



CALENDAR 2026

A tribute to the BRAVEHEARTS of

NSG

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# NSG

NATIONAL SECURITY GUARD

It is an immense honour to lead the National Security Guard, a force that stands as a vital pillar of India's internal security architecture, entrusted with responding to the gravest threats to the nation. Raised in 1984 as a Federal Contingency Force, the NSG has steadily evolved in capability, doctrine, and operational reach to keep pace with emerging and complex security challenges, ensuring a swift and effective response across diverse operational environments.

The NSG continues to strengthen its counter-terrorism, counter-hijack, bomb disposal, close protection, and specialised intervention capabilities through continuous innovation, rigorous training, and focused capacity building. Guided by professionalism, precision, and the principle of "Duty to Share," the Force has institutionalised cooperation through structured Memorandum of Understanding with State Police Forces, reinforcing the national counter-terrorism framework through joint training, interoperability, and shared operational preparedness.

In recent years, the NSG has expanded its operational envelope to address non-traditional and evolving threat domains, including specialised Counter-Hijack (CH) exercises on inland water transport systems such as riverine and cruise vessels, reflecting its adaptability in securing critical transportation infrastructure. To further strengthen capacity building, a state-of-the-art Special Operations Training Centre is envisaged at the NSG Garrison, Manesar, with immersive IR/VR-based training for State Police Forces, CAPFs, friendly foreign countries, and NSG personnel. In addition, four dedicated Centres of Excellence are being established under the NSG Training Academy for Counter-Terrorism, Bomb Disposal and Counter-IED, Hostage Negotiation, and Post-Blast Investigation.

Technological integration remains central to this approach, marked by the launch of the National IED Data Management System (NIDMS) by the National Bomb Data Centre (NBDC)—a "One Nation, One Data Repository" platform strengthening India's Counter-IED framework through improved post-blast investigations, institutional memory, and inter-agency coordination nationwide. With strategically located hubs and a highly trained force drawn from the Army, CAPFs, and State Police, the NSG maintains a high state of readiness to respond decisively whenever the nation calls.

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# VERTICAL CONTROL

## JANUARY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 Hazarat Ali's Birthday	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Makar Sankranti Magha Bihu/Pongal	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Sri Panchami/ Basant Panchami	24	25
26 Republic Day	27	28	29	30	31								



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TACTICAL  
SUPREMACY

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Guru Ravi Das's Birthday	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati	13	14	15 Maha Shivaratri	16	17	18	19 Shivaji Jayanti	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28								



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FOCUSED  
FURY

MARCH 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1	2	3 Holika Dahan Dolyatra	4 Holi	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chaitra Sukladi/ Gudi Padava/ Ugadi/ Cheti Chand	20 Jammat-ul-Vida	21 Id-ul-Fitr	22
23	24	25	26 Ram Navami	27	28	29	30	31 Mahavir Jayanti					



# FEARLESS DESCENT

# APRIL 2026

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# RAPID

## INTERCEPT

# MAY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <small>Budha Purnima</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <small>Guru Rabindranath's Birthday</small>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <small>Id-ul-Zuha [Bakrid]</small>	28	29	30	31							



# BLACK SHARKS

# JUNE 2026

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# SEPTEMBER 2026

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# SHIELD

STACK

# OCTOBER 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dussehra [Saptami]	19 Dussehra [Maha Ashtami]	20 Dussehra Dussehra [Maha Navmi]	21	22	23	24	25
26 Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	27	28	29 Karaka Chaturthi [Karwa Chouth]	30	31								



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# CONTROLLED

DOMINANCE

# NOVEMBER 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
													Diwali [Deepavali] Naraka Chaturdasi
9 Goyardhan Puja	10	11 Bhai Duj	12	13	14	15 Pratihara Shashthi or Surya Shashthi [Chhath Puja]	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Guru Nanak's Birthday Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	25	26	27	28	29	30						

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# LEGACY OF VALOUR AND SERVICE



NSG's marching contingent at the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, Kevadia, symbolising unity, discipline and steadfast commitment to the nation.



The NSG Mt Satopanth Expedition Team during the successful summit of Mt Satopanth (7,075 m), demonstrating exceptional grit, endurance and teamwork. The expedition formed part of NSG's preparatory mountaineering efforts towards the Mt Everest Expedition 2026.



A few powerful glimpses from NSG Counter-Hijack (CH) exercises on Inland Water Transport modes, showcasing tactical aerial insertions, combat diving insertions, vessel domination, and rescue drills aboard riverine and cruise vessels across the Ganges at Ravidas Ghat, Varanasi, and the Brahmaputra at Sarai Ghat, Guwahati—reflecting the NSG's expanding operational envelope in response to non-traditional and evolving threat landscapes.





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This is the 10th edition of the high-voltage NSG Calendar, created by action & lifestyle photographers Pravin Talan and Rupali Talan as a personal tribute to the elite Black Cat Commandos, men and women who stand between chaos and order. Over the years, the NSG Calendar has evolved into an iconic visual statement—one that resonates deeply with the youth of the country and continues to inspire millions.

For nearly two decades, Pravin Talan & Rupali Talan have been at the forefront of creating iconic imagery of India's elite forces. Their work has been featured in publications across the globe and recognised with numerous awards. The NSG Calendar is widely regarded for its distinctive blend of art and action, offering a rare visual insight into the courage, discipline, and capabilities of the Black Cat Commandos.

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