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Smt. Kusum Tai Chavan visiting a stall after inaugurating CRPF welfare exhibition.

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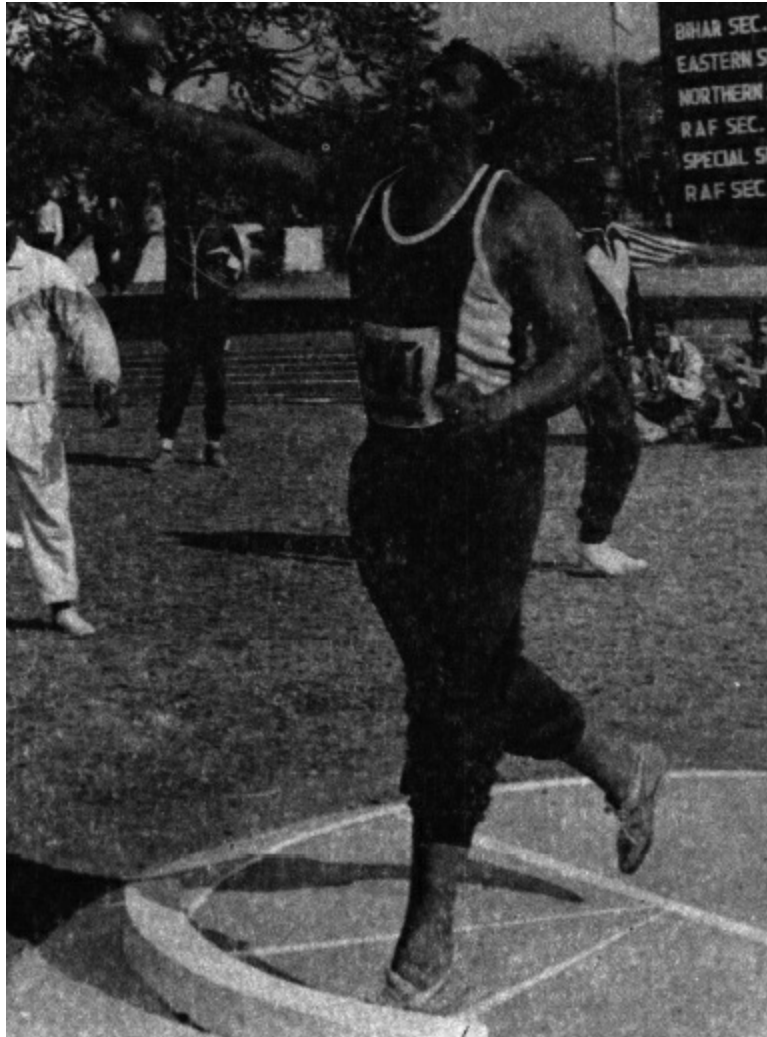
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EDITORIAL

With end of 1995 one more year has passed. Days, weeks, months and years have passed and things have changed. What has not changed is the situation under which the Force personnel have been working for years in the recent past. Earlier it was Assam, then Punjab and then it was Jammu & Kashmir and North East. The Jawans have no respite. They have to remain vigilant and alert all the time, some times for one thing and then for the other.

1995 has been a year of immense activity for the Force personnel. On one hand they apprehended approximately 1200 militants and insurgents from all over the country while 46 militants got killed in encounters with them on the other. There is, however, no reason to be elated over this achievement because 50 force personnel died on the altar of duty during the same period. Besides, about 800 personnel were seriously injured.

Time is fleeting incessantly. There is no looking back. But it always leaves behind its imprints on the pages of history. The men who have sacrificed their lives last year have included themselves among martyrs of the Force who will remain a source of inspiration to the posterity.

We enter into the new year with new determination, new inspiration and bow our heads in memory of the departed souls of our personnel. That is our tradition and pious duty as well.

The CRPF has made many strides in the field of sports, humanitarian activities, welfare, environment and other areas during 1995. We hope that the Force personnel will continue to preserve the same spirit in future. With the same hope and aspirations we give our readers this first new year issue of CRPF Samachar.

CRPF CONTINGENTS IN REPUBLIC DAY PARADE

Inspite of a variety of deployment assignments of CRPF units, the Force spared three contingents comprising RAF Mahila contingent, CRPF contingent and a brass band to participate in the Republic Day Parade 1996.

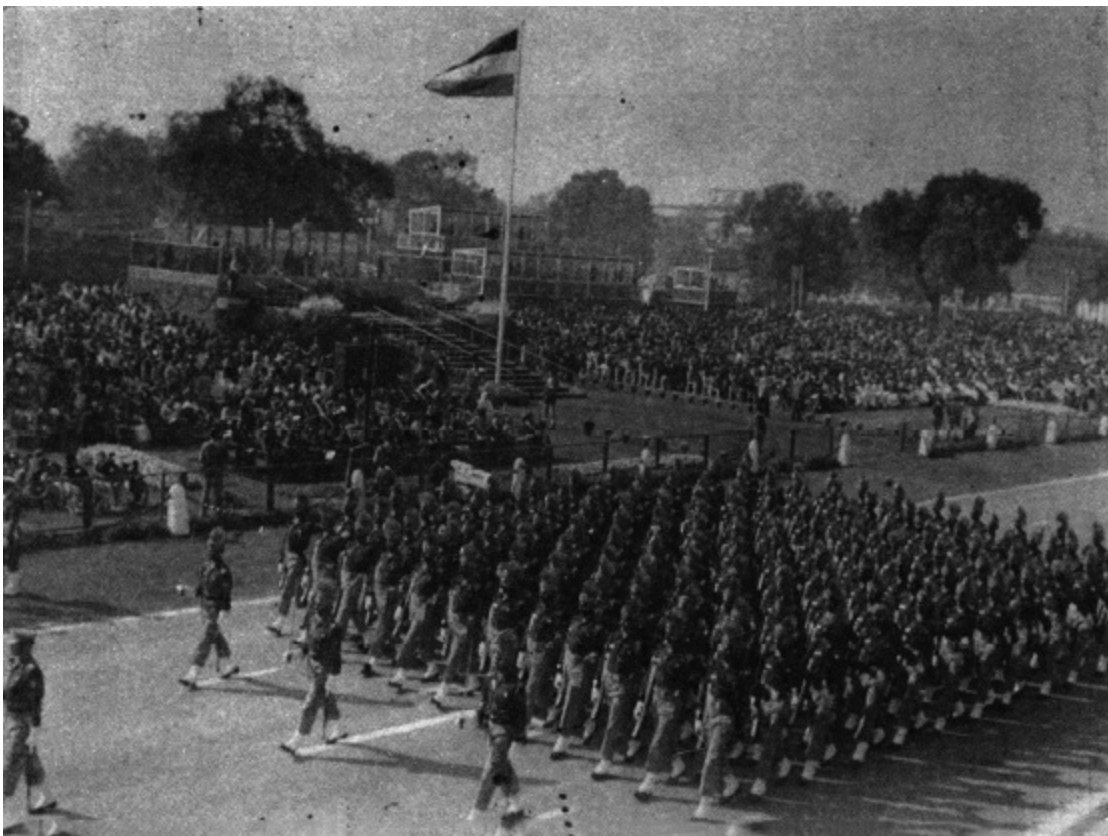
RAF Mahila contingent was included in the Republic Day Parade for the first time this year.

The first lead contingent from CRPF in the parade was 144 strong RAF Mahila contingent with three SubInspectors marching ahead of it, led by Dy. Commandant Rakhi Sahi. The average height of this contingent was 5.6 feet. They were wearing black belt web, white scarf and blue beret cap with white hackle. The girls of this contingent were drawn from all over the country.

Smt. Rakhi Sahi is the Dy. Commandant in 135 Mahila Bn. and belongs to the first batch of lady officers who joined CRPF in 1987. She had the distinction of commanding CRPF contingents in the Republic Day parade of 1990.

RAF Mahila contingent was followed by a 105 men strong CRPF Brass Band under the leadership of Inspector

Mast Ram. Shri Mast Ram has completed silver jubilee in attending Republic Day Parades.



CRPF male contingent during RD parade '96

The third contingent was CRPF contingent (male) consisting of 3 Sub-

Inspector and 144 other ranks led by Assistant Commandant P.R. Jambholkar. The average height of this contingent was six feet.

Colourfully attired, the CRPF men were wearing dark blue turbans with striped blue band and sky blue 'turrha' along with golden 'jhalar'. They wore angola shirts with blue serge band underneath the shoulder title and CRPF formation sign in light blue colour on the left sleeve. Khaki trousers were worn with blue 'Kamarbandh', white leather belt on the waist and white spats. Blue scarf had CRPF monogram embroidered on it.

All the contingents marched to the tune of CRPF theme song "SEVA BHAKTI KA YAH PRATEEK CRPF KAHATA HAI". The other ranks in marching contingents were carrying SLRs whereas the officers and SOs carried swords.

80 CRPF OFFICERS PASS OUT OF ACADEMY

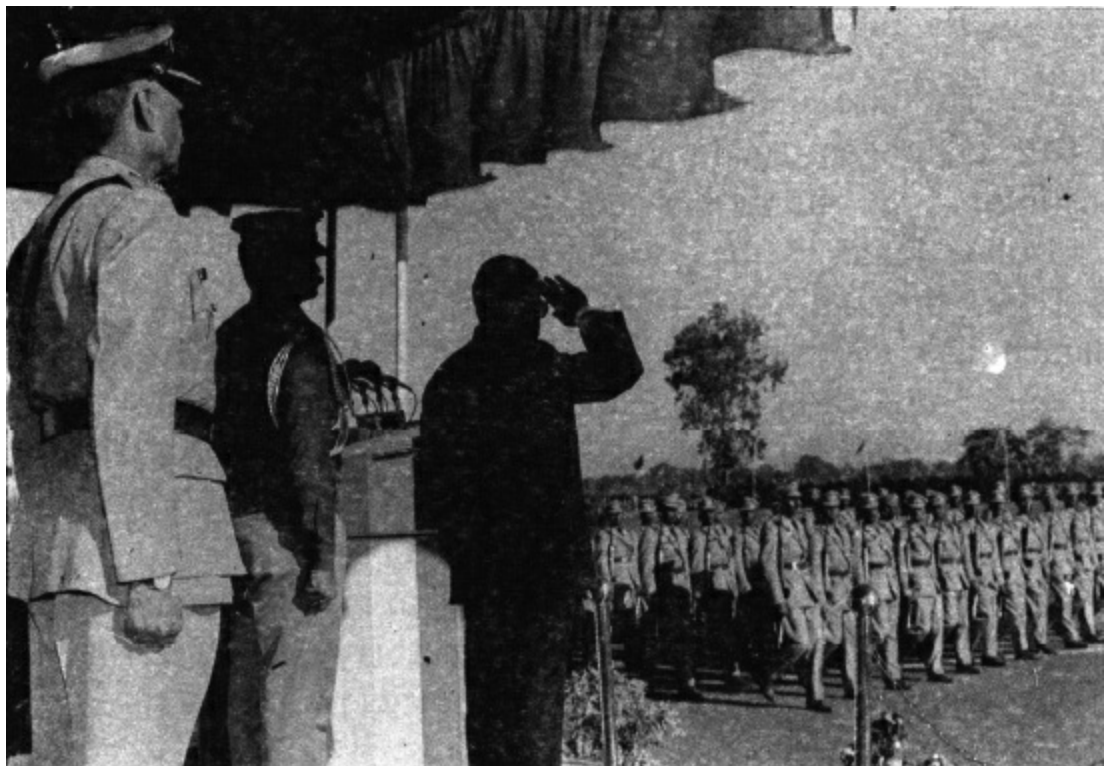
20th batch of 80 directly appointed Gazetted Officers of CRPF were passed out in a colourful function held at

Internal Security Academy Extension, Neemuch (MP) on January 31, 1996. The Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri

Mohammed Shafi Qureshi took the salute of the Passing out Parade. Shri Ashok Swamy was awarded the 'Sword of Honour' for being the best all-round trainee. He also won four trophies for being best trainee in indoor subjects, outdoor subjects, drill and shooting. Five other trainees were awarded for their excellence in other areas.



