

Central Reserve Police Force

Mega Plantation Drive by the CAPFs

CRPF to plant 22 lakh saplings

Union Home Minister Sh Amit Shah today formally launched a massive All India Plantation Drive by the CAPFs from the premises of CRPF Group Centre, Gurugram. Planting a "Peepal" sapling himself, the minister inspired lakhs of CAPF personnel including 3.25 lakh personnel of CRPF to accomplish the mammoth task of planting 1.37 crore saplings across the country. Later, he addressed the DGs, officers and jawans of the CAPFs.

Earlier, while welcoming the Chief Guest and others, Dr A P Maheshwari, D G CRPF said that the sapling planted by the honourable Home Minister would be valued by the CAPFs as a treasure for the lifetime. He drew the attention of the Chief Guest to the fact that even when he was planting the sapling, the CAPFs together had achieved a milestone in planting an impressive 10 lakh saplings all across the country on a single day today. He highlighted the fact that the CAPFs have succeeded in enlisting the faith of the countrymen as Nature Warriors and Covid Warriors besides looking after their safety and security. Dr. Maheshwari enumerated a number of benefits of trees saying " When we plant a tree, we in fact building up mighty arms to hold together the mother earth, we build up the very basis of human sensitivities, we build up mighty poles to hold aloft our tricolour and we build up boundless honour for the motherland." A number of dignitaries including Sh. A. K. Bhalla, Home Secretary, Sh. S.S. Deswal, DG, BSF & ITBP, Sh.Rjesh Ranjan, DG, CISF, Sh.J. Chakravarty, SDG, SSB and Sh. A. K. Singh, DG, NSG were present on the occasion.

The Union Home Ministry has given a target of planting one crore 37 lakh saplings to the CAPFs in a phased manner. At the end of June 2020, the CAPFs have been able to plant more than 20 lakh saplings with CRPF alone having planted about half the number at 10 lakh 21 thousand 622 saplings. While CRPF targets to plant a total of 22 lakh saplings by July 2020, other CAPFs have also been actively engaged in mission mode to accomplish the mammoth task of planting about 1 crore 37 lakh sapling.

CRPF, the largest paramilitary force of the country with a strength of 3.25 lakh personnel is joined in this noble social venture by the family members of the Force personnel swelling the number of active participants in the drive to about 12 lakhs. Dr. Maheshwari has been actively pushing for a more proactive role of CRPF as Nature Warriors and Covid Warriors besides its mandated role as the Nation's Internal Security Warriors to further fine tune the social responsiveness of the gallant Force. MHA has desired the CAPFs to observe the year 2020 as the Year of Sensitivities. The mega plantation drive is being conducted keeping this in mind as the overarching theme.

PR dte 12.07.2020