

## **Speech of the Honourable Governor for flagging off ceremony of cycle rally of SSB on 28th August, 2021 at Raj Bhavan**

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Director General, SSB Shri Kumar Rajesh Chandra ji, Inspector General, SSB Sanjeev Sharma ji, Deputy Inspector General, Rangia Sector Shri Jagdeep Pal Singh ji, Deputy Inspector General, Bongaigaon Sector Shri Anthony Thanmi ji, Deputy Inspector General Frontier Headquarter Sonam Bodh ji, participants of the cycle rally from SSB and other dignitaries present here.

It gives me immense pleasure to join with you to celebrate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' which is an initiative of the Government of India to commemorate 75 years of our independence.

We all know that the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji inaugurated the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by flagging off 'Dandi March' from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12th March, 2021. The celebrations started 75 weeks before our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end on 15th August, 2022.

To commemorate this monumental occasion, all Ministries and departments assigned to host a set of various activities for a resurgent, Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The Mahotsav is being celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari.

Friends, it is heartening that SSB has intimate association with the people of Assam. For a long time, it has been discharging its duties to

instil a sense of security especially among those people living along the border. Their deployment along the borders, apart from controlling the crime rate, has put down illegal cross border trading allegedly done by some anti-social elements. I understand that patrolling the border areas and improving the living condition of the people would not have been possible without the unflinching commitment of the SSB personnel. I hope, in the coming days too, SSB continues to remain devoted to address the changing dynamics of security narratives and evoke the supreme sacrifices of the personnel in fulfilling their duties.

It is needless to say that SSB is also playing a crucial role in inculcating Nationalism among the border population using Village Level Coordination Meeting, Civic Action Programs, vocational skill development programs, study tours for students and distribution of farming equipment among the people living along the border. There is no denying the fact that SSB's deployment on the Indo-Bhutan and Indo-Nepal Border has led to strengthening of defenses along the border. I am happy that the forces are doing commendable job on the border in spite of challenging situations like inclement weather and dense forests. I extend my thankfulness and appreciation to all rank and file of the force for their marvellous job that they have been rendering for the nation.

Dear friends, I am happy to learn that Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) is organising various events and activities being carried out under the directions of Ministry of Home Affairs. Throughout the year in various

formations of SSB under Fit India Movement 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is being observed by field units since March 2021 onwards.

Carrying the same tempo, a Cycle Rally is being conducted by the SSB associating all its Frontiers and Training Centres. The Rally will cover historical and other places of importance linked with the freedom movement in their respective AoR and arrive at Delhi.

Today, as we all gather here to flag off the cycle rally, I would urge upon you all to appreciate the purpose behind the event which aims to promote healthy lifestyle amongst youth and encourage them to stay fit. Cycling is one of the best possible ways to stay healthy and is also a clean mode of transportation. We need to convey a message loud and clear the importance of physical exercise in leading a healthy life which helps in preventing lifestyle related ailments and various other diseases.

I congratulate and wish all the 17 Cyclists for participating in the rally who will pass through various places and states to cover approximately 2000 Kms of distance up to Rajghat in New Delhi in 36 days.

My best wishes to the entire team of SSB. Keep continuing your good work to spread the ethos of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav. God bless you all.

Thank you,

**JAI HIND**