Shri Qureshi, Governor of M.P. inspecting the POP of DAGOs



Shri Qureshi taking salute of the POP of DAGOs

Speaking on this occasion, the Governor congratulated the trainees for their smart parade and said that CRPF has its reputation of sensible tackling of difficult situations. It is a matter of utmost satisfaction that people start feeling safe and secure after deployment of CRPF or RAF in their areas.

Shri Qureshi cautioned CRPF personnel to be vigilant against internal enemies of the nation who sow seeds of dissension in the name of language, religion and regions in the country. All such elements should be dealt firmly, with honesty and with a detached attitude.

The Governor said that many CRPF personnel have laid down their lives on the altar of duty. The Government will do all possible for the welfare of their families.

Earlier, the DG CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi welcomed the Governor and said that all States of the country have proportionate representation in CRPF. States too have responsibility to see to the welfare of the families of the Force personnel. They can participate in their welfare by keeping seats in professional institutions for the children of Force personnel and by contributing in the CRPF Welfare fund, he added.

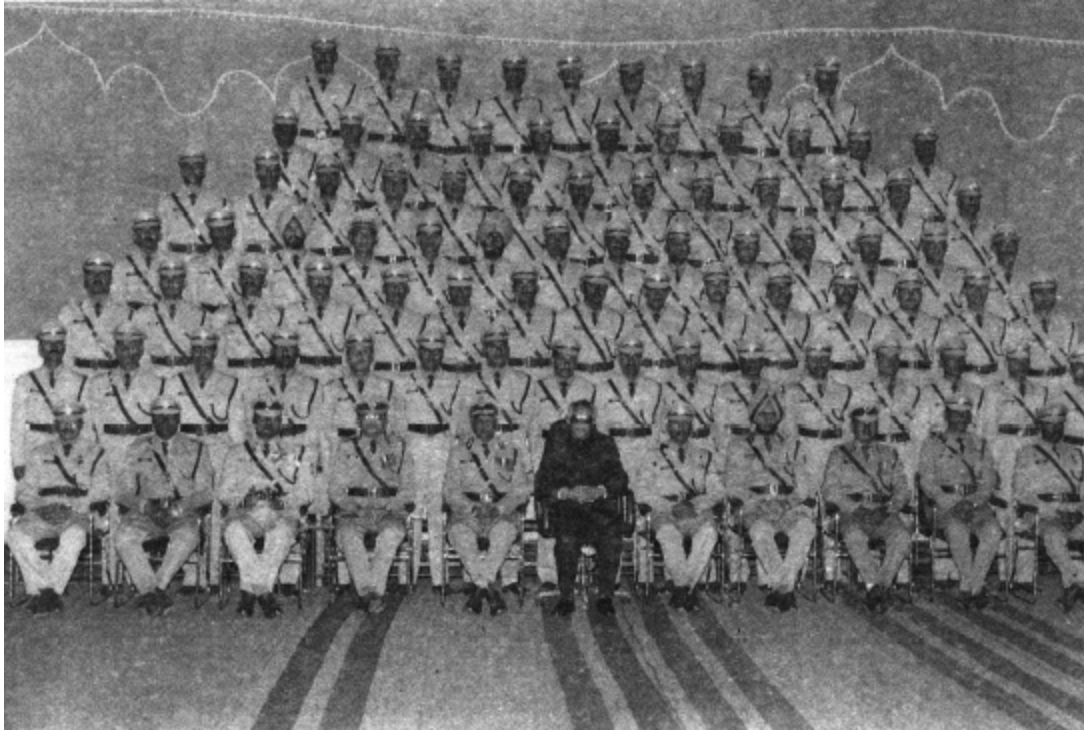
The Governor Shri Qureshi took the National Salute and inspected the parade. An impressive March Past was presented by DAGOs under the Parade Commander Ashok Swamy. The Governor gave away awards to outstanding trainees. The DG CRPF presented a memento to the Governor

The passing out parade concluded with a befitting peeling off ceremony at the end.

A barakhana was organised on this occasion at Drill Shed of RTC-I wherein senior officers of CRPF Dte. General, CTC and RTC-I participated alongwith DAGOs. Cultural programme of folk dances, songs and plays was held at the Conference Hall auditorium in the evening.



Shri Qureshi presenting Sword of Honour to Shri Ashok Swamy



Shri Qureshi with senior officers of CRPF and DAGOs

56th Anniversary Celebrations

84 CRPF PERSONNEL DECORATED WITH MEDALS

Eighty four officers and jawans of CRPF were decorated with Gallantry, Distinguished and Meritorious Service medals by the Union State

Minister of state for Home Shri Ram Lal Rahi in the anniversary function held at Jharoda Kalan, Delhi on the occasion of 56th anniversary of the Force on December 28, 1995. Out of four recipients of President's Police Medal for Gallantry, three were awarded posthumously.



CRPF Band display held at India Gate on Dec. 25, '95 on the occasion of 56th anniversary of the Force

While addressing officers and jawans of the Force, Shri Rahi called upon them to remain prepared to face the challenges of future. With the changing social and economic equations, he said, ambitions of the people will go up. Certain elements may encourage separatist forces in the name of religion and language. He expressed his confidence that the Force personnel will be able

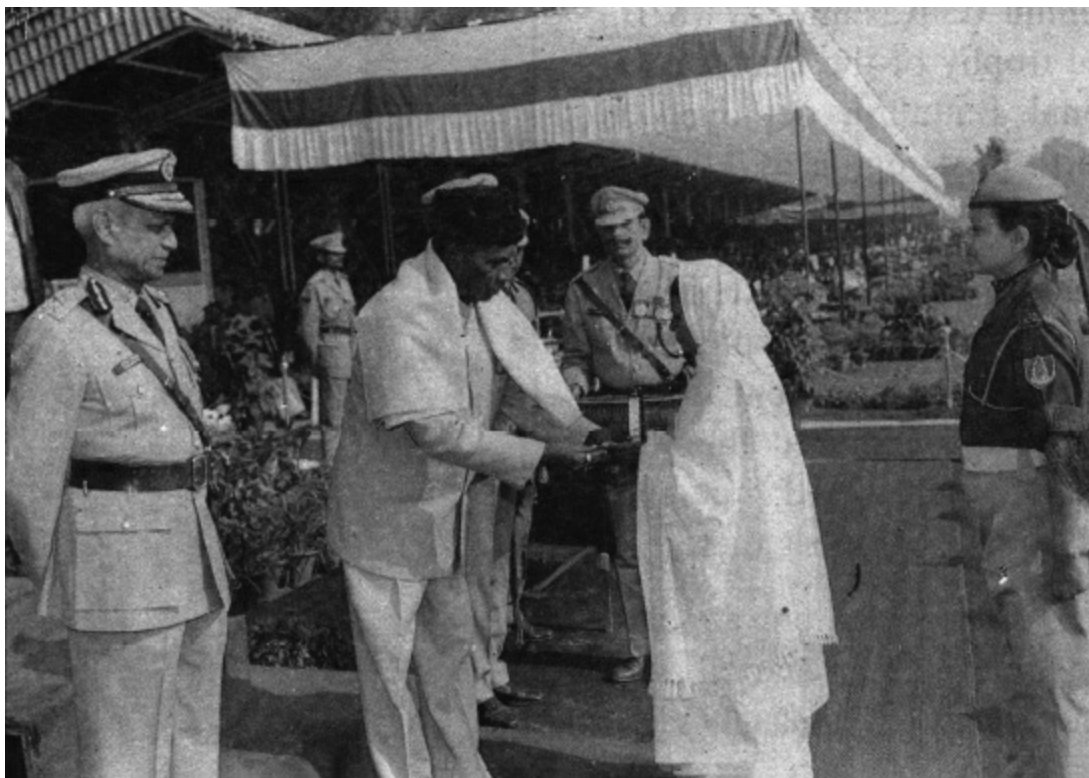
to face these challenges.

The Minister congratulated the officers and jawans for the impressive parade which, he said, was of high standard in accordance with their high traditions. The Minister lauded the role of CRPF in maintaining law and order and effectively dealing with militants and terrorists.

Shri Rahi said that he was aware of the problems of the Force personnel. The Government will look into their problems so that their training and operational effectiveness is improved. All proposals of welfare of their families will be considered sympathetically. A five year plan for family accommodation of Force personnel has been drawn. It is estimated to cost Rs. 297 crore. Accommodation problem will ease on completion of the scheme.

Earlier, the DG, CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi welcomed the Chief Guest and said that more residential accommodation was required to solve the problem of education of the children and security of families of the Force personnel who were constantly on move on duty throughout the year. There were however financial constraints. The DG assured the Minister that Force personnel will successfully face all future challenges as they have done in the past.

The Minister earlier took the General Salute and inspected the parade. Six CRPF contingents including one contingent each of RAF and Mahila Battalion presented an impressive March Past with the Force band in attendance. Mobile column of RAF and communication wing joined behind marching contingents.



Shri R.L. Rahi presenting medal to the widow of CRPF Jawan



Shri S.V.M. Tripathi DG CRPF presenting a memento to the Chief guest Shri R.L. Rahi
 Besides President's Police Medal for Gallantry, two were decorated with

Bar to Police Medal for Gallantry, 21 with Police Medal for Gallantry, 7 with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and 50 with Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

On this occasion, Best

Group Centre trophy was given to Group Centre Gandhinagar, Best Battalion trophy to 104 Bn, Best cost effective and financial economy trophy to 130 Bn, trophy for Best Operational Battalion deployed in Jammu & Kashmir to 18 Bn and trophy of the Best Operational Battalion deployed in North-East region to 71 Bn.

The Union Minister of State for Home Shri Rahi later visited the Base Hospital-I at Jharoda Kalan, went round wards and enquired the welfare of injured CRPF personnel under treatment there.

The week-long anniversary celebrations started with band display at Cannaught Place and India Gate on December 25, 1995 with one band at each place.

54 men in each Brass and Pipe band played on their instruments under the command of their Band Master Inspector Mast Ram at Central Park in Cannaught Place. Inspector Mast Ram is DG's Disc recipient. Inspector Purushottam Ram was the Band Master of the band at India Gate. Each band had 32 Brass and 22 Pipe men alongwith their instruments to play on. For two hours they played 35 to 40 tunes of old and new English and Hindi songs.



