

Central Reserve Police Force

Foundation stone laid for the new HQ Building of CRPF

Central Reserve Police Force, CRPF- the leading Force for maintenance of internal security of the country- is all set to get its new headquarters building near CGO Complex by the side of Lala Lajpat Rai Road in a couple of years from now. The foundation stone for the proposed building adjacent to the CBI Hqrs, about a furlong away from its existing building at CGO complex, was laid today by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.

Union Minister of State for Home Sh. Nityanand Rai, Cabinet Secretary Sh. Rajiv Gauba, Home Secretary Sh. Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Director General, CRPF Sh. Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, CRPF Special DGs Sh. S N Srivastava and DG CPWD Sh. Prabhakar Singh along with many other dignitaries and staff members of the Force were present on the occasion.

Welcoming the guests, Sh. Bhatnagar expressed the hope that the proposed building will address the constraints of space presently being faced by the country's largest Force. He said the new structure on 2.23 acre of land, targeted to be completed by March 2022 with an estimated cost of Rs. 277 crore and with a total built up area of 45675 sqm will enable its different branches like RAF, Northern Sector, CoBRA, Training, Medical, Works, Recruitment and Communication, now scattered all over New Delhi, to function under one roof.

Giving a detailed A/V presentation on the upcoming project, Sh. Prabhakar Singh, Director General of CPWD which is the executing agency, said that the new building of CRPF will be an iconic one in the sense that it will be smart, green, sustainable and intelligent besides being a structure with modern facilities and energy and water efficient systems. He said the structure will be a G + 11 floors with three layer basement.

On the occasion, Chief Guest Sh. Shah also unveiled the insignia of the VIP Security wing of CRPF. The insignia has the image of Indian mythical bird 'Garuda' representing 360 degree alertness along with the images of Shield and Sword denoting the offensive and defensive preparedness of the VIP Security wing. This specialized wing with the motto "Always Aware Alert" was created in 2014 to give security cover to VIPs. Today, this wing has the responsibility of 59 central protectees including 15 Z+, 21 Z and 23 other categories.

CRPF, which has a glorious history of 80 long years of bravery and sacrifice, has grown both in size and strength since its inception. From a humble beginning in 1939, the Force has gained a size of 246 battalions and a staff strength of more than 3.25 lakh as of now. The Force, renowned for its bravery and supreme sacrifice for cause of the nation, is also the highest decorated CAPFs in the country.

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