

CAPF's mission to scale Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse Flagged off

Indian CAPF's expedition to scale the formidable Mt Everest (8848.86 m) and Mt Lhotse (8516 m) was flagged off today by Shri Kuldiep Singh DG CRPF at the CRPF's Shaurya Officers Institute, New Delhi. Senior officers and representatives from the participating forces graced the flag off ceremony. Comprising mountaineers from the five CAPFs i.e CRPF, BSF, ITBP, CISF, and SSB, the expedition is being led by Sh Raghbir Lal, IPS. 8 from CRPF, 8 from CISF, 8 from ITBP, 3 from BSF, and 3 from SSB constitute this 30 membered expedition which will reach Nepal tomorrow to embark on their missions on suitable dates. The expedition also has 8 administrative support staff including doctor, pharmacist, operator for communication, and photographer. While the 30 members will be participating in the Everest mission, five chosen ones will undertake mission Lhotse.

Extending his best wishes to the zealous team members, Sh. Kuldiep Singh, DG CRPF said that the forces are proud of the personnel who, of their own accord, have dared to undertake this challenging and prestigious mission that has since long captured the imagination of masses. The DG also informed that under the 'Swachh Bharat-Clean Himalaya', the CAPF team will also collect the discarded material of previous expeditions from higher camps, bring it down to Everest Base Camp and further to Kathmandu for final disposal.

The expedition has participation of distinguished mountaineering stalwarts like Padma Shri Sh. Loveraj Singh Dharamshaktu who has the distinction of scaling the Everest not once but 7 times and Smt Aparna Kumar, IPS with who is the first IPS officers to have scaled all the highest peaks of the seven continents. Sh R S Sonal who scaled the Everest in 2012 is also a member of the expedition.

As a precursor to these challenging missions, the expedition has successfully scaled Mt Satopanth in 2019 and undertaken winter expeditions in Auli and Manali in the year 2020 and 2021 respectively.

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