

## **Central Reserve Police Force**

### **CRPF Celebrates 81<sup>st</sup> Raising Day**

CRPF today celebrated its 81<sup>st</sup> Raising Day in all its formations across the country. While a number of programmes were organized to commemorate the occasion, the main function was organized in New Delhi. The day was flanked by a somber ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri in the forenoon and an equally special event at the India Gate late in the afternoon. Both these functions were graced by the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Sh. Nityananda Rai. Sh. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, DG, CRPF and a large number of Senior officers, jawans and their family members attended the function to relive the memory that dates back by 80 long years.

The function at India Gate, which spread over more than an hour featured CRPF music band display, motor cycle demonstration by women daredevils of the Force and the flagging- in of the Rapid Action Force cycle expedition from Ahmadabad, Gujarat that terminated at the India Gate today itself. The rally, coinciding with the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, was flagged off on 15<sup>th</sup> July from Ahmadabad which traveled a distance of 986 Kms in 12 days to reach India Gate, New Delhi today. All along, the team members disseminated the messages on cleanliness and social harmony with special thrust on water conservation.

Similarly, the famed Mahila motor cycle team of CRPF comprising of about 50 lady troopers and with about 20 motorcycles at their disposal, demonstrated utter zeal and vigour as they performed motorcycle-borne daredevil acts like VIP salute, Flag March, Ladder climbing and Pyramid etc, captivating the onlookers.

CRPF had been raised as the Crown Representative's Police on this very day way back in 1939. It was given a fresh lease of life soon after independence when it was renamed and redesigned as the Central Reserve Police in 1949 and was mandated to secure the internal security scenario of the country- a task which CRPF has been relentlessly carrying on with all dedication and unique valour for over 80 years now.

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