

Central Reserve Police Force

Passing out Parade of CRPF Officers

CRPF has played a key role in maintaining the unity and integrity of the nation. This force has a glorious past, praise-worthy present and a future filled with hope and service. This was stated by Sh.M.Venkaiah Naidu, honourable Vice President of India today at the Passing out Parade of the 50th Batch of the Directly Appointed Gazetted Officers (DAGOs) of CRPF in the premises of the CRPF Academy, Gurugram. Sh. Naidu said CRPF personnel have always won the faith and confidence of the people wherever they have been deployed. He said CRPF has played a significant role right from the days of unification of the country to successfully tackling separatism in the North east and terrorism in Punjab. Appreciating the Civic Action Programms of CRPF, the Vice President said that such programms increase the acceptability of the police among the public. He called upon the force personnel to upgrade their professional efficiency in view of the newer challenges arising out of cyber technology. He also called upon the government and the authorities helming the force to give attention to the facilities being provided to the personnel of the force, especially those who are posted in difficult and inaccessible areas and also to take special care of the health and educational needs of the families of the force personnel.

Sh. M L Khattar, honourable Chief Minister of Haryana graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, D.G, CRPF said that CRPF is the world's largest armed police force and is the lead force in tackling the issues of internal security of the country. Underlining 78 years of glorious history of the force Sh. Bhatnagar said that the force personnel have always exhibit the highest standards of valour and sacrifice. He said last year only CRPF personnel have been awarded as many as 135 Gallantry medals including seven Shaurya Chakras, which is a record in itself. He said that the force has constantly been upgrading itself tactically and strategically to effectively meet different short of challenges.

On the occasion, the Chief Guest presented gallantry medals to the awardees and trophies to the trainee officers. Those who were honoured today include 18 officers/personnel, who received Police Medals for Gallantry. Similarly, trainee officers like Nishant Yadav (All round Best Trainee), Gyanendra Giri (Best in outdoor subjects), Banai Singh Meena (Best in physical training) and Ujwal Kumar Tiwari (Best Firer) received trophies from the honourable Vice President. With their passing out today, the officers will undergo specialized counter insurgency training before being posted in different parts of the country.

Earlier, the chief guest Sh. Venkaiah Naidu, accompanied by Sh. R R Bhatnagar inspected the parade and took salute in the colourful march past.

As many as 48 trainee officers including 4 lady officers, 11 post-graduates and as many as 37 engineering graduates passed out from the academy today, after undergoing a rigorous training regimen spanning 52 weeks. Like the previous batches of the DAGOs of CRPF,

the 50th Batch too bears a pan-Indian character with the trainee officers representing as many as 16 states of the country having different socio-educational background.

It may be mentioned here that the recruitment of Directly Appointed Gazetted Officers (DAGOs) in CRPF took place for the first time in 1961. They were imparted basic training at the then Central Police Training College at Mount Abu. From 1963 onwards the DAGOs were imparted training at the Central Training College-I, CRPF, Neemuch (MP) which continued till 1975. On shifting of National Police Academy to Hyderabad, the training of DAGOs was shifted to Mount Abu where the Internal Security Academy was established on 1st February, 1975. Subsequently, DAGOs were trained at ISA, CRPF, Mount Abu. Rapid expansion of the Force coupled with increasing demand for more professional and in-service courses vis-à-vis modernization of weaponry, equipment and transport had made it necessary that an Academy exclusively dedicated for the training of Officers is catered for. This had been a long cherished dream, which became a reality on 23rd March, 2002, when the foundation stone of the Academy was laid.

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