

## **Central Reserve Police Force** **CRPF Observes Anti Drug Day**

CRPF, besides fighting the anti-nationals to ensure internal security of the country, helps various state police forces curb organised crimes which include illicit drugs trade. Dr. A. P. Maheshwari, DG, CRPF while addressing a webinar organized on the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking highlighted that in the course of its duty in the LWE areas, Jammu and Kashmir and the North East, CRPF has destroyed large tracts of illegal marijuana plantation and has seized sizable amount of illicit drugs. He further stated the fact that illicit drugs trade is a big source of easy money for the anti-national elements to carry on their nefarious activities. Dr. Maheshwari called for more collaborative and concerted efforts among all the anti-drug enforcement agencies to stem the rot of drug trade and drug abuse.

The webinar to mark the occasion was hosted by the Manipur and Nagaland Sector of CRPF in Imphal. A host of dignitaries including Padmashree Dr. E. Indira Devi, the doyen of Manipuri Dance graced the occasion.

United Nations have decided 26<sup>th</sup> June to be observed as World Drugs Day to synergise the global efforts to counter the ill impacts of drug trade and drug abuse. “Better Knowledge for Better Care” is the theme for 2020 chosen by the Anti Drug watchdog UNODC- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes. Many areas of India including the North East have been witnessing incidences of drug smuggling and drug abuse by the young mass being promoted by the insurgents groups. CRPF reaffirms its commitment to work with all agencies for the all inclusive development of our nation and society.

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