

Nalin Prabhat Appointed as J&K DGP

Why in News?

Recently, **senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat** was appointed as the new <u>Director General of Police (DGP)</u> for **Jammu & Kashmir.**

Key Points

- New Appointment:
 - Prabhat is a three-time Police Gallantry Medal winner.
 - Prior to his current role, he was the <u>NSG</u> chief and held top positions in the CRPF in J&K, including Special DG and IG (Operations).
 - He headed Greyhounds, an elite anti-Naxal unit in Andhra Pradesh.

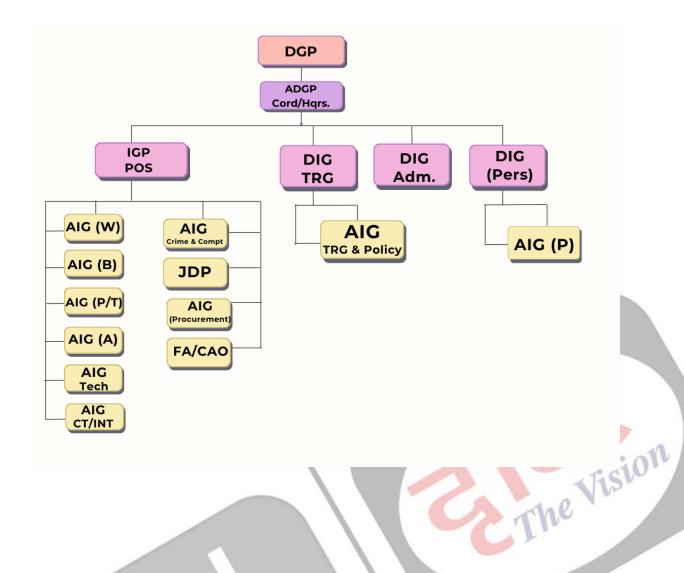
The Greyhounds

- It is an elite anti-Maoist force raised in 1989 by IPS officer K.S. Vyas to combat the growing Maoist threat in Andhra Pradesh.
- The members are well-trained in guerilla and jungle warfare.

National Security Guard (NSG)

- The NSG is a counter-terrorism unit that formally came into existence in 1986 by an act of Parliament- 'National Security Guard Act, 1986'.
 - The idea behind raising such force came in the aftermath of Operation Blue Star (an Indian military action carried out to remove militant religious leader from the Golden Temple, Amritsar) in 1984, Akshardham Temple attack and the assassination of former PM Indira Gandhi, for 'combating terrorist activities with a view to protect states against internal disturbances.'

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