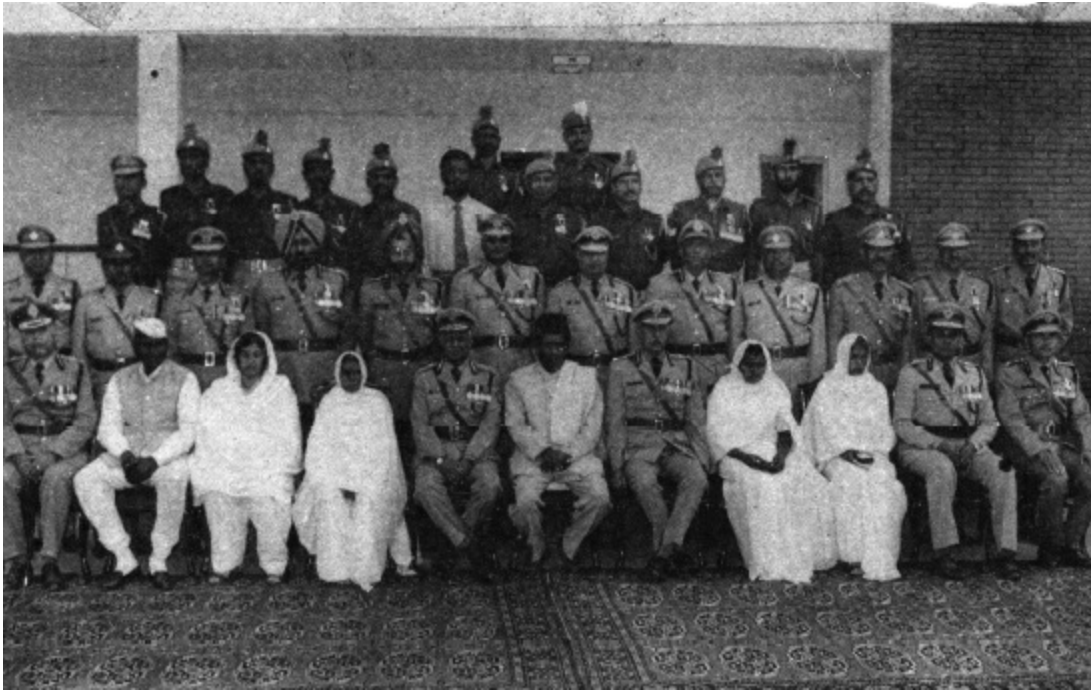
Shri R.L. Rahi visiting Base Hospital-I



Shri R.L. Rahi, Shri Tripathi DG CRPF and other senior officers with the officers and men who were decorated with the medals.

A press conference was held the next day on December 26, 1995 at 74 Bn. HQ which was attended by over fifty media persons. The DG while talking to the news persons elaborated the achievements of the Force of 1995 and

indicated the future targets and points of emphasis. Senior Officers' conference was held on December 29, 1996 in Vigyan Bhawan. It was attended by senior officers of the Force from all over the country. Matters relating to training, operations, organisation, provisions, finance and welfare etc., were discussed in the conference.



Shri R.L. Rahi, Shri Tripathi DG CRPF and other senior officers with award recipients.

To add variety to the celebrations cultural programmes were held for SOs and officers on December 28 and 29, 1995 respectively in Jharoda Kalan Group Centre which was preceded by Barakhana on the second day.



Parade Commander T.B. Rao

CRPF Wives' Welfare Association (CWWA) had its own contribution in the anniversary celebrations. A 5-day family welfare exhibition was organised near Poorti in R.K. Puram by CWWA. Mrs. Kusumtai Chavan, wife of Union Home Minister inaugurated it on December 30, 1995. Eastern Sector put up its stall in the exhibition which registered sales of over 13 lakh during the period. Wet canteen 'Tripti' was also inaugurated the same day in the Poorti premises. The first widow remarriage of Rekha, wife of late CRPF constable Desh Raj was also solemnised with the efforts of CWWA on this occasion.

INTER SECTOR FAMILY WELFARE EXHIBITION AND WIDOW MARRIAGE

Like every year in the past, Inter Sector CRPF family welfare exhibition was organised from December 30, '95 near Poorti on the occasion of 56th anniversary celebrations of the Force.

Ten Group Centres representing their Sectors took part in the exhibition by installing their stalls.



Smt. Kusumtai Chavan inaugurating Welfare Exhibition



Smt. Chavan inaugurating wet canteen Tripti

Besides, a Health Mela stall by Base Hospital-I and a photo exhibition 'Aman ke Pahredar' highlighting achievements of CRPF from past to the present day was also put up in the welfare exhibition.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. Kusumtai Chavan, wife of Union Home Minister Shri S.B. Chavan on December 30, 1995. Smt. Chavan also inaugurated 'Tripti' a wet canteen near Poorti on this occasion and gave her blessings to Smt. Rekha remarried on this day with Shri Praveen Kumar. She was the widow of late Constable Desh Raj of 68 Bn. It was the first remarriage of a widow of CRPF personnel undertaken with the efforts of CRPF Wives' Welfare Association (CWWA).

Speaking on this occasion, Smt. Chavan congratulated CWWA President Mrs. Indu Tripathi for remarrying widow of a deceased CRPF Jawan and initiating various activities for the welfare of the families of Force personnel. Such activities helped not only individuals but were also a service to the society as a whole, she added. Smt. Chavan encouraged the members of CWWA for undertaking such widow welfare projects and assured her support.

Smt. Indu Tripathi, President of CWWA earlier welcomed the chief guest Smt. Chavan and elaborated in detail the activities initiated by Association for the welfare of CRPF personnel families. The income, she said, from Poorti shopping complex is being spent in the welfare of children, widows and handicapped children of the Force personnel. Poorti has registered an income of Rs. 3.25 lakh during last two years. A mid-day meal scheme has been introduced for the children in the Montessory Schools of all CRPF Group Centres. CWWA was bearing the expenditure of two girl students in CRPF Public School, Delhi. Two quarters in every Group Centre have been reserved for needy widows of Force personnel.

A cheque for Rs.5000/-was presented to the couple by CWWA from Poorti fund and in addition to expenditure on marriage the house hold items worth Rs. 5000 were also gifted to the couple from Central Welfare fund.

The aim of welfare exhibition was to explore the potential of various family centres and augment the participation of ladies in functioning and reviewing various projects in these centres Maximum number of items of their area were included by various stalls in the exhibition.

To infuse a feeling of competition and to make exhibition interesting, Running trophies with cash prizes of Rs. 1,500/-, Rs. 1,000/- and Rs. 700/- were given to the winner, runner-up and 2nd runner-up stalls. On the basis of display, number and variety of items made in family welfare centres and sales in the exhibition, Northern Sector stall was adjudged as first. Southern Sector and Western Sector stood at second and third place respectively.



Mrs. Chavan presenting a gift cheque of Rs. 5000 to the couple



Mrs. Chavan blessing the couple



Mrs. Chavan with CWWA president Smt. Indu Tripathi visiting welfare exhibition

MEDALS TO 32 PERSONNEL

Thirty two officers and Jawans of Central Reserve Police Force have been awarded President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious Service by the President of India on the occasion of Republic Day 1996.

President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to four personnel while Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 28.

The awardees are as under :-

President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service



Shri R.S. Mooshahary, Director ISA



Shri A.S. Gill, IGP (Ops) Srinagar



Shri George C. Podipara, Addl. DIGP (G.C. Avadi)



Dr. D.N.Kar, C.M.O., Base Hospital-2, Hyderabad.

POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Shri Harbhajan Singh, Commandant (20 Bn.)



Shri Raghubir Singh, Commandant (Staff) O/O DIGP Neemuch



Shri J. P. Christdoss, Commandant (12 Bn.)



Shri F.J. Baba, Commandant, O/O DIGP Madras



Shri Ranbir Singh, Commandant (92 Bn.)



Shri G.S. Kahai, Commandant, O/O DIGP Nagpur



Shri P. Valsakumar, Commandant, (AD-EDP), Dte. General



Dr. M. Dehury, Chief Medical Officer (GC Bhubaneswar)



Shri A.K. Pandey, Asstt. Commandant (GC Bantalab)



S.M./O.S. Prakash Gadekar, (0/0 DIGP Nagpur)



Subedar Major/Steno A.D.B. Pisharody, Dte. General



Inspector J.K.S. Negi (62 Bn)



Inspector M.V. Poullose (1st Sig. Bn)



Inspector P.K. Ramachandran (RTC-III)



Ms. Pramila Sharma, Inspector (Ward Sister) BH-II



Inspector (M) P.V. Alexander (O/O IGP Eastern Sector)



Inspector Mohd. Iliyas (128 Bn)



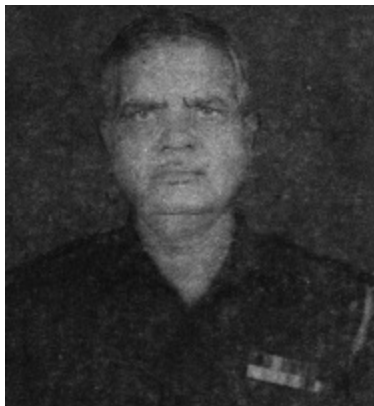
Sub-Inspector K.K. Venugopalan (GC Lucknow)



Asstt. Sub-Inspector/ Radio Operator CP. Sharma (B-4 Sig. Bn)



Head Constable Hari Ram (58 Bn)



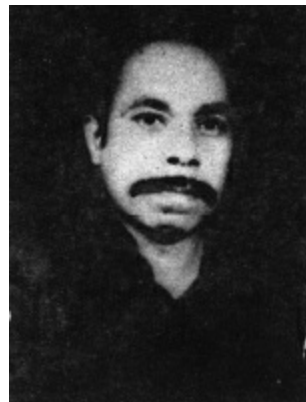
Head Constable Rajeshwar Singh (7 Bn)



Head Constable D. Neeladri Rao (100 RAF Bn)



Head Constable/Driver K. Joseph (GC Ranga Reddy)



Head Constable/Driver K. Aravindakshan (41 Bn)



Head Constable Nabaghan Sahoo (49 Bn)



Naik Kalu Lepcha (43 Bn)



Constable R.R. Singh (114 Bn)



Cook D.R. Sharma (21 Bn)

THEY ARE NO MORE

We offer our deep condolence to the grieved families of following CRPF personnel who lost their lives during the month of Oct., Nov and Dec. '95.

