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Battle-ready, but women commandoes can't find job

The National Security Guard (NSG) has specially trained 25 women commandoes keeping in mind its women protectees but so far it has not deployed them. NSG director general Subhash Joshi has refused to spell out their exact role. The NSG provides security cover to former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati and Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalaitaa besides 14 other male VIPs. "The original idea was to use women commandoes for the women protectees but their services have not been used with them. The NSG will soon decide how to use services of these women commandoes but the force doesn't want use them for counter-terror operations for sure," said a source.

The demonstration of skills by these women commandoes during its 28 Raising Day function on Tuesday got applause from all quarters. Chief guest of the function and union home minister Sushil Kumar Shinde lauded their demonstration.

After the function, while replying to a question on the demand for revocation of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in Jammu and Kashmir, Shinde said the Centre would wait for some more time before taking any decision on the issue.

"It's not appropriate to keep military always on duty." Shinde had recently visited the state.

During the function, the NSG commandoes for demonstrated their anti-hijacking skills with newly acquired 1.5 kg unmanned aerial vehicle Netra.

The force also felicitated family members of its martyrs. The family members of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, a 26/11 martyr of the NSG, were conspicuous by their absence.

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