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24 GALLANTRY MEDALS AWARDED TO CRPF
TOPS THE OVERALL MEDAL TALLY

Amongst the paramilitary forces CRPF continues to bag the lion's share and has been decorated with 24 gallantry medals, two of them President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) and twenty two Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG), for their exceptional deeds of valour in the various operational theatres.

The two PPMsG have been awarded posthumously to Shaheed Constable Satish Kumar and Shaheed Constable Suraj Sarjerao Mohite who displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage under adversity and utmost devotion to duties while eliminating militants who had launched a fidayeen attack on the Rajbagh Police station in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir in March 2015. The militants who forced their entry into the police station, after killing the guard at the gate made their way to the barracks of the jawans firing indiscriminately.



Shaheed Constable
Satish Kumar

Constable Satish Kumar and Constable Suraj Sarjerao Mohite displayed raw courage moving out of their barracks and positioning themselves between the troopers and the militants in a manner so as to halt the advance of the militants. Having succeeded in neutralizing one of the militants and despite sustaining severe injuries, they ensured that the second militant also did not succeed in entering the barracks. Beaten by their fierce determination and valour the second militant hid himself in a room and was subsequently neutralized.



Shaheed Constable
Suraj Sarjerao Mohite

Shaheed Constable Badal Roy who has been posthumously awarded the PMG alongwith Sub-Inspector Sushil Kumar and Constable Ajay Manohar Devdekar displayed extraordinary courage in an operation launched by 22 Battallion CRPF to secure the release of four civilians abducted by Maoists and confined in the dense jungles of Parasnath Hills in Girdih district of Jharkhand. The maoists had fully mined the area around their hideout. Despite the imminent threat to one's own life Constable Badal Roy who was in the forefront alongwith his counterparts launched a full scale offensive on the maoist's hideout



Shaheed Constable
Badal Roy

but unfortunately they came under the impact of an IED and sustained severe injuries. Despite suffering serious injuries, they continued to fire at the maoists forcing them to flee

leaving behind the four abductees. Later, Constable Badal Roy succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom while Sub-Inspector Sushil Kumar and Constable Ajay Manohar Devdekar were severely maimed. Likewise Shri. Ajay Pal, Asst. Comdt., Constable Vikash Pradhan, Constable Puran Kumar, Constable Pramod Kumar Saroj, Constable Dalveer Singh and Constable Ashwani Kumar have been awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry for displaying raw courage during an operation conducted in the jungles of Jharkhand in January 2015. The maoists hiding in the dense jungle had opened indiscriminate fire at the approaching troops but regardless of their own safety and security the brave personnel launched a counter-attack and in the fierce encounter that ensued neutralized three maoists with recovery of sophisticated weapons from them.

20 medals have been awarded to the officers and men for displaying conspicuous valor in the LWE theatre, whereas, J&K has accounted for four. Five of the medals have been awarded to the gallant officers who led their troops from the front in keeping with highest traditions of the Force.

CRPF is the only Police Force to bag PPMG this year (awarded 02 PPMsG posthumously), apart from BSF, which has been awarded 01 PPMG.

In the 76 years of its existence, CRPF has been decorated with 1526 medals which includes 01 George Cross, 03 King's PMG, 01 Ashok Chakra, 01 Kirti Chakra, 01 Padma Shri, 01 Vir Chakra, 14 Shaurya Chakras, 49 PPFSMG, 191 PPMG, 1 Yudh Seva Medal, 5 Sena Medal, 4 Vishist Seva Medal, 1146 PMG, 5 IPMG, 3 Jeevan Raksha Padak and 100 PM's Police Medal for Life Saving.

Apart from above, CRPF has also been awarded 06 President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service and 57 Police Medals for Meritorious Service.

Regards,
PRO, CRPF