Head Const. Amarnath Pandey (73 Bn), Naik Pal Singh (80 Bn), SI/MM Ramphal Sharma (112 Bn), Washer Man Ram Bhadur Razak (GC MKG), Lance Naik Bal Kishan (50 Bn), Water Carrier Kailash Prasad (45 Bn), Const. H. Rajappa (77 Bn), Const. Des Raj (GC BTB), Const. Rambeer Singh (64Bn), Nursing Assistant Budheswar Dass (81 Bn), Const. Mohd. Hanif (38 Bn), Const. Rakesh Rawat (132 Bn), Const. Ranjeet Singh (GC DPR), Const. S.K. Roy (87 Bn), Naik Mohd. All (RTC-IV), Const. Azfal

Ahmad Khan (DIG RPR), SI Mahender Singh (3 Bn), Const. S.K. Birdhi (30 Bn), Head Const. Basant Lal (61 Bn), Lance Naik Jai Bhagwan (87 Bn), Const. Bellubhai (87 Bn), Const. Jagat Singh (35 Bn), Nursing Assistant M. Karupaiah (GC AVD), Mahila Const. Mrs. Sonali Bodosha (88 M Bn), Head Const. Ram Prasad Yadav (4 Bn), Const/ Daftry Chander Bhan Singh (GC DLI), Const. S.R. Sawant (GC Imp), Head Const. Gulab Chand (71 Bn), Head Const. Shree Ram (106 Bn), Naik S.R. Chawan (58 Bn), Const. Satyapal Singh (85 Bn), Naik Nand Lal (72 Bn), Const. Prem Singh (83 Bn), Head Const. Bhagwan Singh, Lance Naik Sultan- Ali, Const/Dvr

Rukmuddin, Const. K. Hussain Singh, Const. T. Madan Gopal and CT. Tej Ram of 67 Bn., Asstt. Commandant K.G. Joseph (113 Bn), Head Const. Balbir Singh (33 Bn), Const. H. Jaganath (98 Bn), Head Const. Raj Bahadur (106 Bn), Const. Ganesh Narayan (29 Bn), Lance Naik T.K. Sahu (132 Bn), Water Carrier Ramesh Chandra Pandey (5th Sig. Bn), Const. Karamveer

Singh (101 Bn), Cook Govind Singh (62 Bn), Const. M.N. Nagpure (114 Bn), Const. Deshpal Singh (28 Bn), Naik Tek Chand (98 Bn), Const. Bisutara Bhagat (GC SVP), Const. Bhopal Singh (122 Bn), Naik Om Prakash Tiwari (RTC-II) Head Const. Udai Prakash (33 Bn), and Const. Bhopal Singh (122 Bn.)

SALUTE TO A STALWART

V.G. Kanekar

It was on the 31st January that I received a message which absolutely stunned me. It was from the CRPF Group Centre at Talegaon (near Pune) Informing me of the demise of Shri B.B. Mishra I.P (Retd.) at Bhubhaneswar on the preceding day. This bolt from the blue was very shocking because only about four weeks back I had seen his photograph on a CRPF Samachar cover handing over a trophy to the present DG, CRPF Shri Tripathi and in it he looked quite fit, almost his old self but ravaged somewhat by the onslaught of time the merciless toll-taker.

To the large number of officers and men serving today in the CRPF, their only link with the deceased is, I presume, the photograph adorning, with those of all former DGs, the walls of Group Centre Messes all over the country. Owing to the passage of considerable time, the former cannot be expected to be very conversant with the solid and valuable work which the late Shri Mishra did, as DIG at Ajmer, in building up the organisation and giving it a respectable shape and stature. It is true he was not then its chief but the responsibility of running it day to day almost fell on him because then IG, CRPF, who was concurrently also the IG, Police of Delhi, had to devote a major part of his time and attention to the affairs of the country's capital. This arrangement continued until the middle of the year 1963 when the Central Govt. decided that the CRPF, which was gradually increasing in size due to the calls being made on its services from various places in the country needed an independent officer to head it and administer it with undivided attention.

In May that year, I was Member-Secretary of the Maharashtra State Police Commission at Bombay when I was informed by the State Govt. that

Govt. of India wanted to post me as IG, CRPF and asked me if I was willing to go to Delhi. I agreed and it was then that Shri Mishra, having come to know of my appointment, called on me in Bombay. He briefed me about

my new charge and this meeting gave an insight into the working of a para military force. Till then my experience of CRPF was confined to a small detachment which had come to Saurashtra (then an independent state but later merged into Gujarat) where I was IGP to assist in maintaining law and order during the general elections of 1952. The duration of this contact was only two months or so.

I took over charge of the new post at Delhi late June 1963 from Shri B.B. Banerjee, IP who, as indicated above, headed both the Delhi Police and the CRPF. There were 2 DIGs then in the latter force namely Shri Mishra at Ajmer and Shri M.N. Chaturvedi, an IPS officer on deputation from UP at Delhi. The former, being senior of the two, had naturally a bigger voice in running the force subject of course to the control of the IGP, Delhi.

Shri Mishra had joined the CRPF in 1955 when the organisation had very few Bns but disturbed conditions at various places in the country necessitated the raising of more and more Bns and this important job was very ably handled by Shri Mishra. He moved about a lot, selected places for quartering the new units and staff for their training, clothing and equipment etc. and later for sending them out for duties at troublesome spots in the country. Not only this but he also visited all detachments from time to time to ensure that the officers and men located there were looked after well and did their work with efficiency. Shri Mishra bore this burden cheerfully until June 1963 when I was posted as the first independent chief of the force.

For the first two to three months, I invited Shri Mishra to accompany me whenever I stirred out of Delhi to visit our detachments in his range and his intelligence, knowledge and friendly relations with local army officers or State police officers greatly impressed me. What also impressed me was his vivacity, sense of humour and his anxiety that his men and officers always looked smart and did their duties with efficiency. Incidentally he must have had tremendous faith in God because even in journeys by train, he got up early in the morning and offered his prayers unmindful of the noise and jolts suffered during such communion with him.

Shri Mishra left CRPF, if I remember aright, in early 1966 to become the IG of Police, Delhi and I was so sorry to lose him. He was 5 years younger than me but he and his endearing wife (Purnaji as we called her) and we came pretty close to each other and this friendship continued even after our retirement from service though there has been only one personal meeting

since then. My wife and I still remember our bouts on the tennis courts whenever we were together in the evenings.

There were only 17 Bns. in the CRPF when Shri Mishra left it and today the number is well over 125 with a new organisational set-up, new offices, new uniforms, new equipment etc. but these vast changes cannot efface the invaluable work Shri Mishra did while at Ajmer to consolidate the force. His place in the history of the CRPF is thus assured.

I salute not without great sorrow this departed stalwart with always a grin on his fair face, geniality in his heart and sincerity and conscience in his blood.

May the soul of the departed rest in eternal peace.

P.M. LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF G.C. SECUNDERABAD

An impressive function on the occasion of foundation stone laying ceremony for the newly raised Group-Centre, Secunderabad was organised at Jawaharnagar, Shamirpet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District (A.P.) on Dec. 2, 1995. Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, graced the occasion and laid the Foundation stone for Group Centre, Secunderabad.

His Excellency, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh,

Shri. Krishan Kant, the Union Minister for Water Resources, Shri P.V. Rangaiah Naidu, the A.P. Minister for Revenue, Shri T. Devendar Goud were among the many distinguished guests who attended the function.



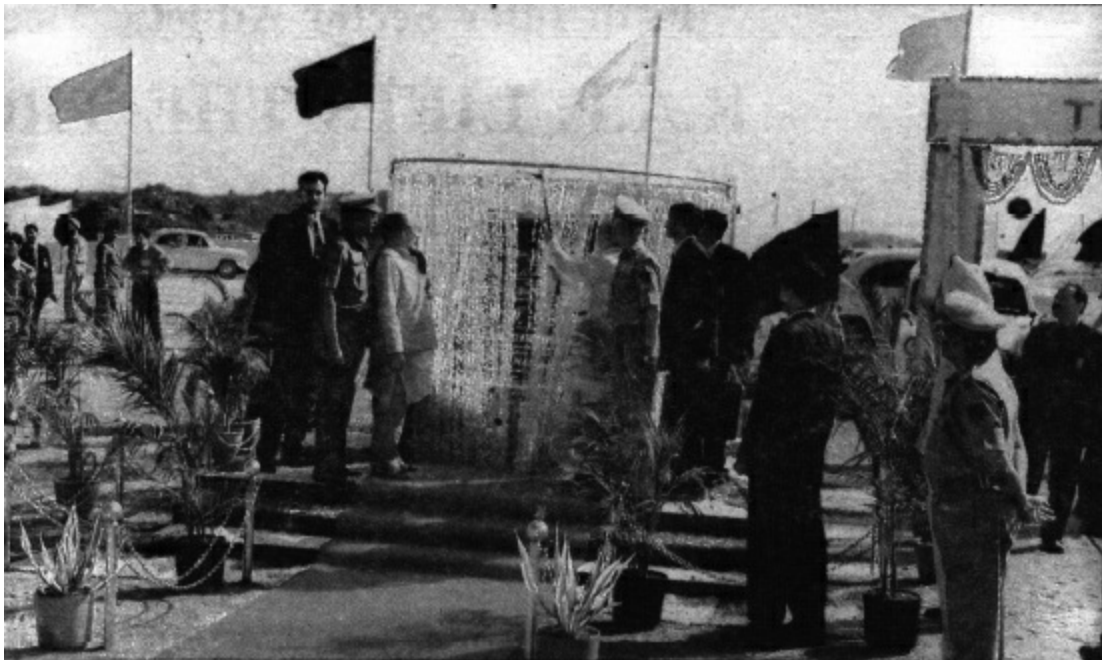
Shri S.V. M. Tripathi DG CRPF presenting a memento to the Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao

Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao in his address to the gathering complimented the 56 year old CRPF and recently formed Rapid Action Force for their dedicated role in various fields. The PM said that the recruitment of women into CRPF and

RAF was a welcome development but felt their strength needed to be increased. The Prime Minister called upon the CRPF and other Para-Military Forces to reorient their training and capabilities to face and contain the sophisticated and new techniques adopted by the communal extremist and terrorist elements in the country. The Prime Minister has also said that he was fully aware of the various problems being faced by the uniformed forces and his Government would continue to look into these problems and consider the demand for more housing units for CRPF families.

Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, CRPF earlier welcomed the Prime Minister on this gracious occasion and conveyed gratitude on behalf of the Force to the Prime Minister for being kind enough to be present and for laying the foundation stone. The DG also indicated about the housing problems being faced by the Force personnel. At present the authorisation level of accommodation is only 14%, but only 6.14% accommodation has been

provided. To fulfil our even meagre authorisation level of 14% in the next 7 years we require 37 crore of rupees every year whereas we get only 15 crore of rupees in a year in aggregate. The DG requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to provide more funds to CRPF to mitigate the housing problems. Similarly, the DG also informed the Hon'ble Prime Minister about the functioning of the Public Schools and ITIs in CRPF within the funds collected from Force personnel without any grant from the Government. He requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to provide adequate grants to improve the welfare activities of the Force personnel.



P.M. unveiling the foundation stone of GC Secunderabad



P.M. addressing the gathering

The Prime Minister was presented a memento by the DG on behalf of the Force.

It was perceived that one Group Centre be established in Ranga Reddy district in Andhra Pradesh in view of the prevailing law and order scenario in the South and to strengthen the presence of the CRPF in the South. For establishing this new Group Centre, 165 acres of land has been acquired at Jawaharnagar, District Ranga Reddy at a cost of Rs. 1.65 crores. The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs. 22.47 crore towards this project. A proposal for construction of 293 family quarters at an estimated cost of over Rs. 8.72 crore has been cleared by Government of India.

Fifth Inter Sector Athletic Meet-1995

R.A.F. LIFTS THE TROPHY

RAF Sector won the overall championship of fifth Inter Sector Athletic meet held at Mehta Stadium, Neemuch from November 30 to December 3, 1995 under the arrangements of RTC-I. The Northern Sector was adjudged as runners-up. In women section, 88(M) Bn. was declared winners and RAF (Mahila) as runners-up.

DG CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi presided over the concluding ceremony on December 3, '95 and gave away trophy and prizes to winners and runners up. The meet was earlier inaugurated by Shri A.V. Liddle, Addl. DG on November 30, '95.

