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of Indian
Independence

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From Director General's Desk

Independence, that dawned on August 15, 1947, set a new agenda for the Police. From the stern enforcer of the law for an unrepresentative Ruler, the Policeman had to become a benign friend of the public. Therein lies the dilemma for him. He is expected to be both, a firm practitioner of the law, as well as a pleasant mannered public servant. A victim of crime would expect him to be tough, even rough on the criminal, whereas the man on the street wants him to be polite and amiable. The line delineating these two personae is thin, with many of us falling between two stools.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Police has always been in the forefront, for defending and protecting freedom, and facing the threat, be it from the raiders in 1947, infiltrators in 1965, or during the 1971 war, or the current phase of militancy. With the ongoing strengthening and upgradation of Police, our agenda is now of bringing peace to the state.


(Gurbachan Jagat)

Sheikh Abdullah appointed Head of Administration Scenes of rejoicing in Srinagar

1947



Srinagar, October ,31- Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah was sworn as Head of the administration with power to deal with emergency, pending formation of an interim government. There were scenes of rejoicing in Srinagar.

Addressing the officers of the Government present on the occasion, the Sheikh appealed to them to give him their unstinted cooperation...

{ Press comunique No.152 dt. 31.10.1947 }

Sheikh Abdullah addresses Policemen in Srinagar

Press Communique

November 1, 1947

No.153 – The head of the Administration, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah paid a visit to the Police Lines, Srinagar, this morning where a rally of the Police force in the city was held. Addressing the rally, Sheikh Saheb reminded all officers and men of the force of their duty by their country in the emergency. He said that those who have sympathy with the raiders, who in the name of Pakistan want to loot Kashmir, will be considered traitors, and will suffer the fate of traitors. He pointed out how cowardly, instead of coming face to face with the army, raiders put on Kashmiri clothes and go in to the villages, and by firing a few shots create panic to enable them to loot the people. He wanted the Police to arrest all such people at once. He dwelt at length on how the National Conference volunteers went to every front and fought against the enemy, killing ten of them for one of their own ; because they felt that they had to save their motherland.

He assured the Police force of his full sympathy for all their genuine difficulties and complaints and told them that henceforth they would be judged by their sense of patriotism and duty....



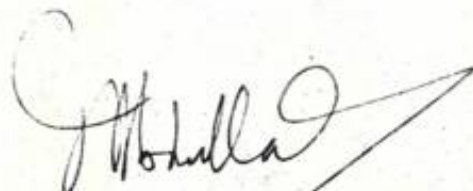
CHIEF MINISTER
Jammu and Kashmir



MESSAGE

The nation is facing one of the toughest challenges as a result of the "Proxy War" imposed upon us by disruptionist forces. Our Police has had to completely re-orient itself as it was not equipped or trained to meet such a challenge. Today we can look back with some satisfaction, that in spite of so many limitations we are beginning to get a grip over the situation. In the 50th year of our independence we shall resolve to rededicate ourself to protect the integrity of the Country and the honour of our people.

Convey my best wishes to the officers and men of the J&K Police on the 50th Independence day of India.


(Farooq Abdullah)

Srinagar,
6 August 1997

J&K Police Chiefs

Inspectors General

Officers	From	To
Sh.P.A. Singh	June 1. 1948	October 31. 1953
Lt.Col. Baldev Singh	November 1. 1953	October 31. 1956
Sh.D.W. Mehra, IP	November 1. 1956	September 30. 1963
Sh.L.D. Thakar, IPS	September 30. 1963	July 27. 1966
Sh.E.S. Modak, IP	July 27. 1966	November 18. 1967
Sh.Surendra Nath, IPS	November 18. 1967	February 28. 1974
Sh.P.A. Rosha, IPS	February 28. 1974	June 22. 1977
Sh.K.R. Singh, IPS	June 23. 1977	September 1. 1977
Sh.D.A. Koul, IPS	September 2. 1977	September 30. 1979
Peer Ghulam Hassan Shah, IPS	October 1. 1979	May 24. 1982

Directors General



Peer Ghulam Hassan Shah, IPS
{25/5/1982-7/1/1985}



Sh. M. M. Khajooria, IPS
{8/1/1985-17/5/1986}



Sh. F. T. R. Colaso, IPS
{22/5/1986-15/5/1987}



Sh. G. J. Pandit, IPS
{15/5/1987-20/12/1989}



Sh. J. N. Saksena, IPS
{20/12/1989-25/1/1992}



Sh. B. S. Bedi, IPS
{25/1/1992-15/10/1993}



Sh. M. R. Sabharwal, IPS
{15/10-1992-17/12/1997}

Dr. Farooq Abdullah for modernisation of J&K Police

1997



Srinagar, July 5 – The Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah has underlined the need to provide the Special Task Force of J&K Police with latest training and acquaint the Police personnel with modern techniques.

