

Central Reserve Police Force

CRPF: Proactive Towards Environmental Protection

CRPF- country's lead force for maintenance of internal security has also been immensely contributing to its environmental security. Against the backdrop of the ever rising call and clamour for ecological protection and preservation, the Force has taken upon itself the responsibility of adding various green initiatives to its professional profile, while frontloading the task of maintaining the internal security of the country, as always.

Toeing the governmental line of action on environmental protection, CRPF has of late decided to plant 22 lakh saplings across the country to augment the country's green canopy. It has successfully ensured all its campuses across the country remain plastic free, especially the single-use plastic. The Force has also been paying desired attention to waste management by taking to vermi-composting in over 40 of its Group Centres besides setting up of in-house sewage treatment plants in many of its formations.

Energy conservation being an important environmental intervention, CRPF has been alive to the usage and utilitarian worth of solar energy. Accordingly, many of its residential complexes as well as administrative offices across the country have been harnessing solar energy to supplement their daily energy requirement in addition to in-campus street lighting.

On the water conservation front, the Force has been taking several measures for water harvesting for the benefit of the people within its area of operation. In fact, the 195 Bn deployed in Dantewada in the Bastar region in Chhattisgarh has earned the accolade of the Government of India when it was declared as the 'Waterheroes' for January 2020 under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan. The unit has been helping the water-stressed people of this highly naxal-affected and one of the most backward regions of the country to address their water-woes through simple interventions such as rainwater harvesting, water conservation and usage of potable water. The Force has also taken active part in Clean Ganga Mission at multiple points such as at Prayagraj, Varanasi and Begusarai along the bank of The Ganges. Over and above, it has been launching beach-cleaning drives in Mumbai under a collaborative model.

Taking its environmental initiative a step closer to the ecological ambitions of the Government, CRPF has green-lighted the procurement of its new fleet of vehicles with ecologically compliant Bharat Stage VI specifications.

The ecological concerns of the Force is also well echoed in the overall eco- friendly architectural model of its upcoming new Headquarters building at Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The proposed structure will factor in several green features which include solar energy, energy efficient architecture, eco-friendly construction materials and water conservation.

CRPF-the multi-spectrum Force in the internal security scenario of the country has also proved itself to be an environment friendly Force which has green-flagged many a green initiatives.

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