HC Azar Mohd. of RAF Sector was adjudged as the best athlete in men section whereas in women section NK Vinita Kumari of 88(M) and HC Bimla Chakravathy of RAF Sector were jointly declared as the best athletes.

During this meet, 4 records in men section and 11 records in women section were broken and one record in men section has been equalled. Insp. Suydhanan of RAF created a new meet record in 110 mtrs. hurdle by finishing in 14.7 sec. by breaking the record of Rajender Singh (14.80 sec.) of 1994. In Long Jump Ct. G.V. Oran of Bihar Sector broke the record of G.S. Randhawa (7.19 mtrs) of 1960 by clearing 7.27 mtrs. In Triple Jump LNK Lious Kindo of Bihar Sector broke the record of J.S. Dawson (14.99 mtrs) of 1973 by clearing 15.02 mtrs. Likewise in High Jump, LNK L. Morandi of Eastern Sector broke the record of Gokul Chand (2.0 mtrs) of 1994 by clearing 2.01 mtrs.

In women section, Ct. Samitha C.V. of RAF Sector *finished* 200 mtrs race in 26.9 sec. by breaking the record of Jaisy P.A. (27.68 sec.) of 1994. Ct. Sunny Joseph finished 400 mtrs race in 59.03 sec. by breaking the record of Jaisy P.A. (1:04.20 sec) of 1994. HC Bimla Chakravathy of RAF Sector broke the record of Anuradha P.K. (5:25.20 sec) of 1994 in 1500 mtrs race by finishing in 4:53.9 sec. In 100 mtrs hurdle HC Sujamma P.T. of 88(M) Bn. broke the record of Sindhu N.C. (17.39 sec) of 1994 by finishing in 16.7 sec. In 400 mtrs hurdle, Ct. Nisha Mole of N/Sec. broke the record of Beenamma Joseph (1:10.72 sec) of 1994 by finishing in 1:05.56 sec. 88(M) Bn. team finished 4 x 100 mtrs relay race in 51.39 sec. to break the record of 52.83 sec. of 1994.



L/Nk Beenamma Joseph-Gold in 400 mts. hurdle

In Long Jump A.K. Deepa of 88(M) Bn. cleared 5.00 mtrs and broke the record of Reji Kuria Kose (4.76 mtrs) of 1994. HC Sheeja Mole K. of 88(M) Bn. cleared 1.58 mtrs in High Jump and broke the record of Geeta (1.50 mtrs) of 1994. NK Vinita Kumari of 88(M) Bn. broke the record of P.M. Sally in Shot Put (9.73 mtrs) and in Discus Throw (30.68 mtrs) of 1993 by clearing

11.53 mtrs and 40.12 mtrs respectively. Rt. V.P. Binny of 135 (M) Bn. broke the record of M.



NK Vinita Kumari - Gold in Discus Throw and Shot Put

Nagrenghi (31.64 mtrs) of 1994 of Javelin throw by clearing 38.64 mtrs.

In Discus throw of men Section, SI Rahul Kumar of Northern Sector equalled the record of R.S. Bal (49.40 mtrs) of 1980.

In men section of the meet, NK Raghubir Singh of NWZ finished 100 mtrs race in 11 sec, Ct. Sri Ranjan of N/S finished 200 mtrs race in 22.2 sec, LNK B.P. Singh of RAF finished 400 mtrs race in 50.6 sec, HC Azar Mohd. of RAF finished 800 mtrs and 1500 mtrs race in 1:54.8 sec and 4:05.8 sec. respectively, and SI



Ct. Nisha Mole of Northern Sector New record in 400 mtr hurdle.

Ramkaran of Bihar Sector finished 5000 mtrs and 10000 mtrs race in 15:00.0 sec. and 31:57.0 sec. respectively to stood first.

In Marathon race LNK Panigarhi of E/S finished first in 2:34.50 sec. Insp. K. Suyodhnan of RAF came first in 110 mtrs hurdle in 14.7 sec. Insp. Rajender Singh of S/S finished first in 400 mtrs hurdle in 55.0 sec. Ct. Prahalad Singh of Spl. Sector came first in 3000 mtrs steeple chase in 9:22.0 sec.

In Long Jump Ct. G.V. Oran of E/S cleared 7.27 mtrs, LNK L. Morandi of E/S cleared 2.01 mtrs in High Jump, LNK Liouis Kindo of B/S cleared 15.02 mtrs in Triple Jump and Ct. R.K. Madhu of S/S cleared 4.00 mtrs in Pole Vault to stood first.

In shot put SI Mukesh Singh of N/S cleared 15.45 mtrs, SI Rahul Kumar of N/S cleared 49.40 mtrs in Discus throw, SI Rakesh Kumar of Spl. Sec. cleared 66.90 mtrs in Javelin throw, LNK Pradeep Kumar of B/S cleared 56.72 mtrs in Hammer throw and in Decathlon Ct. P.K. Pradeep of S/S scored 5809 points to stood first.

4x 100 mtrs and 4 x 400 mtrs relay race were won by NWZ and RAF Sector by finishing in 43.5 sec. and 3:22.9 sec. respectively.

In women section of the meet LNK Delpheena T.M. of 88(M) Bn. finished 100 mtrs race in 13.0 sec, Ct. Samitha C.V. of RAF finished 200 mtrs race in 26.9 sec, Ct. Sunny Joseph of

RAF finished 400 mtrs race in 59.3 sec, HC Vimla Chakravarthy of RAF finished 800 mtrs and 1500 mtrs race in 2:17.2 sec. and 4:53.9 sec. respectively to stood first. In 100 mtrs hurdle HC Sujamma P.T. of 88(M) Bn. finished in 16.7 sec. and Nisha Mol C. of N/S finished 400 mtrs hurdle in 1:06.6 sec and stood first.

In long jump Ct. Deepa A.K. of 88(M) Bn. cleared 5.00 mtrs and HC Sujamal K.S. of same unit cleared 1.58 mtrs in high jump and stood first.

In shot put and discuss throw events, NK Binitha Kumari of 88(M) Bn. cleared 11.53 mtrs and 40.12 mtrs respectively and Rt. Binny V.D. of 135(M) Bn. cleared 38.64 mtrs in Javelin throw and stood first.

N/Sector and RAF teams finished first in 4 x 100 mtrs and 4 x 400 mtrs relay race in 51.39 and 4:05.6 secs. respectively.

During this meet, both the opening and closing ceremonies were well attended by civilians, Station Officers and men of Neemuch Station. The Mehta Stadium remained packed with sports lovers through out the meet and all arrangements for smooth conduct of the meet were coordinated very nicely. The meet gave golden opportunity to DAGOs and all members of CRPF and public to learn the method in which such high level meets are organised.



S.I. Mukesh Singh - Gold in Shot Put

A LEADER AND HIS MEN

-Bhudeb Chakrabarti

People work together as a unit towards a common goal. One of them has a special role. He is the leader. He makes all the difference due to which the ordinary men of the unit perform an extraordinary feat. The leader is one who by his effort influences the behaviour of the people of the unit to achieve the common goal.

It was believed that the leader possesses certain traits that enable him to rise above others. Ralph Stogdill found twenty six essential traits of a leader and Edwin Ghiselli came down to six. However there appears to be no

common traits for all the leaders. The followers also have the traits which a leader possesses.

Every person has the potential to become a leader. A leader, to become effective, should make himself competent to lead the men. He should groom his men for their tasks and for further graduating to leadership roles. He should also act as the situations demand using flexible styles of leadership. He and his men should rise to occasion to attain the common goal.

An effective leader influences his men to achieve the common goal by communicating with them and motivating them. A company commander should meet his men as often as possible and spend maximum time with them so that there is no communication gap. General Eisenhower even when he was Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during World War-II used to spend one third of his time visiting troops. A Commander should speak to the men in a simple language which they understand. Robert Louis Stevenson has mentioned the attributes of a good speaker in these memorable words: "There can be no fairer ambition than to excel to talk, to be affable, gay, ready, clear and welcome."

Communication is not only speaking but also listening patiently with empathy. The Company Commander should listen to his men more than he should speak. A leader motivates his people to work with enthusiasm to achieve the common goal. He at the same time fulfils their needs. The fulfilment of higher needs like achievement and recognition, challenging work and self-actualisation bring out the best from the people.

The Company Commander as the leader of his men should know about the needs of his men. He should further know that fulfilment of their basic needs are not just enough. He has to see that their social needs are met so that they are treated with respect for their work. He should further fulfil their esteem needs by recognition of their good work and inspire them to achieve their fullest potential (self-actualisation). He as their mentor has the responsibility to train and guide them to perform better and better for achieving the common goal and fulfilling their mission.

The Company Commander himself has to be self-motivated and be a self-actualised person.

However good a person may be in communication skills and whatever efforts he may make to motivate the people, he will not succeed in his

endeavours unless he sets an example by his own impeccable conduct and gives proof of his highest integrity.

Eisenhower once remarked that he was himself deeply motivated by his soldiers. He went on to add that they are the ones who win the war. In fact the people influence the leader as much as the leader influences the people. The leader and his people are one and a time comes when all distinctions between them disappear as they work together as a team towards the fulfilment of their mission.

HIMALAYAN CAR RALLY '95



CRPF Team passing through Lansdowne (UP)



CRPF team receiving 3rd prize from Lt. Gen. Sethi

Himalayan Expedition Car Rally was organised by Army from 26th Oct. to 1st Nov. '95. The Car Rally was a part of "Project Himex" of Army with the aim to develop adventure sports and to inculcate the spirit of adventure.

The Rally route was one of the longest in India. Fighting for supremacy were 18 Teams of two participants each in a Gypsy/Jongas from Army, CRPF, BSF and JK Tyres. The Rally was flagged off by the Chief of Army Staff Genl. Roy Choudary in Delhi. Top Rallists from all over the country were in the fray.

Rally route was divided into six legs such as Delhi-Ambala, Ambala-Nahan-Chail-Solan, Solan-Chail-Panto, Sahib-Dehradun, Dehradun-Haridwar-Dogada-Lamdown, Lamdown-Pokra-Ranikhet and

Ranikhet-Almora-Shahje-hanpur-Lucknow.

For the first time 2 teams from CRPF in modified Gypsies participated in this rally. Shri Ravi Deep Sahi, Dy. Commandant, 100 RAF was driving Gypsy with CT. Hardev Singh of 103 RAF as Navigator/Co-driver in 'B' Team and Shri. Vikram Sehgal, Dy. Commandant and Ct. Virinder Singh of 104 Bn RAF formed the 'A' team.

The Rallyists traversed a distance of approximately 1800 kms comprising 17 competitive sections principally in the rugged and picturesque terrain of Himalayas in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. From the plain of Haryana to high mountain of Himachal and thereafter the Garhwal and Kumaon hills of Uttar Pradesh. Finally, back to fast tarmac section of Uttar

Pradesh. The night halts were at Ambala, Solan, Dehradun, Lansdowne, Ranikhet, Shahjehanpur and Lucknow.

'B' team of CRPF consisting of Ravi Deep Sahi, Dy. Comdt. on wheels and Ct. Hardev Singh gave fine exhibition of high speed driving throughout the risky tracks of Himalayas and finished 3rd in the overall category and gypsy category thereby overtaking some of the more and experienced and professional Rallyists from Army and BSF. 'A' Team of CRPF completed the rally and finished 10th.

