

Central Reserve Police Force **CRPF Observes Anti Drug Day**

CRPF will observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking tomorrow. The main function to mark the occasion is being hosted by the Manipur and Nagaland Sector of CRPF in Imphal. The webinar, scheduled from noon, is to be addressed by Dr. A. P. Maheswari, DG, CRPF from the Force Headquarters in New Delhi. A host of dignitaries including Padmashree Dr. E. Indira Devi, the doyen of Manipuri Dance will be gracing the occasion. The speakers will be deliberating on “Better Knowledge for Better Care” which is the theme for 2020 chosen by the Anti Drug watchdog UNODC- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes. The personnel of the 3.25 lakh strong Force will tune into the webinar through social media platforms.

United Nations have decided on 26th June to be observed as World Drugs Day to synergise the global efforts to counter the ill impacts of drug trade and drug abuse. Many areas of India including the North East have been witnessing incidences of drug smuggling and drug abuse by the young mass, being spearheaded by the insurgents groups in particular. According to an estimate, about 2 lakh people get engaged in illicit trafficking each year in India.

The day assumes particular significance for CRPF which has been simultaneously battling insurgency in the North East, terrorism in J & K and Naxalites in the LWE areas. These anti-national forces are behind the majority of drug smuggling cases for the big money it spins for them to achieve their twin objectives, namely to carry on their nefarious activities and also to drug the local youth into their evil scheme.

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