

CRPF honours its bravehearts
Refurbishes strategies with FOBs in Bastar & decisive edge tech in J&K

128 Gallantry Medals were presented to 127 Bravehearts of CRPF on Independence Day 2020 and Republic Day 2021 which include 4 Kirti Chakras, 1 PPMG and 123 PPM. Dr A.P. Maheshwari, DG CRPF honoured these Gallantry medal awardees and families of those Bravehearts who were awarded a gallantry medal posthumously in a solemn ceremony held at Shaurya Officer's Institute in New Delhi. The DG presented a memento to the awardees and a memento, shawl, and financial assistance to the families of the Martyrs.

In the ceremony that witnessed felicitation of heroes and their families, the DG also presented a citation for Best Forward Operating Base (FOB) to Minapa FOB which has been successfully established in the remotest regions of Sukma which were once a citadel of the Maoists. It was in this region that 17 DRG personnel made supreme sacrifice a year before. The FOBs are a part of three pronged strategy that includes breaching enemy's core areas by sustained operations, establishing FOBs in these areas to launch targeted strikes and gain operational ascendancy in due course, and using Mobile Command Posts (MCPX) headed by senior officers during operations to dictate and manage the battle scenario in real-time. An enthralling rendition of the famous 'Vande Mataram' was also presented by the CRPF central band .

Expressing his deep appreciation for the bravehearts DG CRPF said that the nation has recognised and saluted the valour and courage of CRPF personnel. He also said that the nation shall forever remain indebted to our Warriors and their families who kept duty above self and did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives at the altar of duty. He assured that CRPF is committed to stand shoulder to shoulder with their families. The DG lauded the Minapa FOB calling it an epitome of force's resolve as it was completed in record time undeterred by multiple attacks by the adversary. He said that this FOB will act like a dagger in the heart of the enemy and demolish the spectre of invincibility.

In J&K, the force is focussing on targeted operations in rural areas in tandem with other security forces while the CRPF Valley QAT remains at forefront in Srinagar. In addition to mapping human and geographical terrains to avoid collateral damage, the troops are being provided safety equipment and force multipliers such as bullet proof incident response command vehicles fitted with state of the art gadgets which will give the man on ground a decisive edge and safety. While the QATs are getting deployed in the shortest possible response time, the senior commanders are receiving real time video feeds from the operation sites enabling them to effectively monitor the operations and render necessary tactical corrections and interventions when deemed appropriate.

CRPF has a glorious history of exhibiting exemplary courage, commitment, perseverance, and fortitude. With a total of 2112 gallantry medals the force has the distinction of being the most decorated Central Armed Police Force. 2224 Bravehearts have made supreme sacrifice at the altar of duty keeping in with the highest traditions of the force. The courage, sacrifice, and professional efficiency of CRPF has made it a key pillar of internal security of the nation.