The Regiment of Artillery, the organisers in conjunction with JK Tyres successfully completed the arduous task of blending adventure with competition thereby enthusing the spirit of challenge in participants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Widows' Welfare Day at GC Bangalore



Sewing Machine being presented to a widow on widow welfare day

Widows' Welfare Day was observed at G.C. Bangalore on December 15, 1995. Thirteen widows/next of kin of the deceased personnel of the Force attended the function.

Grievances and problems of these widows were discussed at length with them. The wife of Addl. DIGP, GC Bangalore presented sewing machines to the two widows/ next of kin.

RAF wins 5th Inter Sector Hockey

Raf has secured 1st position in the 5th CRPF Inter Sector Hockey competition-1995. Northern and Bihar Sectors secured second and third positions respectively.

Fifth CRPF Inter Sector Hockey Competition was conducted in accordance with All India Police Duty Meet Rules. One team from each sector, total ten teams participated in the competition. As many as 34 outstanding players from all the sector teams were selected for Central team

of CRPF.

Shri S.M. Cairae, IGP (Ops) Punjab & Chandigarh presided over the concluding function on November 9, 1995 and gave away prizes and trophy to winners. Earlier, the competition was inaugurated by Shri B.S. Kang, DIGP, CRPF, Jalandar on November 1, 1995.

Avadi G.C. celebrates 27th raising day

The Group Centre, Avadi came into existence on January 1, 1969 under the able stewardship of Commandant C.K. Nair. The Group Centre acquired 500 acres of land, till then occupied by the Vehicle Depot of the Indian Army. From a barren patch of vast land dotted with some Second World War vintage hangars and nissan huts, this campus has now become a lush green sprawling campus with a adequate accommodation for 3000 single men and 850 family quarters.

The Group Centre campus also boasts of a modern Shopping Centre and an Olympic size swimming pool and excellent Messes for Officers and SOs and a Men's Club with all the attendant facilities, The Kendriya Vidyalaya, CRPF, Avadi, one of the best schools in Tamil Nadu, ITI, Nursery School and Family Welfare Centre, all of which administered by the Group Centre further cater to all the welfare requirements of campus personnel and families. The recent addition of a beautiful Martyrs' memorial, 'Sadbhavana Park' and a 'Coconut Grove' has further added to the beauty and charm of this campus.

On January 1 this year, the entire campus which houses Madras Range HQ, CTC-II, RTC-II and 28 Bn besides the Group Centre, celebrated the 27th Raising Day of the Group Centre, Avadi in a befitting manner. The function was inaugurated by Smt. Nirmala Natraj, w/o DIGP Madras.

Meena Bazar organised for the entertainment of station personnel included numerous stalls for the games for both adults and children and also eatables. The Lucky Dip which proved to be the most popular was the culminating event in which expensive items like TV, bicycles, garments etc. were given as prizes to the winners. Sports items organised for the children and families saw keen competition among the participants which further added to the carnival atmosphere of the day.

254 Ultras Apprehended

The CRPF personnel have apprehended 254 extremists while 11 got killed in as many as 23 encounters and search operations conducted during the month from October to December 1995 all over the country.

The Force personnel recovered 130 major weapons included 24 AK-56, 22 AK-47, 21 Pistols, 5 .303 Rifles, 2 SLRs, 2 Rocket Boosters, 1 Carbine, 1 UPMG, 1 RPF and other weapons.

The Force lost 13 of its brave jawans while 33 others sustained injuries in ambushes and encounters with terrorists during this period.

D.G. Visits C.T.C.-II



DG Shri S.V.M. Tripathi planting a tree in CTC-2 complex

Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, CRPF visited Coimbatore on October 20, 1995 to see the newly acquired site of 400 acres of land for CTC. II. The land is at the distance of about 14 kms from Coimbatore town. It consists of a large percentage of plain agriculture land alongwith certain features which merge into a high hill in the background.

The DG on his arrival at the new site planted a sapling in the complex, visited Officers Mess of 12th Bn CRPF, located on that land and had discussions about the various ongoing construction works on the CTC-II land with the Chief Engineer (CPWD) and his team of Engineers.

The CPWD has already completed construction of two lane approach road

of one Km length and dug ten bore wells at a cost of Rs. 35 lac in the campus. Sanction for construction of compound wall at a cost of Rs. 95,85,432/- and for 125 Family Quarters at the cost of Rs. 3,33,97,000/- has already been conveyed to CPWD and the work is expected to start in the last week of Jan'96. The cost of whole project will be around Rs. 40 crore.

The DG was explained about the integrated waste land development project by the Executive Engineer which was initiated by Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Addl. DG, Southern Sector with the Tamil Nadu Govt. for developing the campus and for improvement of environment for which 100% subsidy will be given by the Govt. of India. In the project, several check dams have been provided and there is a scheme for re-cycling of water also.

North-Eastern Sector Lifts Tennis Trophy



Mrs. Tripathi presenting trophy to Shri V.B. Bhambani

North -Eastern Sector represented by Shri K.C. Sharma, Commandant and Shri V.B. Bhambhani, 2I/C beat Central Sector represented by Commandants Shri P.S. Dillawari, and Shri J.S. Gill, by 4-6, 7-6 and 6-4 to lift the 5th Inter Sector Tennis tournament trophy in the finals held at SDG HQ, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi on December 24, 1995. The 8-day tournament from December 16 to 24, '95 was organised to mark the 56th Anniversary of the Force.

In this tournament 13 teams from all over the country including two from

Directorate participated.

Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, crpf presided over the concluding function held on December 24, 1995 while his wife Mrs. Indu Tripathi gave away the trophy and prizes to the winners and runners-up.

Earlier the trounament was inaugurated by Shri A.V. Liddle, Addl. DG on December 16, 1995.

Heroin worth Rs. 35 crore seized

Crpf personnel have seized smuggled heroin worth over Rs. 35 crore in Sambha area near Jammu in J&K on December 20,1995. Two smugglers were apprehended while one escaped under the cover of darkness.

During a naka duty, a gang of three smugglers was seen and challenged by crpf personnel while they were trying to pass through the naka at Supwal Tenda Bruj Track in Sambha area of Jammu. On being challenged, these smugglers started running away in different directions after throwing away their bags. Naka party gave them a hot chase and apprehended one Paramjit Singh. Another smuggler Bhupinder Singh was also apprehended. The third smuggler, however, escaped.

CRPF personnel coombed and cordoned the area and recovered 3 cloth bags containing 35 packets with 1 kg of herion in each. The packets had markings of Pakistan factories. The approximate cost of seized heroin comes to Rs. 35.75 crores in international market. The apprehended smugglers were handed over to the local police alongwith seized heroin.

Risk Fund Benefits

A total of Rs. 15,000/-has been paid to a CRPF jawan who was invalidated out from service during the month of Dec. '95 from Risk (Premia) Fund.

A sum of Rs. 35,000/-from Risk Fund 'B' (Special Welfare Fund)) has been paid to the next of kin of a CRPF personnel who died during the month of Dec. '95.

A TRIBUTE



Shri S. Datta Chowdhury

Sh. S.Datta Chowdhury, who commanded this Force for exactly 14 months from February 27, 1982 to April 30, 1983 left for his heavenly abode on 15th Nov. 1995. When I think of him, I vividly recollect certain things about him which I would like to recapitulate in the succeeding paragraphs.

In early 1970, when Shri Imdad Ali, LP. (Gujrat-1937) was the Director General, Shri S. Datta Chowdhury who also belonged to the same cadre, called on the then DG. While seeing him off, I looked at his body structure. He was lean and thin but quite smart and active. I had then told my staff members that one day, this officer will be our Director General.

Shri S. Datta Chowdhury belonged to the 1948 batch of IPS officers and for some time had worked with Mr. V.G. Kanetkar, IP as his A.S.P. in the then erstwhile Bombay province. Since I had worked for more than 5 years with Mr. Kanetkar when he was IG, CRPF and later its Director General, I could study him and his working style quite a bit. It was after about 10 years that Shri S. Datta Chowdhury was appointed as IG, CRPF of Sector-IV at Shillong (now called North-East Sector). Later on, he took over as the Director General on the 27th February, 1982 after the untimely demise of Shri R.N. Sheopory. From his style of functioning, I could gather that he had imbibed all the good qualities of the first Chief Mr. V.G. Kanetkar. Shri S. Datta Chowdhury was a quiet, simple, straightforward person by nature. His notes were very lucid, simple and to the point. He always tried to ensure that his actions remain above board.

It was on the day of his taking over and for the second time on the day he was leaving Delhi after retirement that I saw him smiling. On taking over charge, he saw an almirah in his chamber lying in a corner. He asked me as to what did it contain? I informed him that there were ACR files of IsG and DIsG. Alright ! show me these files. I shown them to him one by one and after seeing the bundle, he questioned “where was my ACR file?” I informed him, Sir, since you were to take over as the DG today, your file was sent to the Govt. yesterday evening. Oh ! “you are so quick, he remarked and gave a smile”.

Shri Datta Chowdhury, though looked very dry apparantly but in fact, at heart he was just, fair and impartial. His only aim was that his actions should not only be just and fair but should also appear to be so. As he maintained his own identity, some of the officers did fear of him and even avoided going near him. He preferred to work within the four corners of law as a law abiding citizen. In the evening, he could be seen going on foot and purchasing vegetables and other household needs himself. He was so self-disciplined that he would never allow his car driver to overtake a vehicle by crossing the yellow line in the middle of the road even if the driver of the other vehicle going ahead did not give the side. He would prefer to follow the said vehicle instead of overtaking it.

Undoubtedly, he was rigid in his working and did what he thought fit. Nevertheless, he was always prepared to change his views about any matter if fully convinced with the reasons put forward to the contrary.

There are many anecdotes bout him. I do laugh in my loneliness when I recollect and think of certain interesting incidents still fresh on the floppy of my mental computer. It was some time in May, 1982 that he was suffering from an eye trouble. While coming to the office in North Block in the morning, he went to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital for check up. On return, he called me and desired to see whether his trip to the hospital in the staff car was official or private and let him know the rule position. I checked up and put up a small note to him as follows :-

“According to Staff Car rules journey performed in case of emergency, when an officer, on being suddenly taken ill or on meeting with an accident, is removed from his office either to a hospital or to his residence, will be treated as official. In that case, the concerned officer will place on record a certificate indicating the circumstances necessitating such journey”. I added,

“DG may indicate whether his journey to the hospital should be treated as official. or private”. I got the note back with the remarks, “It was surely not an emergency or an accident. Treat as private”.

It was in June, 1983, when Shri Datta Chowdhury was leaving Delhi for Calcutta where he was to settle down finally. During his tenure as the Director General, I did not have any occasion to visit his residence; nor did he feel the need of summoning me. Hence, it was on the day when he was finally leaving Delhi that I went to the Palam airport to see him off. I had never met Smt. Datta Chowdhury earlier. Both of them were standing in the hall. Having noticed them, I went in, stood behind Shri Datta Chowdhury and wished him. He turned back and replied, oh! “Good morning”, and then looked at Smt. Datta Chowdhury. It was here that he, for the first time, introduced me with Madam saying, Aditi, see, he was my Private Secretary, “Nirwal”. Thereafter, he took us to the lounge. He discussed with me with great interest matters relating to the Force.

