

CRPF launches its All Women Motorcycle Expedition- 2023

Aimed at disseminating the noble message of Unity, Women Empowerment, and Inclusiveness, a grand CRPF All Women Motorcycle Expedition - 2023 “Yashasvini” was launched by CRPF in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development as part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations. In this historical and momentous event, three bike teams consisting of 150 women bikers on 75 Royal Enfield 350cc bikes from three different corners of the Nation embarked on this phenomenal journey which will culminate at the world famous Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on **31st of October** after having traversed approximately 10000 Kms across the length and breadth of the Nation. As part of the expedition, the first team was flagged off by Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha on **3rd of October**, 2023 from Srinagar while the second and third Teams were flagged off by Shri A. Narayanaswamy, Hon’ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, from Kanyakumari and Shri Conrad K Sangma, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya from Shillong respectively on the **5th of October**, 2023.

This expedition will pass through 15 States and 2 Union Territories, symbolizing the unity and strength of the women of India and spread awareness on treasuring the girl child. These women bikers carry the important social message of ‘Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao’ for creating a brand identity and ownership of the campaign across the Nation. These dedicated women personnel are not merely traversing the length and breadth of the Nation, they are engaging with communities at every stop to motivate women and girls. They will interact with girl students, women self-help groups, Anganwadi workers, NCC cadets, and women entrepreneurs. The expedition, led by the indomitable "Yashasvini" women bikers, carries the National Flag and the CRPF Flag, symbolizing the Force's commitment to the Nation with the message "Desh Ke Hum Hain Rakshak." CRPF appreciates the support rendered by Royal Enfield to the women bikers of this expedition.

While expressing his pride for CRPF having the privilege of raising the first women armed paramilitary battalion, Dr. S. L.Thaosen, DG CRPF, in his virtual address remarked that ‘As the Nation celebrates Naari shakti, we at the CRPF aim to spread the message of unity and empowerment’.

CRPF has 6 Mahila Battalions and its women personnel are serving the Nation with unwavering commitment and devotion. They also have the distinction of serving in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force. CRPF expresses its gratitude to the Nation for reposing faith in the abilities of its personnel in matters of internal security. With reinvigorated zeal, the gallant warriors of the Force, reaffirm their pledge to serve the Motherland.



