

Central Reserve Police Force

Smt. Sonal Shah, Wife of Union Home Minister Calls for Self-reliance

Attends the Silver Jubilee Webinar of CWA-the Family Front of CRPF

Smt. Sonal Shah, wife of Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah has called upon CRPF Family to use 'Swadeshi' products and encourage others to do so. Reiterating the call of the honorable Prime Minister of India on self reliance by incremental usage of 'Swadeshi' products, Smt. Shah asked 'CRPF Family Welfare Association', CWA, the family front of CRPF, to encourage the Self-Help Groups under its aegis to seize the on-going pandemic as an opportunity. She was addressing the CRPF personnel and the members of CWA via video conferencing on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the latter today. Smt. Shah said that around 50 lakh family members of 10 lakh personnel of CAPFs would stand to enjoy 'Swadeshi' products being sold through their respective canteens across the country.

Appreciating CRPF for its frontline role in the country's war against COVID-19, Chief Guest of the event, Smt. Shah said that the Government of India have taken a number of steps to ensure the safety and well being of the Force personnel. Offering her tribute to the 20 brave hearts who recently laid down their lives on the border and also to all those who have attained martyrdom in the line of duty to the Nation, Smt. Shah said that the entire country stands with their families. She shared her deep appreciation for the commitment and patriotism of CRPF which is known for its gallantry and also for the CWA, which has been constantly working towards making CRPF families self-reliant and empowered.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A P Maheshwari, D.G., CRPF welcomed the Chief Guest and congratulated the CWA for successful completion of 25 years of service. He appreciated CWA for joining hands with CRPF in carrying out the mission as propagated by Hon'ble Home Minister towards augmenting a deep

sense of humane touch and community concerns that primarily include tree plantation drive, Divyang care, literacy mission, among others.

Welcoming the Chief Guest and others on the occasion, Smt. Nahid Sultana, Working President, CWA highlighted the motto behind the coming into being of CWA as a registered NGO way back in 1995. She said CWA always endeavours to bolster self-reliance of the families of CRPF Personnel and also addresses the concerns of the families of the martyrs of the Force.

On the Silver Jubilee occasion of CWA, Chief Guest Smt. Shah released the annual activity calendar for the year 2020, which is a flow-chart of the social interventions that CWA and CRPF are committed to. The calendar of activities has factored in the desire of the Union Home Minister to observe the year 2020 as the year of ‘arousing human sensibilities’. Accordingly, CRPF along with its family wing will take up socially significant issues like plantation, care for the mentally challenged, adult education, welfare of the girl child, women empowerment, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan among others. Each month is dedicated to a particular issue to be pushed for in a campaign mode, while still continuing with the efforts in all other areas. Smt. Shah also unveiled the Silver Jubilee mission statement of CWA which reads- “SHASAKT PARIVAR-SABAL RASHTRA KA ADHAR” (Empowered Family is the basis of a powerful nation). Many senior officers and personnel of the Force along with many members and functionaries of CWA including Smt. Ritu Arora, Member, Smt. Tanuja Bhandari, Member and Smt. Monalika Kumar, Secy were present on the occasion.

Under the able guidance of Dr. Maheshwari, CRPF-CWA are all set to plant a whopping 22 lakh saplings with the synergetic participation of not just the 3.25 lakh personnel of the Force but also the family members of the entire Force, aggregating to more than 12 lakh members. The mammoth plantation drive, to be undertaken in a mission mode, has been mandated by Dr. Maheshwari to be completed by 20th July 2020.

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