

# **Central Reserve Police Force**

## **CRPF honoured by FICCI**

CRPF- the peacekeeper of the Nation, is not only a brave force but also a smart force. This is borne out by the eloquent recognition it receives at different fora.

Barely a week after the brave personnel of CRPF were decorated with as many as 75 Gallantry medals by the Union Government, including one Kirti Chakra and 2 Shaurya Chakras, FICCI- the premier trade body of the country- honoured CRPF, this time for its 'smart' initiatives. CRPF was awarded with as many as three prestigious distinctions by FICCI at a function on Homeland Security 2019 in New Delhi today. CRPF was adjudged the best in three distinct spheres of 'smart' initiatives. CRPF Institute of IED Management, Pune, CRPF's humanitarian initiative in Jammu and Kashmir under the programme MADADGAR and its hugely humane Civic Action Programmes in Naxal-affected Chhatisgarh were accorded remarkable recognition by FICCI SMART Policing Awards 2019. Be it bomb detection and disposal or establishing human-connect with the people of terrorism-stricken Jammu and Kashmir and Naxal-infested Chhatisgarh, CRPF's 'smart' moves have been outsmarting the anti-nationals quite effectively. The awards were given away today by Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS, PMO, Govt of India at a function in New Delhi.

One of the awardees the IIM, CRPF Pune has been spearheading a movement of sorts among the police personnel of the country to help them detect and dispose Improvised Explosives Devices (IED) and save precious human lives and property. This institute, one of its kinds in the country till date has been working in tandem with other police agencies to frustrate the evil designs of the anti-nationals who are increasingly using IEDs to target security forces and the civilians alike. It has been training and tooling its own personnel and also those of other forces right from its inception in 2012 to outsmart the ultras especially in the terrorism-hit Jammu and Kashmir, LWE areas and also in some sensitive urban pockets. CRPF, which itself bears the scars of IED explosions has been pulling out all stops in reaching out to the forces on the ground to sensitise them on detecting and diffusing hidden explosives. In its effort to maximize IED sensitization among the Force personnel, IIM Pune is also in the process of launching an e-Learning

Module which will act as a force multiplier in this direction. Because of such sincere efforts of the Institute in particular and the personnel in general, the year 2018 witnessed only 18 IED blast in the country compared to 162 IED recoveries.

The CRPF helpline MADADGAR, which was honoured with the Special Jury Award has been successful in securing a strong bonding with the common people of Jammu and Kashmir by helping them in their hour of need. The MADADGAR telephone number '14411' was set up with the express intension of extending a helping hand to the Kashmiris, both inside and outside the state . This novel initiative started on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016, has been further expanded to include other communication platforms like the facebook, the twitter and even SMS (7082814411). Any Kashmiri can reach out to CRPF through MADADGAR in matters ranging from public utilities, medical urgency, women safety, domestic violence, public security to plain information-seeking on recruitment and weather. The success of the initiative can be gauged from the fact that in a bare span of just two years till July 2019, CRPF MADADGAR has already received more than 3 lakh 81 thousand calls from people. And the line is open twenty four/seven.

Yet another Special Jury award that went to CRPF's Civic Action Programmes underlines the human face of CRPF, which has been battling the naxalites in the LWE areas including Chhatisgarh. Such programmes, which ensures ease of living for the locals have been immensely successful in weaning them away from the misinformation and disinformation campaign of the Maoists. CRPF has been helping people of remote and naxal affected areas of Chhattisgarh like Bijapur with medical care, educational needs of their children and also their other domestic needs arising out of poverty, backwardness and illiteracy.

While Sh. Dharendra Verma, Principal, IIM, Pune received the FICCI Smart Policing Award 2019 under Training and Capacity Building category, the Special Jury awards were received by Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Commandant, 85 Bn and Sh. Gul Junaid Khan, Asst Commandant, Ops Kashmir Sector respectively in the Other Policing Initiative category.

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