Addressing the Police officers and men here today the Chief Minister asked them to continue their operations with firm determination and valour. However, while discharging their duties they should ensure that no innocent was harmed or harassed. The overwhelming majority of people, he said, were peace loving and therefore, the force should demonstrate courtesy and service towards them, and should not take any action which tells upon their reputation or discipline.

He said that women should be given due representation in the force.

He ordered the Director General of Police, to identify a suitable site for a befitting memorial in memory of those gallant soldiers who laid down their lives while fighting militancy.

The
Chief Minister
Inspecting
Weapons
Recovered
By
The
Special
Operations
Groups
Of
J&K Police



Achievements

Medals won by J&K Police

Galantry

Distinguished service

Meritorious Service



Presidents' Police Medal for Galantry	68
Prime Ministers' Medal for Life Saving	4
Presidents' Distinguished Service Medal	17
Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service	169
J&K Governments' Gold Medals	3
J&K Governments' Silver Medals	16
DGP's Commendation Medal	467
TOTAL	744

Our distinguished colleagues

* Late Sh. Surendra Nath	J&K Police Chief and Governor, Punjab
* Sh. J.M. Qureshi	Chairman, UPSC
* Sh.J.N. Saksena	Chairman, M.P. Human Rights Commission
*.Sh. B.S. Bedi	Member, UP PSC
*.A.M. Watali	Member J&K PSC
*. Sh. Allah Baksh	Member J&K PSC
*Sh. M.N. Khan	Member J&K SSRB

Memory Lane.....



Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah at Police Sports Meet (1951)



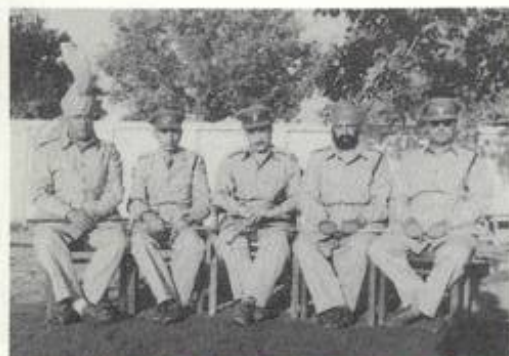
Prime Minister Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah on a tour to Badgam Tehsil in 1952 (Photograph by Sh. L.D. Thakur, then SP Srinagar)



Bakshi Ghulam Mohd., Prime Minister, in Police Lines Srinagar (1955)



Police Band (1958)



A group photograph of Sh. Surinder Nath Chopra, Th. Rawel Singh, Sh. L.D. Thakur, S. Waryam Singh and Sh. Des Raj Nanda (1963)



Bakshi Ghulam Mohd. inspecting a ceremonial parade (1964)



Chief Minister Sh. G.M. Sadiq in Armed Police Lines, Srinagar (1968)



Syed Mir Qasim in Police Lines, Srinagar (1968)



Governor Bhagwan Sahay and
Sh. Surinder Nath, I.G.P. (1973)



Farewell to Sh. Surinder Nath, I.G.P. (1974)



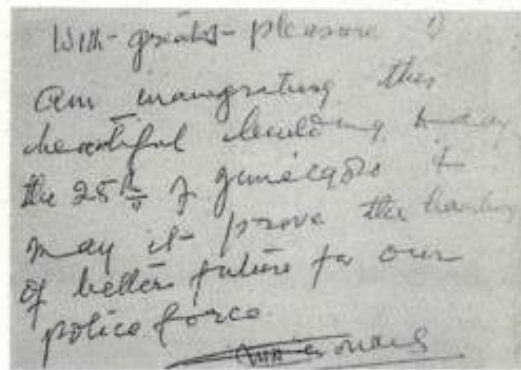
Sheikh Sahib at PTS Udhampur. Sh. P.A. Rosha, Sh. Jameel A. Qureshi & Sh. M.M. Wazir are also seen in the picture (1975)



Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi after inaugurating
Police Housing Colony at Bemina, Srinagar (1976)



Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah flanked by Sh. P. A. Rosha, I.G.P. during
Bara Khana at PTS Udhampur (1976)



Fascimile of an entry made by Sheikh Sahib on 25.6.1980 in
Register No.13 of Police Station Pacca Danga, Jammu.



Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister,
poses with Officers of J&K Police (1980)



Sheikh Sahib inaugurating Police Station Sundarbani (1982)



Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister
at a Police Function (1984)



The Chief Minister visiting a Police Station at
Srinagar (1983)



Chief Minister Sh. G. M. Shah
at Police Commemoration Day Parade (1985)



Dr. Farooq Abdullah taking salute before participating in
State Police Welfare Meet (1988)



The Chief Minister signing the visitor's book in
PTC Udhampur (1988)



Sh. S. Venkataraman, President of India with posse
of Traffic Police Officers at Srinagar Airport (1991)



Gen. K. V. Krishnarao, Governor of J&K at a Police Function
at Jammu (1993)



Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister, taking salute
at POP in PTC Udhampur (1996)

1997.....



Chief Minister with J&K Police Hand Ball Team which bagged 2nd position in Inter State Police Games



Sh. Ali Mohd. Sagar MOS (Home) at the concluding function of Jhelum Football tournament at Srinagar



D.G.P. & Corps Commander, 15 Corps during their visit to Doda



Passing out parade at Zewan



Sh. I.S. Malhi, ACS (Home) distributing prizes at a Hockey Tournament Organized by Armed Police



Recovery of Weapons by Poonch Police



Recovery of Weapons by STF in the Valley



An out of turn promotion for outstanding performance

کیا آپ کو معلوم ہے؟

★ ریاست جموں و کشمیر میں سال ۱۹۴۷ء میں صرف کسٹم پوسٹ، پنشنی، رام کوٹ، پبلک ورکس ڈویژن، سسیدھ، ولیدر ویلی، نارسل ڈویژن ہار، فیلڈ کنٹرول ڈویژن و گوامانی پولیس چوکی وارڈون (ضلع ڈوڈہ) کے لئے مستقل پولیس گاردات منظور تھیں۔



شیخ صاحب و بیگم شیخ محمد عبداللہ تھانہ پولیس صفالہ کی عمارت کی رسم افتتاح کے موقع پر (۱۹۸۱ء)

★ آزاد ہندوستان کے قیام کے موقع پر ریاست جموں و کشمیر میں جناب آریا دل، بحیثیت انسپٹر جنرل پولیس تعینات تھے۔
★ جموں و کشمیر پولیس کی منظور شدہ نقسری با سال ۱۹۴۹ء میں گورنر افسران ۱۲۱۶ کان گورنر افسران اور ۳۵۶۵ دیگر اہلکاران پر مشتمل تھے۔



ڈائریکٹر جنرل پولیس جناب گوردیچن جگت انٹرپرائز لین کھیلوں کے مقابلہ کے سلسلہ میں انعامات تقسیم کرتے ہوئے (۱۹۹۰ء)

★ ۱۹۴۵-۴۶ء کے فائنل سال کے دوران کل مبلغ ۲۷۶۳ روپیہ رقم پولیس نے بطور انعامات تقسیم کئے۔ اس رقم میں سے مبلغ ۲۴۴۳ روپیہ پولیس اہلکاران کے حق میں اور مبلغ ۳۲۱ روپیہ دیگر عوام کے حق میں منظور ہوئے تھے۔

★ سال ۱۹۴۵-۴۶ء کے دوران ریاست میں ۱۳۹ شرک حادثات ہوئے، جنہیں سے ۳۵ حادثات سنگین نوعیت کے تھے اور نتیجتاً ۳۴ اشخاص لقمہ اجل ہوئے۔

★ نومبر ۱۹۴۷ء میں ہندو اڑہ، باندی پورہ اور پورہ کے علاقہ جات میں جنگی پولیس چوکیوں کا قیام عمل میں آیا۔

★ ریاست جموں و کشمیر میں تھانہ جات ہندو اڑہ (ضلع کپواڑہ)، کانہ جک و اکھنور (ضلع جموں) کی عمارتوں کا شمار سب سے دیرینہ عمارتوں میں کیا جاتا ہے۔ تھانہ پولیس کانہ جک میں ۱۹۴۷ء کا دائمی ریکارڈ سامان محفوظ ہے۔

★ ضلع پولیس لائسنس جموں نزد راجوت سکول جموں واقعہ ۱۹۶۱ء میں موجودہ مقام پر منتقل ہوئی

★ سال ۱۹۷۰ء میں حاجی پیر (مقبوضہ پاکستان) کے مقام پر ریاستی پولیس کی ایک چوکی قائم کی گئی



