

PRESIDENT OF INDIA PRESENTS DIAMOND JUBILEE SILVER TRUMPET AND TRUMPET BANNER TO THE PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARD

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The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, presented the diamond jubilee Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard (PBG) at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (September 30, 2025) in recognition of 75 years of glorious service since the designation as the PBG in 1950.



‘Viraat’, the Commandant’s Charger, which was retired in 2022, was also present on the occasion. PBG has adopted Viraat after his retirement, which is a unique symbol of the bond between the personnel of PBG and their horses. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had patted this horse at the Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2022.



In her brief remarks on the ceremony, the President said that we all are proud of the PBG. She congratulated the PBG for their professional excellence and adherence to the finest military traditions. She expressed confidence that all the Bodyguards must be knowing that this honour carries with it a significant responsibility.



The President's Bodyguard is the oldest regiment in the Indian Army, having been raised as the Governor-General's Bodyguard (later the Viceroy's Bodyguard) in 1773.

On January 27, 1950, the regiment was renamed the President's Bodyguard. Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, presented his Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard on May 14, 1957.



The PBG is the only Regiment that is permitted two 'Standards', namely the President's Standard of Body Guard and the Regimental Standard of The PBG.

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