

85th Raising Day : Glorious 84 years of Gallant and Glory

The entire Nation stood witness to the enthusiastic celebrations of 85th CRPF Raising Day held in all establishments of the Force across the Nation. Shri Tapan Kumar Deka, Director IB, graced the Raising Day celebration held at Shaurya Officers' Institute, Vasant Kunj as the Chief Guest. In conformity with the rich and cherished tradition of felicitating the Gallantry Medal awardees, hon'ble chief guest along with Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen, DG CRPF, presented Gallantry Medals to brave heroes and family members of the martyred bravehearts who were awarded with Gallantry Medals posthumously. Brief citations in respect of the 60 Gallantry Medals presented were also read out during the ceremony.

The Force also used this momentous occasion to recognise, praise, and motivate the meritorious children of CRPF personnel for their achievements in the academic sphere. Shri Tapan Kumar Deka, Director IB and Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen, DG CRPF presented DG's Trophy, Certificate of Merit and Cash Reward to the meritorious wards of CRPF personnel who secured first, second, and third positions in science, commerce, and arts stream. Remembering the fallen heroes of the Force earlier in the day, Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen, laid a wreath at the National Police Memorial and paid homage to the 2250 bravehearts of the force who indebted the Nation by giving the ultimate sacrifice at the altar of duty.

In his address, Shri. Tapan Kumar Deka, Director IB underlined the multifaceted roles and responsibilities of CRPF and stated that CRPF was a specialized Force entrusted with the task of effectively dealing with many adverse problems pertaining to the Internal Security of the Nation and it had always followed its ethos of "Service and Loyalty", winning the credibility and trust of the Nation. Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen, DG CRPF, in his address took pride in achievements of the Force and remarked that CRPF, in its 84 glorious years of existence, had always exhibited exemplary courage & valour and had been bestowed with as many as 2469 Gallantry Medals which was highest amongst all CAPFs.

Formed in Neemuch with a strength of 1 Battalion in the year 1939, CRPF has now evolved into a formidable Force with 246 Battalions deployed throughout the length and breadth of the Nation. The raw courage, phenomenal fortitude, and exemplary gallantry displayed by the bravehearts of the Force in 84 years of its existence, has effectively and successfully tackled the diverse, multiple and continuously evolving internal security challenges. The Force has been bestowed with the highest number of Gallantry Medals amongst all the CAPFs, a testimony to the exceptional brilliant and unparalleled journey from being the Crown Representative's Police of pre-independence India to guardian of Internal Security of the Nation. CRPF reiterates its steadfast commitment to selflessly serve the nation, espousing its sacred ethos of "Service and Loyalty" in the best traditions of the Force and expresses its gratitude to the Nation for bestowing its trust in the ability and commitment of the Force.