

Highest number of Gallantry medals to CRPF on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Making the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' even more memorable, the Nation has bestowed CRPF with 110 Gallantry Medals-which is highest among all the CAPFs and Police Forces. The raw courage, exceptional bravery, and unparalleled fortitude of the Bravehearts of CRPF has been duly honoured with 1 Shaurya Chakra and 109 PMGs on the eve of 76th Independence Day 2022. It takes the total tally of Gallantry Medals of CRPF to 2149, which is a matter of great pride for every member of the Force. It stands as an apparent testimony to the phenomenal Gallantry shown time and again by CRPF since its inception which is instrumental in upholding and keeping unblemished- the integrity and honour of the Nation.

Of the 110 Gallantry medals, 26 are for operations that took place in LWE, 84 for acts of gallantry in Jammu And Kashmir. With 36 gallantry medals that were awarded to the Force on this Republic Day, the Force has bagged a total of 146 Gallantry Medals this year including 7 Shaurya Chakras. More remarkably, 16 Bravehearts have previously received one or more gallantry medals. Sh. Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh, Assistant Commandant of Valley QAT CRPF has earned his 6th PMG in addition to a PPMG, making him a proud Braveheart with 7 Gallantry medals to his name. The Nation also conferred 05 President's Police Medal For Distinguished Service and 57 Police Medal For Meritorious Service to CRPF.

On 12th [October 2020](#), an intelligence based anti-terrorism joint operation was launched by Valley QAT, CRPF, SOG and J&K Police in Old Barzulla area, PS Saddar, Distt Srinagar. On reaching the target site, and having ascertained the presence of 2 terrorists in the building, the troops further closed in the cordon. Being caught unaware, flustered and frightened, the terrorists fired upon the cordon party, which was retaliated effectively by Valley QAT. To restrict the movement of the terrorists, it was decided to use MGL, in a coordinated way, followed by house intervention which was lead by Sh Amit Kumar, AC. The terrorists sensing the entry opened fire and ran out of the room towards the stairs. Sh Amit Kumar, AC fired at the fleeing terrorist. The terrorist lobbed a grenade towards the advancing team followed by heavy firing. However, the grenade blast resulted in injuries to two of his teammates. Seeing his teammates in imminent danger, Sh Amit Kumar, AC exhibited true camaraderie and exceptional leadership skill, and evacuated his injured teammates to safety and ensued fighting the terrorists again. Sh Amit Kumar, AC, staying undeterred amid the fusillade of bullets, advanced further taking the terrorist on in a head-on battle and neutralized him from close quarters, who was later identified as LeT Commander Saifullah Daniyal of Pakistan, category A++ terrorist. In recognition of his valour and exemplary determination in the face of imminent threat, Sh Amit Kumar, AC has been awarded the prestigious 'Shaurya Chakra'.

An intelligence based joint operation was planned by 60 Bn of CRPF and State Police on the night of [28 May 2020](#) under command of Sh Raju D Naik, 2IC near village Manmarubera, under Police Station Tebo, district West Singhbhum, Jharkhand. At about 0445 hrs, when the troops reached near the target site, suddenly, a heavy volley of fire came upon them. Troops immediately took a suitable position and effectively retaliated this onslaught. Displaying true grit of a leader, Sh Raju D Naik made a loud war cry to motivate his troops and charged towards the Maoists along with SI/GD Avneesh Yadav. The Maoists deserted their fortified positions and were compelled to run helter-skelter. Sh Raju D Naik, 2 IC and SI/GD Avneesh Yadav chased the fleeing Maoists and spotted one of them, hiding in bushes. The Maoist sensed the presence of the duo and tried to escape, while firing towards them. However, the duo, throwing all caution to wind, jumped towards the Maoist and pinned him down, and apprehended him, along with a weapon. Meanwhile, some fleeing Maoists were spotted by Sh Mijrab Hamid Siddiqui, AC, who immediately charged towards them along with ASI/GD Pramod Kumar Jha and Ct/GD Mahati Kalundia. The trio using fire and move tactics advanced towards the Maoists. The audacious counter attack by the trio broke the Maoist ranks and they escaped from the site leaving their dead and injured cadres behind. While chasing the Maoists, the trio recovered one dead body of a Maoist, along with a weapon and also apprehended one Maoist. On getting the information about the encounter and possible escape route adopted by the Maoists, Sh Sadhu Saran Yadav, 2 IC (now commandant), advanced towards the Kentai area where he encountered the Maoists while scaling the steep Kentai Hills. Despite being at a tactically disadvantageous position, displaying true leadership qualities, he took a courageous decision to take the Maoists in a head-on battle. Amidst the raining bullets, he, along with CT/GD Sunil Kandulna and CT/GD Lalu Bauri launched a frontal attack on the Maoists. The ferocious counter attack by the trio broke the Maoists' defence and created a panic amongst them. Maoists started fleeing from the site, firing intermittently. The trio chased the fleeing Maoists, but they managed to escape from the site, taking advantage of the jungle and familiar routes. On thoroughly searching the area, the troops recovered the dead bodies of 2 Maoists along with 1 AK47 rifle. During the whole operation, 3 Maoists were neutralized by the troops while 2 were apprehended along with weapons. In recognition of their conspicuous bravery in the face of imminent threat, Sh Sadhu Saran Yadav, 2 IC (now commandant), Sh Raju D Naik, 2 IC; Sh Mijrab Hamid Siddiqui, AC; SI/GD Avneesh Yadav, ASI/GD Pramod Kumar Jha, CT/GD Mahati Kalundia, CT/GD Sunil Kandulna and CT/GD Lalu Bauri were conferred "Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG)".

On this momentous occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', marking the 75 Years of Indian Independence, CRPF Bravehearts express gratitude to the Nation for putting faith in them and reiterate their pledge to serve the nation with courage and commitment.