ڈاکٹر خازن عبداللہ چیف منسٹر جموں و کشمیر پولیس، رٹینگ کلنگ اور ہم پورہ میں ملازمین پولیس کے ساتھ (۱۹۸۳ء)

اس چوکی کے انچارج جناب جلال رینہ عرف قبائل، جواب بطور انسپٹر پولیس حکمران سبکدوش ہو چکے ہیں، رہے ہیں۔

★ سال ۱۹۴۷ء میں ریاست جموں و کشمیر میں سپرول کی تقسیم کاری محکمہ پولیس کے ذریعہ ہوئی۔ اس کام کے لئے ایک باہنہ بطور شعبہ تھانہ جیمیں ایک انسپٹر پولیس اور ۱۴ دیگر اہلکاران تعینات تھے۔



جناب اے۔ کے سوری، ڈائریکٹر کسٹم جموں و کشمیر پولیس کے شعبہ مہلات کے نو قریاب اہلکاروں کی منزلت کی عملیاتی کے سلسلہ میں منعقدہ تقریب پر (۱۹۹۰ء)
★ مورخہ ۵ نومبر ۱۹۴۷ء کو ریاستی سرکار نے ۶،۰۰۰ رضا کاران کشمیر نیشنل ہوم گارڈز میں تقریبی کے احکامات صادر کئے۔ ان رضا کاران کے مابین رجسٹرڈ و پارچاٹ الاؤنس بالترتیب مبلغ ۱۶ روپیہ اور ۱۰ روپیہ فی مہینہ منظور ہوئے تھے۔

Some Police Complexes

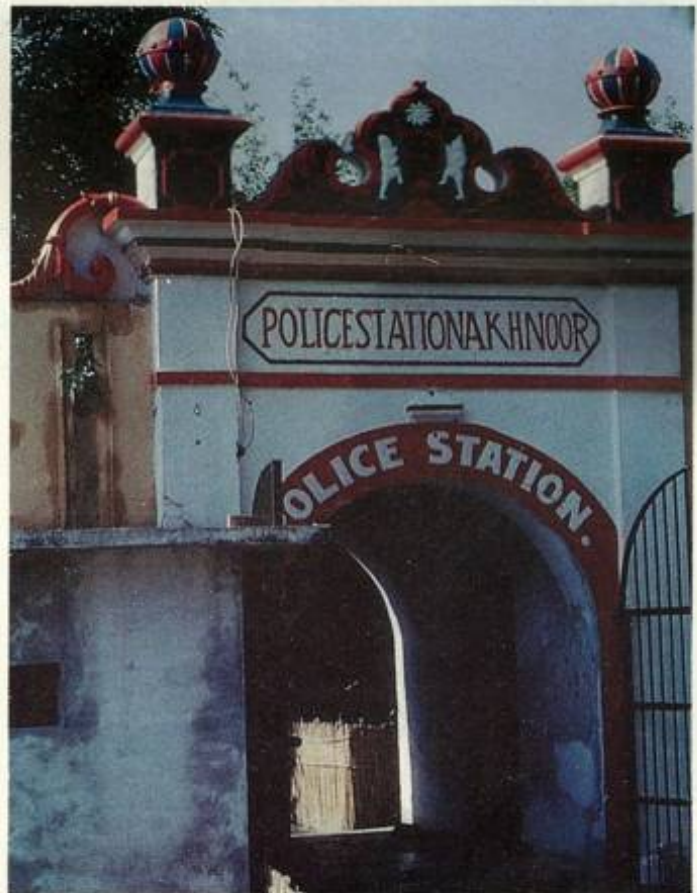
Then



Police Station Handwara -- 1950



P.S. Kanachak - 1971



P.S. Akhnoor--1965

Uniforms in 1930/40's

From Archives



Gazetted Officer



Traffic Police



Inspector of Police



Head Constable



Constable

Police Telecommunication



**1947 - Second
World War
Surplus Set
Acquired in 1958**



**Weight - 4 Kg
1964 - 1976**

**Weight - 1/2 Kg
1990 Onwards**

J&K Police Telecommunication Organisation came into existence in March 1958. Initially Wireless equipment was used to connect a few Stations on the National Highway with equipment of War Disposed Origin which included QA 18 (Static), BC 191 (High Power) and Manpack Mobile No-62.

In 1960, Districts like Baramulla, Poonch, Udhampur and Kathua were provided with telecommunication facilities. In mid sixties equipment from Bharat Electronic Limited was introduced and Wireless Stations established at Leh, Kargil, Zanakar, Nyoma, Nobra and Drass. Seventies saw communication cover extending to all Police Stations through VHF and Teleprinter lines were introduced between Jammu and Srinagar. In 1979, a complete Cyber cover was provided to all District Headquarters.

