

MAROON BERET CEREMONIAL PARADE AT GARUD REGIMENTAL TRAINING CENTRE AIR FORCE STATION CHANDINAGAR

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1. To mark the successful completion of training of Air Force Special Forces operatives of 'Garud' force, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade was held on 17 Jan 2026 at Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), Air Force Station Chandinagar. Assistant Chief of Air Staff Operations (Air Defence) reviewed the parade as the Chief Guest of the event.
2. The Commandant of Garud Regimental Training Centre received the Chief Guest and briefed on various training aspects. The Chief Guest congratulated the 'Garuds' on their successful passing out. While addressing the young commandos, he emphasised on the significance of rigorous training and honing Special Forces skills to keep pace with the fast changing security scenario. He presented Maroon Beret, Garud Proficiency Badge and Special Forces Tabs to the successful 'Garud' trainees and gave away trophies to the awardees.
3. During the passing out ceremony, the 'Garuds' demonstrated various skills such as combat firing, hostage rescue, firing drill, assault explosives, obstacle crossing, wall climbing, slithering, rappelling and military martial arts.
4. The Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade is a moment of pride and achievement for the 'Garuds' marking the befitting culmination of an extremely demanding training schedule and their transformation into 'Young Special Forces Operators' joining the elite 'Garud' force.
5. Considering the role of Special Forces of IAF in Operation Sindoor, the newly passed out Special Force Operators will further strengthen the capability of IAF to undertake newly defined special missions.

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