



Press Note

CRPF Organizes 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel CRPF Memorial Lecture

1. CRPF instituted the '**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel CRPF Memorial Lecture**' on the eve of CRPF 77th Anniversary Celebration to honour the founding father of the CRPF and enlighten the CRPF leadership about its rich heritage and ethos as well as envisage a clear vision to meet the emerging internal security challenges. This will be an annual feature coinciding with the raising day celebrations of the CRPF.
2. The inaugural lecture was organized on 26th July 2016 at the Shaurya Auditorium in Vasant Kunj. Shri K. Vijay Kumar, Senior Security Advisor to MHA, GOI delivered the inaugural lecture on—"**Emerging Internal Security Dynamics and the Future Role of CRPF.**" This will be an annual feature coinciding with the raising day celebrations of CRPF. The memorial lecture will tribute to our founding father Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and our martyrs who laid down their lives and made it possible to make this organization what it is today.
3. Serving & retired CRPF officers, officers from other **security forces, defence services, government organizations, security experts and DAGO** probationers from CRPF attended the inaugural lecture. Live webcast of the memorial lecture was organized to all CRPF personnel, Units, Establishments and Headquarters.
4. Shri K Durga Prasad, DGP in his welcome address told that India today is facing internal security challenges of an unprecedented nature. In such a challenging environment the responsibility to ensure peace, stability and development rest on the CRPF as a Central Armed Police Force. Today the nation is looking up to us to create a safe and secure environment for prosperity and development of India as a modern nation.
5. Shri K Vijay Kumar in his address stressed on the need to evolve with technology. He said we live in a global village, in an era of Whatsapp and

Instagram, and the challenges faced by the force are vastly different from those that we have been facing traditionally. Hence, the need to innovate, to think of the box and become a force to reckon with through effective application of technology. He said just as a nurse is irreplaceable in a hospital, a good cop is also irreplaceable. The need is to provide the nurse - or the cop - add-on gadgets and technological support so that duties can be performed better.

6. In keeping with the objective of highlighting the history and heritage of CRPF and reiterate the ethos and vision for the organization, Shri K Vijay Kumar cited the example of Mongolian warrior Chengiz Khan and how he ensured maximum mobility by using his horses judiciously. He suggested an increase in the number of technologists in the force. He also mooted the idea of inducting one platoon of dogs in every battalion so that their special skills can be used to thwart attacks on the force by anti-national forces. The lecture was relevant for current and future challenges and provided a road map with a clear vision: make use of technology and ensure a stronger, smarter force.

7. Shri Sudhir Pratap Singh, ADG (Trg) in his Vote of thanks mentioned that we as a force, we are in contact with the citizens of the areas affected by conflicts are cognizant of the extreme inequalities and development deficits that contribute to social and political instability and such instabilities manifest in security challenges over a period of time. Thus our endeavour should be to restore peace and stable environment by facilitating development and modifying the perception of the people.

8. The CRPF initially was raised as "Crown Representative Police" on **July 27, 1939**, at Neemuch. The force was re-christened as 'Central Reserve Police Force' (CRPF) on December 28, 1949. Since its inception, the CRPF has and continues to play a vital role in combating militancy/insurgency in the Northeast, J&K, and 'naxal' affected areas and has contributed immensely in the maintenance of law and order in the country. The role of CRPF in the general elections has also been significant and vital.

9. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is considered as founding architect of the CRPF. It was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the then Deputy Prime Minister and the Home Minister of India who had envisioned of re-orienting this force and the necessity of such a force. Sardar Patel introduced the Central Reserve Police Bill in the Parliament and the CRPF, as one of the Armed Forces of the Union, came into being in 1949. The Force was presented colours on behalf of the President of India on March 19, 1950 by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

10. History, vision and ethos is the bedrock of any organization. In order to remain relevant for current and future challenges, a road map with a clear vision is imperative and a clear vision can be envisaged on a strong foundation having as its pillars the history of the organisation, its heritage and a purposeful preservation of ethos and values. The responsibility to create an environment of continuous growth rests with the leadership. There is a need to cherish and preserve values and heritage left by our predecessors and pass on to the next

generation. The traditions created today will set a benchmark for a stronger future.