



36th NSG Raising Day

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National Security Guard (NSG) Raising Day is celebrated on 16th October.

Key Points

- **Formation:** The decision to form an anti-terror federal contingency force was taken in 1984 when militancy in Punjab was at its peak. The **NSG came into existence** through the **National Security Guard Act, 1986**.
- **Anti Terrorist Force:** The NSG is an **anti-terrorist force**. They are given the specific role to handle all the facets of terrorism in any part of the country as a **federal contingency force**.
 - They are also informally referred to as the **'Black Cats'** because of their menacing, all-black uniforms.
- **Elements:** It has two complementary elements:
 - **Special Action Group (SAG)** comprising Army personnel.
 - **Special Rangers Group (SRG)** comprising personnel drawn from State Police and Central Armed Police Force.
- **Model:** It is modelled on the elite anti-terror forces **GSG-9 of Germany** and **SAS of the United Kingdom**.
- **Deployment:** Since its raising the NSG has been used in Punjab in 1986 and Jammu & Kashmir. It played a significant role in thwarting Mumbai terror attacks (26/11 attacks).
- **Not For VIP:** In January 2020, the Centre decided to **remove the NSG from providing security to VIPs**, a task which it was not supposed to perform when it was originally formed.

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