

CRPF collaborates with IITD, DRDO, and JATC to augment its R&D capabilities

CRPF-the lead internal security force of the nation is actively deployed in several theaters and regions. The emerging challenges and engagement with technology in everyday world entails that the force remains updated not just with most recent technologies and gadgets but also with the technical expertise required by its personnel. The force has made persistent efforts at keeping pace with the latest technologies by adopting them in its core functions. The force is now working to create a pool of highly specialized technology experts from among its officers. And when it comes to Technology, where to look other than the Citadels of tech and research-Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and DRDO. To this end an MOU was signed between CRPF and the two premier institutions. A pioneer batch of 40 engineering graduate officers/subordinate officers of CRPF with right aptitude and potential will undergo 03-06 months certificate course under IIT Delhi's Continuing Education Program. This will equip them with unique skills, capabilities, and knowledge to tackle complex challenges, meet operational and strategic needs and enhance competitive advantage. Furthermore, a few selected officers from this trained batch will undergo higher degree courses at IITD. These trained officers will also act as tech advisors to the force.

The officers/SOs of CRPF trained by IITD will also be associated with joint research projects undertaken by DRDO and IITD in the field of defense/security tech solutions.

Shri V. Ramgopal Rao, Director IITD and Dr A P Maheshwari, DG CRPF along with senior officers of CRPF were present at the event where Prof Naresh Bhatnagar from IIT, Shri Sudhir Gupta DG TM DRDO, Dr M H Rahaman, Director JATC and Shri Nalin Prabhat, IG Ops CRPF signed the MOU at Senate Hall, IIT Delhi campus. The DG thanked IITD and DRDO for the collaboration and congratulated the Force personnel on getting this valued platform to gain coveted tech expertise. The DG said that this initiative aims at capacity building for optimal utilisation of police technologies and will also help in integrating with DRDO labs for realistic Indigenisation of technologies on internal security grid. The initiative will also provide operational feedback on futuristic technologies enabling IIT Tech experts towards proactive R&D.

CRPF with its strength of more than 3 lakh personnel has more than 500 officers/SOs holding a degree in Engineering. This provides the force with a wide scope to train them in varied field of technologies.

