

In the honour of the Braves: CRPF felicitates its decorated Bravehearts

In conformity with the cherished traditions of honouring epitomes of bravery and paying tributes to its gallant Martyrs, the Central Reserve Police Force felicitated its Bravehearts who were awarded Gallantry Medal this Independence Day for exhibiting raw courage, exemplary fortitude, unparalleled devotion to the motherland, and nerves of steel in the gravest life threatening situations. Shri Kuldiep Singh, DG CRPF honoured the medal recipients by presenting a memento. Family members of Posthumously awarded Bravehearts were also felicitated in the ceremony.

CRPF bagged as many as 154 Gallantry awards, highest ever and highest among all CAPFs, on 75th Independence Day. It included 3 prestigious Shaurya Chakra, 1 PPMG (Posthumous) and 150 PMG, taking the medal tally of the force to 2267. The phenomenal display of exemplary courage coupled with indomitable spirit and selfless devotion to the nation brought laurels in the form of prestigious Shaurya Chakra for Shri. Chitesh Kumar, DC, SI/GD Manjinder Singh, and CT/GD Sunil Choudhary. Their conspicuous bravery in an operation in Sukma on 26/03/2019 neutralised 4 dreaded Maoists of PLGA cadre carrying 8 Lakh reward on their heads. The nation bestowed Shaheed HC/GD Kale Sunil Dattatraya with PPMG (Posthumous) for his unparalleled courage and complete devotion to the integrity and honour of the nation. Despite perceiving grave peril to his life and being grievously injured in a 2020 operation in Pulwama, he rushed towards the terrorist and neutralised him on the spot. He saved the lives of fellow personnel and made supreme sacrifice at the altar of duty.

The family members of six Posthumous awardees were invited, tenderly received, and duly honoured by DG CRPF in the solemn ceremony held at Shaurya CRPF Officers Institute, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The citations detailing the valour and courage of Gallantry Medal recipients were

narrated before the audience. Later in the ceremony, the DG interacted with families of Martyrs and inquired about their well being.

Shri. Kuldip Singh, DG CRPF, congratulated the gallantry medal recipients and wished them the best for their future endeavours. He expressed the sincere gratitude and indebtedness of the force for the supreme sacrifice made by the Heroes. Expressing his pride at leading the Force that has a glorious history, the DG reiterated CRPF's commitment to serve the nation with valour and devotion.

