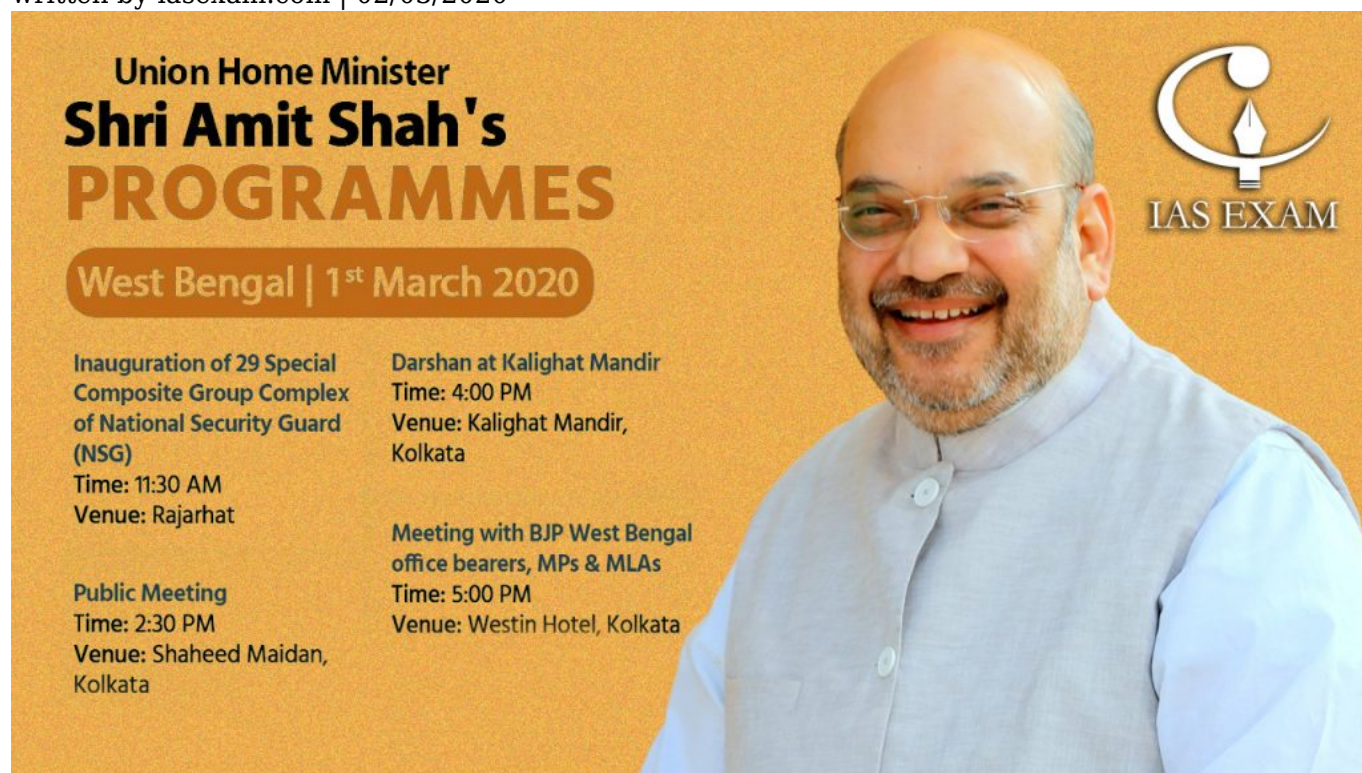


Home Minister inaugurates Regional Hub campus of NSG at Kolkata

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**Union Home Minister
Shri Amit Shah's
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Inauguration of 29 Special Composite Group Complex of National Security Guard (NSG) Time: 11:30 AM Venue: Rajarhat	Darshan at Kalighat Mandir Time: 4:00 PM Venue: Kalighat Mandir, Kolkata
Public Meeting Time: 2:30 PM Venue: Shaheed Maidan, Kolkata	Meeting with BJP West Bengal office bearers, MPs & MLAs Time: 5:00 PM Venue: Westin Hotel, Kolkata

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Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah recently inaugurated the campus of Regional Hub at Kolkata. Presiding over the inauguration, the Union Minister termed it as an important step in the direction of giving adequate facilities to the brave NSG Jawans, which are important for them to function unhindered in ensuring the security of the nation. The Home Minister presided over the inauguration and founding stone laying ceremony of various welfare projects for NSG, amounting to over Rs 245 crores, across Kolkata, Manesar, Chennai and Mumbai. He said that the various and facilities being inaugurated today, would go a long way in ensuring the boosting of capabilities of the force and raising the morale of the jawans.

Key Highlights

- This state-of-the-art regional hub complex at Kolkata, worth over Rs.162 crores, will have Residential and Non Residential Complexes to house 460 persons and families, office accommodation and modern training facilities such as Baffle firing range, indoor shooting range, obstacles, swimming pool, sports complex and artificial rock craft wall etc.
- This latest NSG complex has become a model regional hub of the NSG, which will help in honing the professional acumen of the NSG commandos and also contribute significantly in capacity building of the first responders, the Police forces of the States.
- The area of responsibility of this Hub comprises of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand & the entire North East. The Kolkata hub, hitherto

functioning from the Kolkata airport, is the fourth to have permanent infrastructure after Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad.

- Apart from the inaugurating Regional Hub, Kolkata the Home Minister also inaugurated the 120 family quarters at Training Centre, Manesar; Explosive Magazine built at NSG Hyderabad Hub; and laid foundation stones for the construction of family quarters at Regional Hub Chennai and Mumbai.
- This newly created infrastructure will improve the housing satisfaction and enhance Operational as well Training capabilities.

About National Security Guards (NSG)

- The National Security Guard (NSG) is an elite counter-terrorism unit under the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). It was raised in 15 October 1984, following Operation Blue Star, Akshardham Temple attack and the assassination of Indira Gandhi, “for combating terrorist activities with a view to protect states against internal disturbances”.
- NSG is under the authority of Ministry of Home Affairs and is categorized under the uniform nomenclature of Central Armed Police Forces.
- It has a Special Forces mandate, and its core operational capability is provided by the Special Action Group (SAG) which is drawn from the Indian Army. The Special Rangers Group (SRG), the police component of NSG, is composed of personnel on deputation from other Central Armed Police Forces and State Police Forces.
- National Security Guard personnel are sometimes referred to as ‘The Black Cats’.
- The National Security Guard states its mission as:
“Train, equip and keep in readiness a special force capable of swiftly and effectively combating terrorism to live up to its motto Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha”

SOURCE: *PIB, Wikipedia*