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CRPF: Adorning an unfamiliar Avatar

In addition to being main stay of Anti Naxal Operations in Jharkhand, CRPF has been conspicuously involved in developmental activities undertaken in Naxal affected remote locations. Be it extending health facilities, assisting in various infrastructural projects, CAP programmes or out of the box electrification initiatives, CRPF has been omnipresent in aid of the administration.

Formidable illustration of this magnificent coordination is currently on display in Recent circumstances of the state. With Para Teachers on state wide strike, insisting on acceptance of their demands, schools were facing a literal blackout. This break out of unwarranted scenario has led to an almost collapse of education machinery in the State. Teachers' hitting the streets is a taxing scenario, which not only has law and order repercussions, but also have deep rooted manifestations over the future of GenNext. With regular classes taking an extensive hit in schools, educational activities faced a considerable brunt, mostly in rural and semi-urban areas.

Sensing this imbroglio, CRPF has decided to intervene in a major way. Primarily dealing with Guns and Explosives, they undertook an unfamiliar charter of Pen and Chalk. Though they have been perpetually involved in teaching activities here and there to help the needy and marginalised in Naxal affected remote locations, this time it was combined effort put together, of all the CRPF Units in the State.

Ram Saran Yadav, Principal of Rajkiya Krit Madhya Vidyalaya in Kedla of Ramgarh district confessed while talking to media that they were facing severe difficulties in conducting regular classes' post all 5 of his Para teachers went on strike. He further intimated that personnel of 26 Bn CRPF deployed there undertook teaching initiative in the school and now routine activities have resumed with full throttle.

Even students are jubilant that they don't have to suffer the boredom of empty classes. Interacting with journalists in Kedla, they expressed gratitude towards CRPF men for devoting their leisure time by teaching them in school.

On being contacted, Shri Sanjay Anand Lathkar, IPS, IG CRPF intimated that CRPF Jawans & Officers have been engaging themselves in teaching activities in various Schools in the vicinity of their respective Camps, enabling the students to benefit by this pursuit. He further added that in just couple of days, they have managed to stream roll routine activities in 85 Schools spread across 18 districts where CRPF is deployed in the state. Assuming this self assumed responsibility, he was hopeful of extending this initiative in more Schools affected by the stir, without compromising their core operational duties.

By guiding students to remain in sync with studies, away from the existing hassle of strike, CRPF is truly winning hearts and minds of the people.

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