In 1981, two 50 Lines EPABX were established at Jammu and Srinagar with three dedicated dot lines. The first Repeater Station was established at Patni Top in 1982. In early nineties data communication through Packet Radio System and BEST (Burst Error Control System for Teleprinters) was introduced connecting District Headquarters. Telephone Exchanges are now available at 11 District Headquarters and we are in the process of installing 512 Line Exchanges at Jammu and Srinagar. In order to provide communication to STF, specialized equipment has been procured and is in use. A foolproof security communication for VVIPs through UHF and separate communication channel through MART was introduced in late 1996. Vehicles of some field officers in Jammu and Srinagar have also been provided Mobile phones through MART.

Police Telecommunication Wing is running 18 Telephone Exchanges in the State with about 750 subscribers.



BEL Car Mobile

**Power - 20 Watt
Weight - 35 Kg
Range - 15-20 Km**

**Power - 25 Watt
Weight - 1 Kg
Range - 20 Km**

New exchanges are being installed at Kathua, Leh, Kargil, Zewan Armed Police Complex and Chennai Himat Armed Police Complex. The Wing provides 426 Static Stations and 821 Mobile Stations, besides Pack Radio Stations, BEST, Repeater Stations and TP Stations. The system available is well equipped with new generation HF, UHF and VHF Sets from Internationally reputed Firms.

J&K Police Telecommunication Wing had till recently a sanctioned strength of 10 Gazetted Officer, 441 NGOs, 978 HCs/Constables and 18 Followers/tradesmen. The State Government having recognised the need for additional manpower and better promotional avenues for personnel of the Wing, sanctioned posts of 3 SPs, 8 Dy.SP, 166 NGOs and 400 HCs/Constables in June 1997. This enhancement should now enable the Wing to devote more resources towards R&D, Training and Modernisation as also reduce the stagnation in the Wing. As a result of reorganisation, during June and July 1997, promotion orders in favour of 283 personnel of the Wing have already been issued and another 90 officials have been brought on promotion lists subject to clearance of pre promotion course by them. As many as 22 Sub-Inspectors were promoted as Inspectors, 47 Assistant Sub-Inspectors as Sub-Inspectors and 57 Head Constables as Assistant Sub-Inspectors. Similarly, 84 Constables were promoted as SG Constables and 73 SG Constables as Head Constables.



Reminiscences Reminiscences

The Independence that we gained 50 years back has ever since been facing diverse challenges and dangers, some of which are born of the holocaust following the partition of the sub-continent. The dangers and challenges threatening the national integrity and solidarity were braved both by the people of the country and the keepers of the peace, i.e. Police. The contribution of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in fighting the disruptionist forces, has been second to none, of which any country can be proud. Reminiscing a few instances, some historic deeds of the local police that come to my mind from 1965, when we had a massive armed infiltration from across the border. I held the charge of district Srinagar as superintendent of Police and found that our Police was in the vanguard of the battle against terrorism in 1965. Late in October or early November, I was summoned to the Police Control Room by the then Home Minister Late D.P Dhar, popularly known as DP and directed to immediately rush to the village Hanjoora (Tehsil Chadoora- now district Budgam) which was infested by the Commandos from across. Mustering a contingent of police consisting of the JKAP, district Police and Madhya Pradesh Police, we moved to Hanjoora. On reaching there, we found the village deserted and presenting a picture of desolation and disappointment. A few people, who had stayed behind, were in the grip of panic and insecurity. The mopping up operations were taken in hand. Static pickets were mounted, manned by Madhya Pradesh Police and the local police intensively patrolled the village. A group of infiltrators was sighted at the wee hours of the morning and after an exchange of fire, they took to their heels.

Another incident that comes to my mind is about the recovery of a cache of arms and ammunitions from a place in Shalimar, on a trip off from a citizen. I alongwith late Mr. G.H. Kirmani who was then DySP City, and a contingent of district police Srinagar, raided the place and after night long operation, we were able to recover ten .303 rifles, one Sten Gun, 2000 cartridges and six hand-grenades, which were hidden in a trough embedded in a ditch.

There are many such instances, which illustrate the patriotism, loyalty and exemplary



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dedication of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, to their assigned task of protecting and maintaining the integrity of the country and its solidarity.


It is heartening to see that the present leadership of the Jammu and Kashmir Police is endeavouring to breathe a new spirit into the police force, reactivise and rejuvenate it for facing the challenges and dangers that continue to stare at us unabatedly.



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