

Valour Day: CRPF draws inspiration from the Heroes of Sardar Post

Following the ethos and guiding principles of holding the fallen heroes of the force in the highest esteem, Central Reserve Police Force celebrated its Valour Day by paying homage to all bravehearts who fought intrepidly against the enemies of the nation with the firm determination of keeping unblemished the prestige and honour of the Motherland, and made supreme sacrifice at the altar of duty.

2.The day began with Dr. Sujoy Lal Thakur, DG CRPF, paying his rich tributes to bravehearts who laid down their lives in the line of duty by laying a wreath before the Cenotaph of National Police Memorial, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi. He also graced the celebrations held at Shaurya CRPF Officers Institute Vasant Kunj, New Delhi with his august presence as the Chief Guest of the ceremony. He garlanded the urn containing the sacred soil of the battle ground on which the historical Battle of Sardar Post was fought, in commemoration of which the Valour Day is observed.

3.Besides felicitating 27 Gallantry Medal recipients, he also pinned the Police Medal for Meritorious Service to the distinguished personnel of the force. Shri. Kishan Singh, the surviving veteran of the Sardar Post Battle, was humbly invited and duly felicitated in the ceremony. His anecdotes of the Sardar Post Battle inspires the rank and file of the force to fight against all odds with courage, determination and fortitude.

4.An outstanding prelude to this event had already been prepared by a six-day regular series of enthralling performances by CRPF's Central Brass and Mahilla Pipe Band at six different iconic and historical places of Delhi, making the Nation know about the remarkable Battle of Sardar Post.

5.In his address, Dr. Sujoy Lal Thakur, DG CRPF, lauded the unwavering dedication of CRPF towards their duties of protecting the Nation. He expressed his satisfaction over the fact that CRPF continues to follow its tradition of valour in the most dangerous situations arising in dynamic and intricate challenges like tackling Terrorism, Insurgency, Naxalism, Civil Unrest, Disasters etc. He also expressed his gratitude towards the family members of personnel for the sacrifices they make each day while their loved ones stay away on duty. While extolling the unfathomable sacrifice of the fallen heroes of the force, he urged the officers and men to perpetuate the exemplary legacy left behind by these bravehearts by continuing to serve the Nation with honour, courage, and determination.

6.The Valour Day is celebrated on this day every year in the remembrance of extraordinary valour, unparalleled courage, exemplary fortitude and steadfast devotion to duty even at the cost of life displayed by merely two companies of CRPF on 9th April, 1965 at Sardar Post in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, against a full fledged brigade attack deceptively orchestrated by Pakistan Army. In this fierce battle, 34 Pakistani soldiers were neutralized while 4 were apprehended alive. Six bravehearts of CRPF also attained martyrdom on this fateful day. With 2249 Supreme Sacrifices at the altar of duty and 2469 Gallantry Medals to its name, CRPF is continuously drawing inspiration from and treading the path shown by the revered heroes of the Battle of Sardar Post and is also steadfastly committed to serve the Nation espousing the golden principles of Service and Loyalty.