Thereafter, once again, the stability at the top got disturbed and during the next 18 months, as many as 7 DGs changed hands. These frequent changes did cause me some worry and on one of these days, I just wrote a letter to him, extracts of which, are :-

“Unfortunately, a man’s qualities are judged and remembered only after he has left the scene! People now do miss you for the qualities and principles you possessed to command and muster the Force” Promptly came the reply, extracts of which, I quote below:-

“Association with the CRPF has been the most satisfying experience in my career. I miss the trusting jawans and the loyal subordinate officers who give of their best, expecting nothing more than fair play in return. I also often remember some of the dedicated officers I had opportunity to come across in the Force. My regret is that I could not do more for them than

what my brief tenure permitted. Several plans I had in mind to raise morale could not be implemented for the same reason, viz, brevity of tenure. That was frustrating”.

“..... Please do not let yourself be upset if things are not always as they should be. One can not control all the inputs that go to the making of a situation. Consequently, one has to adjust for bare survival without, at the same time, losing sight of what is right and proper. You may find it useful to

recall, at moments of stress, the following lines from Reinhold Niebuhr :

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change..... courage to change the things I can..... and the wisdom to know the difference.”

..... “I do try to utilise the time in reading and writing whatever time is left after my work as an amateur plumber, electrician and carpenter around the house”.

Shri S. Datta Chowdhury was such a neat, clean and fair soul that he never allowed himself to compromise his position on certain time-tested and basic principles of life and service. He has left behind his widow and a son. In this hour of grief for the family, the Force salute its Ex-Chief with due humility and pray the soul of the departed may rest in peace !

FIELD FIRING RANGE AT TARALU



Shri D.R. Karthikeyan inaugurating Firing Range

The Southern Sector of CRPF will soon have a state-of-art field firing range at Taralu village near Bangalore. Its initial works were inaugurated by the Addl. DG, Southern Sector, CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan on November 14, 1995. The permanent firing range will fulfil the long felt need of the Force which has so far been approaching Army and BSF to conduct its range classification firing etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri D.R. Karthikeyan said the State-of-art firing range which would be coming-up at Taralu village, Bangalore South Taluk could be used as a training ground for firing all types of weapons, including two inch mortars, handling explosives and jungle warfare. Also facilities for simulating a battlelike situation, helping the trainees in tackling even terrorist activities would be created in due course.

Speaking about the immediate future plans, Shri Karthikeyan said the CRPF has tried to be of best assistance to the Karnataka State and the

Police whenever needed. The CRPF is looking for some suitable land of atleast 50 acres each in Bangalore and Mysore, where it may establish two units semi-permanently so that the services of the CRPF will be readily available to the State Government and Police immediately on demand. The State Government have already formally agreed to allot suitable land for accommodating 2 CRPF units in Karnataka State.

The Function was attended by local civil and police officials and other dignitaries. A demonstration of firing practice was displayed by the force personnel on this occasion. Construction work of the model field firing range and its allied jobs are likely to start soon.

Matrimonial

WANTED a bridegroom, employed in CRPF for black complexioned 5 feet tall 23 years old Buddhist widow Suman Bai, wife of late Ct. Rajinder More of Maharastra. She is not having children from her first marriage and wants to marry a Buddhist only.

WANTED a bridegroom, employed in CRPF for 156 cm tall, fair complexioned 20 year old Hindu (Gowda) widow Smt. T.P. Meena, wife of late Ct. Chandra. Her educational qualification is SSLC and wants to marry in her own caste.

Willing may get in touch with President, CWWA, C/O JAD (Welfare), Dte. General, CRPF, New Delhi.



Mahila contingent of R.A.F. passing through the saluting dias during 1996 Republic Day Parade

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Shri Ram Lal Rahi presenting best operational Bn Trophy for North East to the Commandant of 71 Bn.

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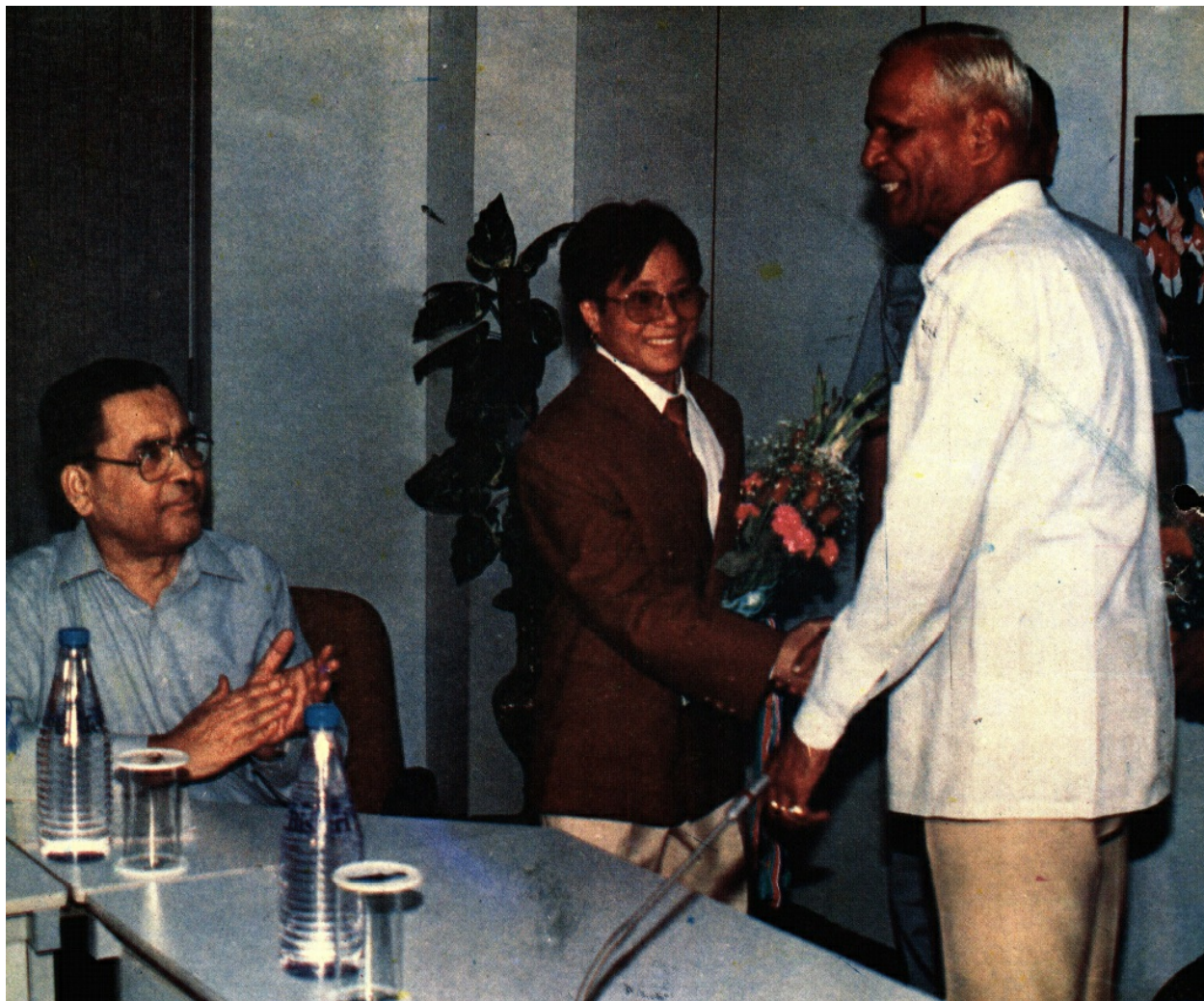
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Shri Tripathi D.G. CRPF congratulating N. Kunjarni for her achievement in Asian Weightlifting held at Yachiyo (Japan)

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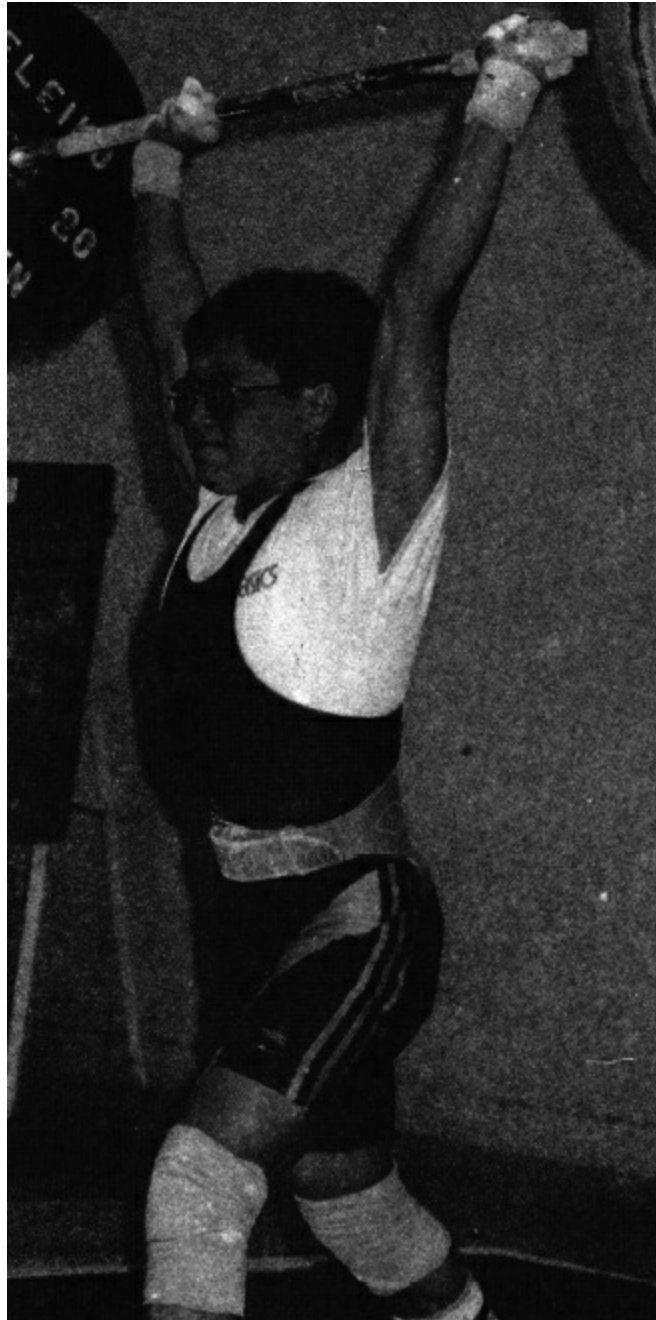
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With the passing out and attestation parade of 135 Mahila Battalion at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) on 2nd April, 1996, the second Mahila Bn of CRPF has also descended on the altar of duty.

The first 88 Mahila Bn raised by CRPF came into existence in 1986. It was an unprecedented step at that time. It was the first such initiative taken in India or probably in Asia when women were decided to be inducted in Para Military Force. Many had doubts about the success of this initiative looking to the arduous and hazardous duties police personnel have to render. However, the performance of Mahila Bn personnel during their first deployment in Meerut riots has proved that the girls were no less than their male counterparts.

The role of this young Mahila Battalion in bringing peace during Meerut riots and later in relief works undertaken by them established them as true Mahila Police Personnel. The newspapers highlighted their exemplary performance during riots. The then Prime Minister of India Shri Rajiv Gandhi also appreciated their performance.

