



Nalin Prabhat Appointed as J&K DGP

Why in News?

Recently, **senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat** was appointed as the new [Director General of Police \(DGP\)](#) for **Jammu & Kashmir**.

Key Points

- **New Appointment:**
 - Prabhat is a **three-time Police Gallantry Medal** winner.
 - Prior to his current role, he was the [NSG 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.

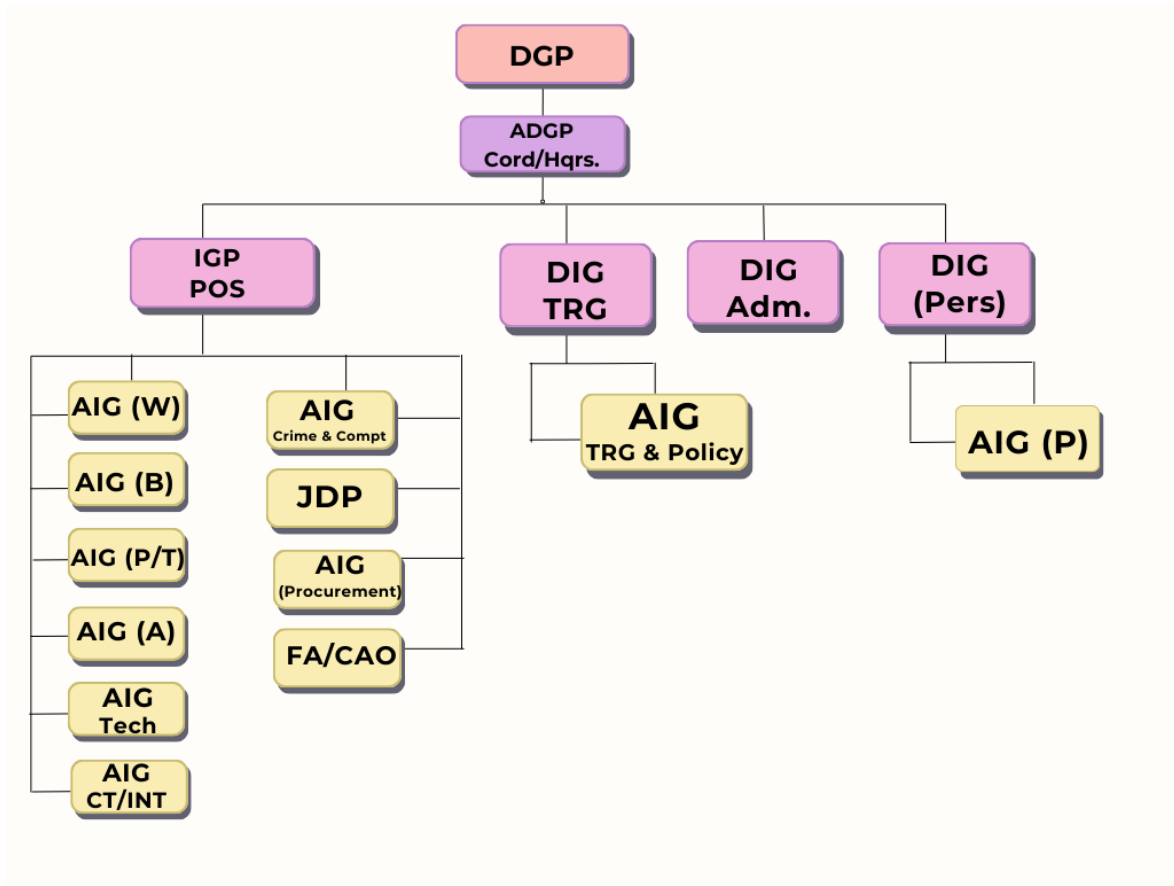
The Greyhounds

- 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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