

Historic: Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah takes salute of CRPF Day Parade at Jammu.

The Central Reserve Police Force celebrated its 83rd CRPF Day at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu in a magnificent ceremony marked with pomp, enthusiasm, and fervor. On this very day in 1950, the first Home Minister of India, Shri Vallabh Bhai Patel presented 'Presidential Colours' to CRPF. Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, Chief Guest of the ceremony, took salute of the impeccable parade which is also notable for being the first ever CRPF Day parade held outside Delhi NCR. Besides felicitating the Gallantry Medal awardees, the Chief Guest distributed trophies to distinguished CRPF institutions for their commendable performances.

With the aim of taking the celebrations to different parts of the nation, the Force had decided to celebrate the 83rd CRPF Day in Jammu this year. Maulana Azad Stadium, situated in the heart of Jammu, hosted the flawless CRPF parade wherein the expressions of the marching bravehearts were reflecting their patriotism and fortitude while the coordination and synergy of each of their forward steps was exuding confidence and determination to serve the motherland even at the expense of their lives. The parade was followed by several remarkable events demonstrated by the bravehearts like the fusion of sports, the Malkhambh, the women's rifle drills in tune with women's pipe band, the Silambam, and a dance performance signifying national integration. The thrill and astonishment of the spectators was at its zenith when the motorbike-borne women daredevils exhibited unimaginable stunts, demonstrating the prowess of women warriors of the force. Carrying the message of 'CRPF- The Protector of the Nation' and holding high- the Indian tricolor, the unity march on the tunes of the CRPF Song by these motorbike-borne women daredevils culminated these events, mesmerizing the cheering spectators.

In his address, the Minister lauded the glorious history of the Force and its valuable contribution in maintaining the internal security of the nation. Remembering and paying homage to 2340 Bravehearts of the Force who made supreme sacrifice while serving the motherland, he remarked, "I am proud of CRPF, the whole Nation is proud of CRPF". He also praised CRPF for its effectiveness in performing duties assigned to it.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Home Minister for his august presence, Shri. Kuldiep Singh, DG CRPF, in his address, also proudly spoke at length about the diverse duties of CRPF in maintaining internal security of the nation. He reaffirmed the unwavering loyalty and the steadfast devotion and dedication of the bravehearts of the Force to the service of the nation.

Born as the Crown Representative Police, CRPF has now grown into a force with 246 dedicated Battalions, deployed across India, entrusted with the

diverse and indispensable roles, like Jungle Warfare, Anti-terrorism, Counter-Insurgency, Maintenance of Law and Order, VIP Security, ensuring fair and peaceful Elections, Disaster Management, Parliament Protection, UN Peace Missions etc. Having been adorned with 2309 Gallantry Medals, CRPF stands firmly committed to the service of the nation.





