

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE
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CRPF FELICITATES ITS BRAVE-HEARTS

After bagging the lion's share i.e. 65 out of 149 gallantry medals awarded to the police forces and the CAPFs on the occasion of the Nation's 69th anniversary of Independence, Central Reserve Police Force on 07/9/15 organized a felicitation ceremony in the honour of these medal winners at its force headquarter. Director General of CRPF, Sh. Prakash Mishra on the occasion presented a memento depicting their gallant action with a letter of appreciation to all the awardees. In this historic event DG CRPF, praised the role of these awardees for their heroic deeds and setting precedence for troops to emulate. He also thanked them for bringing this glory to the force.

The Force which is presently handling the most complex Internal Security situations which ranges from violent law and order situations to fighting armed guerillas has been decorated with 1499 medals for the gallant acts of its officers and men till date, since its raising in July 1939, which includes 01 George Cross, 03 King's PMG, 01 Ashok Chakra, 01 Kirti Chakra, 01 Padma Shri, 01 Vir Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakras, 49 PPFMSG, 189 PPMG, 01 Yudh Seva Medal, 05 Sena Medal, 04 Vishisht Seva Medal, 1124 PMG, 05 IPMG, 03 Jeevan Raksha Padak and 98 PM's Police Medal for Life Saving.

Over the years the Force has been instrumental in tackling insurgency in the North East, terrorism in Punjab, and separatism in J & K. The bulk of the Force is currently committed to tackling the Left Wing Extremist menace in LWE affected states of the country where more than 80,000 officers and men are deployed. The steadfastness and commitment of the Force to carry

on the fight against Left Wing Extremism can be very well gauged from the number of gallantry medals awarded to the Force: 46 of the 65 medals have been awarded for the extraordinary acts of valour displayed by the troops while countering Left Wing Extremists; 12 medals for gallantry have been conferred on the brave men fighting insurgency in the North East with the elite 210 CoBRA Unit bagging 09 of them for taking on the insurgents in the North-East: indeed, no mean feat for a single Battalion. 210 CoBRA has again proved as to why it is the most sought after force in the North East theatre. It has been decorated with 9 Gallantry Medals. In the LWE theatre, 7th battalion has shown as to how surgical operations after developing the intelligence should be conducted and it has been awarded with 12 Gallantry Medals.

The other 9 CoBRA Units deployed in the Left Wing Extremism affected states of Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar have been awarded 18 medals for acts of conspicuous bravery exhibited by their troops.

Six gallantry medals have been awarded for gallantry during operations in the Kashmir Valley.

On the occasion DG CRPF has emphasized that the Force will remain committed in its fight against the anti-national elements that threaten to damage the very ethos of democracy and are intent upon destroying the unity and integrity of the Nation. The Force also salutes its martyrs and would always remain deeply indebted for their supreme sacrifice towards the cause of their motherland.

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