## 5 Shaurya Chakras and 52 Medals for Gallantry Conferred on CRPF on 78th Independence Day

As the Nation celebrates the 78th Independence Day, the CRPF has been conferred with a total of 57 Gallantry Medals, highest among all CAPFs and State Police forces. This prestigious recognition includes 5 Shaurya Chakras and 52 Gallantry Medals, elevating the CRPF's overall tally to 2,677.

These honors include 25 Medals awarded for operations in Jammu and Kashmir and 32 Medals recognizing acts of bravery in anti-Maoist operations across LWE-affected regions. Among the Shaurya Chakra recipients, 2 were honored posthumously for their supreme sacrifice. Additionally, the list of Gallantry Medal recipients includes Sub-Inspector Raushan Kumar, who was posthumously awarded for his valiant efforts against Maoists in Bihar, and Assistant Commandant Teja Ram Choudhary, who received two Medals for his bravery in separate Jammu and Kashmir operations.

A key highlight this year is the recognition of five personnel from the 201 CoBRA unit of CRPF honored with Shaurya Chakras for their extraordinary courage during a critical engagement on January 30, 2024. Their acts of heroism occurred while establishing a new Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Chhattisgarh.

Deputy Commandant Sh. Lakhveer, Assistant Commandant Sh. Rajesh Panchal, and Constables Malkit Singh, Pawan Kumar, and Devan C. displayed unmatched bravery in the face of a fierce Naxal assault. Despite being heavily outgunned and sustaining injuries, they led their teams with unwavering resolve, delivering significant blows to the insurgents and securing the area. Constable Pawan Kumar and Constable Devan C. were posthumously honored with the Shaurya Chakra for their sacrifice. Deputy Commandant Sh. Lakhveer, Assistant Commandant Sh. Rajesh Panchal, and Constable Malkit Singh were also awarded the Shaurya Chakra for their exceptional valor.

