<u>Defending team Champion CRPF organising the Largest All India Police lawn tennis</u> Championship

The 23rd All India Police lawn tennis Championship-2022 is being organised by the Central Reserve Police Force at R. K. Khanna Tennis Stadium, New Delhi from 15th to 18th November, 2022. In this Championship, 25 teams consisting of 127 Senior Police Officers of CAPFs, States and UTs are participating making it the biggest AIPL Tennis championship in history. The championship will be conducted in 03 categories: Team Championship, Open (Singles & Doubles) and Veterans (Singles & Doubles). Sh. Nisith Pramanik, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. Of India has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony of this Championship which will be held at R. K. Khanna Tennis Stadium, New Delhi on 15/11/2022 at 1600 hrs. Sh. Tapan Kumar Deka, Director Intelligence Bureau will be the Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony on 18/11/2022 at 1600 hrs.

The Tennis Championship was organized by Himachal Police, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh Police during 2017, 2018, and 2019 respectively. In 2022 and 2021 it could not be organized due to Covid-19. CRPF has a glorious history in the field of Sports which is also an integral part of the life and routine of Force personnel bestowing them with mental and physical toughness and inculcating the bonhomie and camaraderie. Many athletes represented India in the past. Our Sports Persons have been honored with 02 Padma Shri Awards, 01 Dhyan Chand Award and 17 Arjuna Awards. At present many of the CRPF players are representing the India contingent. Recently Praveen Kumar of CRPF Bodybuilding Team won a Silver Medal in Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Maldives. 01 of the female hockey players is in Senior National Hockey Camp, 3 Players are in Senior National Archery Camp who are extremely potential players awaiting entry into Indian Team any day. Also, the Force personnel bagged 18 medals in the 36th National Games 2022 including 1 Gold, 6 Silver, and 11 bronze. Notably, CRPF is also the defending team champion in this Tennis tournament.
