyclone ●

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