

## **CRPF All Women Motorcycle Expedition-2023 'Yashasvini' Culminates at the Statue of Unity on Ekta Diwas**

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was celebrated at the iconic Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar Gujarat today. Besides the parade, it also witnessed the culmination of the historical All Women CRPF Motorcycle Expedition - 2023, known as "Yashasvini." Launched by CRPF in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Expedition was flagged in at the iconic Statue of Unity, in the august presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi. The CRPF women daredevil team stole the show and mesmerized the spectators by exhibiting their unparalleled bike stunts. The multifarious roles effectively played by these women warriors epitomize the true empowerment of women.

In this momentous expedition, three bike teams, consisting of 150 women bikers on 75 Royal Enfield 350cc bikes, traversed approximately 10,000 kilometers across the length and breadth of the nation. The first team was flagged off by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, on 3rd October 2023, from Srinagar. 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, on 5th October 2023. This expedition passed through 15 states and 2 union territories, symbolizing the unity and strength of the women of India and spreading awareness about treasuring the girl child. These women bikers carried the important social message of 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao'. These dedicated women personnel have not merely traversed the length and breadth of the nation; they also engaged with communities at every stop to motivate women and girls. They interacted with girl students, women self-help groups, Anganwadi workers, NCC cadets, and women entrepreneurs. The expedition, led by the indomitable "Yashasvini" women bikers, carried 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.

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.