The story of courage and devotion to duty which started during Meerut riots is continuing still. They displayed their versatility during deployment as part of Peace Keeping Force in Srilanka. Ct. Bimla Devi was honoured with Sena Medal for her devotion to duty in Srilanka. She was the first police woman personnel to receive such an honour.

There is a police woman squad in every State for assisting in investigations; but in the present day context of frequent disturbances, Gherao, stirs, procession, violence and riots, much could not be expected from these limited police women particularly when there is larger participation of women in such disturbances on account of growing literacy and social awareness. A need was, therefore, felt for a Mahila Bn which may tactfully deal women taking part in such activities. On many occasions local police administration found itself helpless in dealing women agitators. The first Mahila Bn was raised keeping in mind such considerations.

The increasing demand of Mahila Bn by various States is a pointer to the success of this experiment. They have proved that they can rise to the

occasion and deal with all sorts of such situations irrespective of dangers it may have. Their success so far have paved the way raising the second Mahila Bn of CRPF. It is hoped that like its predecessor this Mahila Bn will also win laurels and will set precedence for constitution of more such Mahila Bns in future.

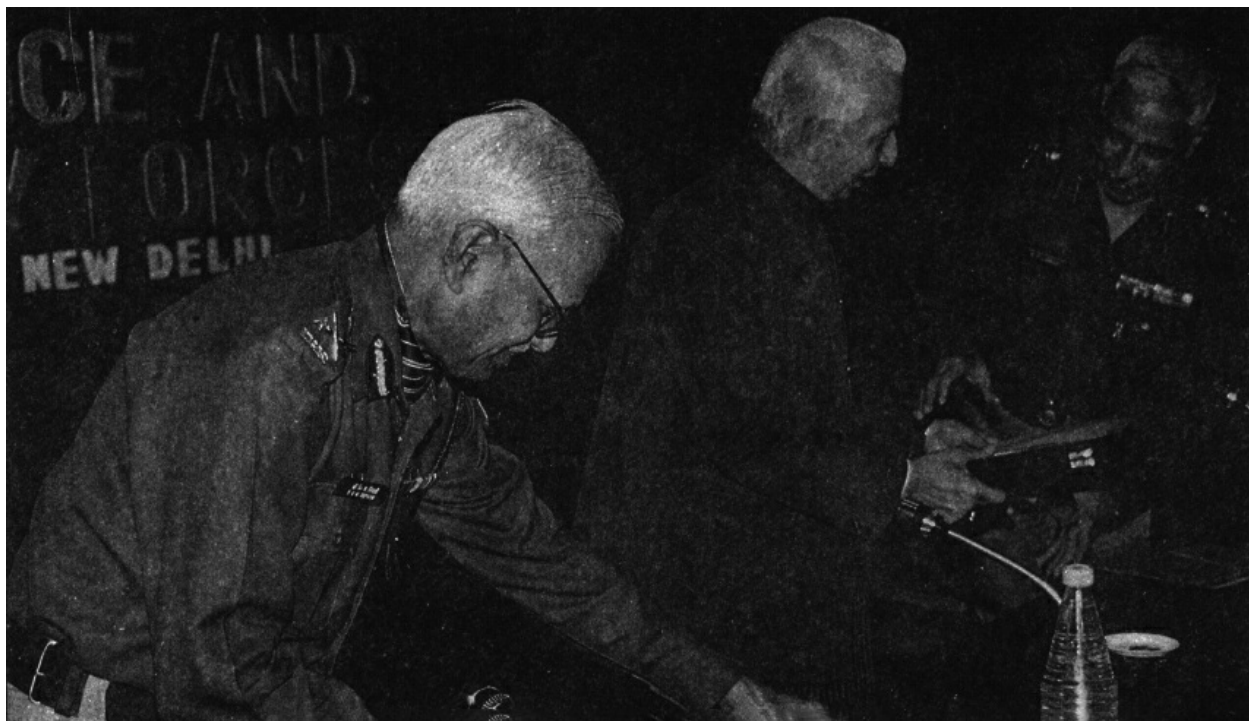
SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

POLICE SHOULD ACT AS FRIENDS OF SOCIETY

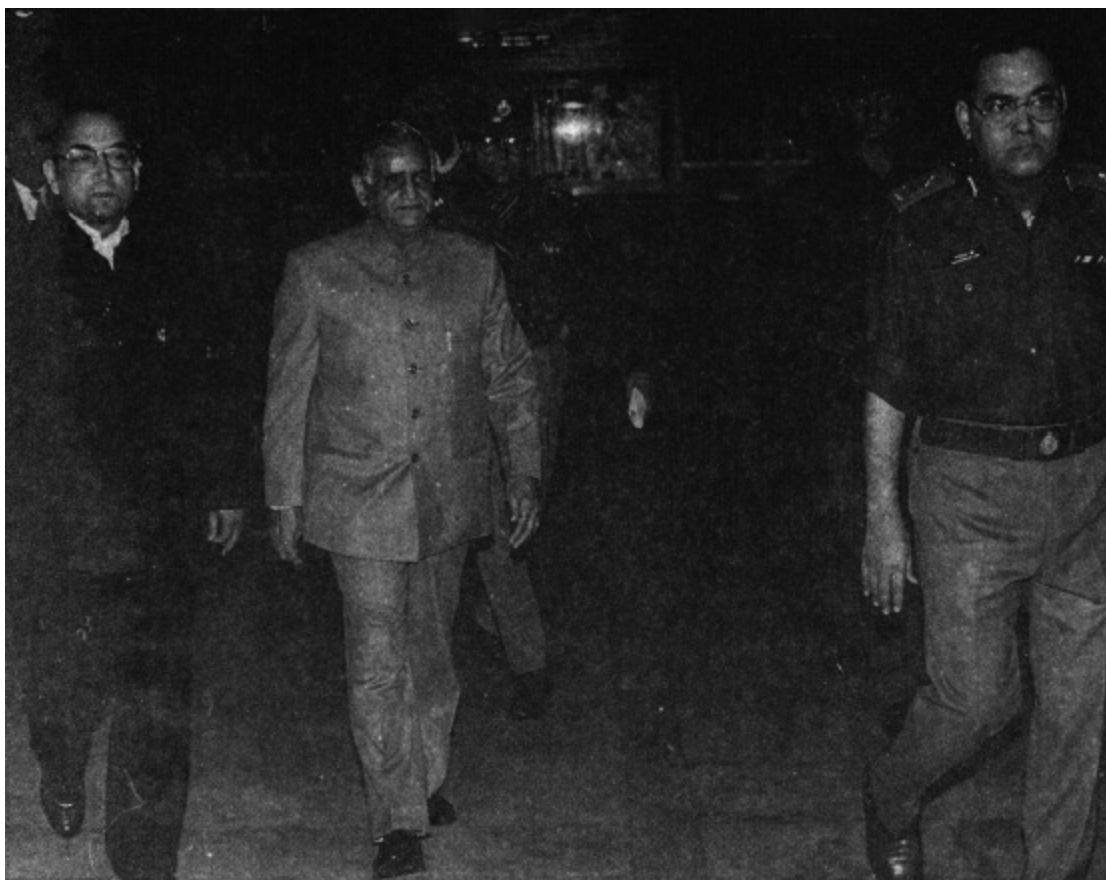
Justice Rangnath Mishra

The Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Justice Rangnath Mishra has called upon the Police and Para-Military Force personnel to remember their obligation to the country and society and to observe human rights even in trying conditions. Your objective should be, he said, to bring out peace and discipline in the society with minimum use of Force. The two mottos of bringing transparency in behaviour and restoring smile on every human face should be adopted while handling all jobs. This is because we want preservation of society and ideals for which our society stood for.

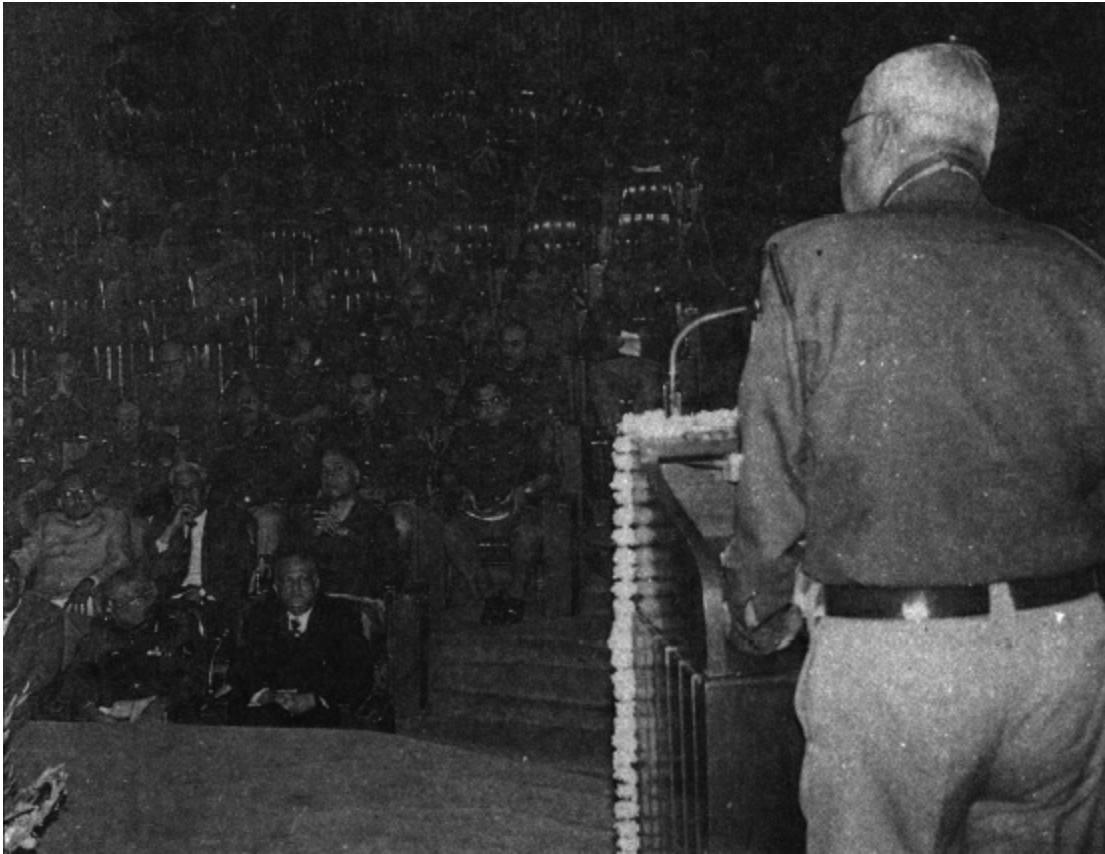
Justice Rangnath Mishra was delivering valedictory address in one day seminar on Human Rights : “Role of Police and Para-Military Forces” organised by CRPF in New Delhi on February 26, 1996. He advised the police departments to include human rights module accepted by Directors General of the States in the training programme of their personnel. Under the module, all police personnel are to be given education on human rights repeatedly at intervals.



Justice Rangnath Mishra Chairman, NHRC with DG and ADG, CRPF in the seminar on “Human Rights”



Shri Rajni Ranjan Sahu MP (Centre) and Shri K.L. Sharma (right) coming to join inaugural session of seminar on Human Rights



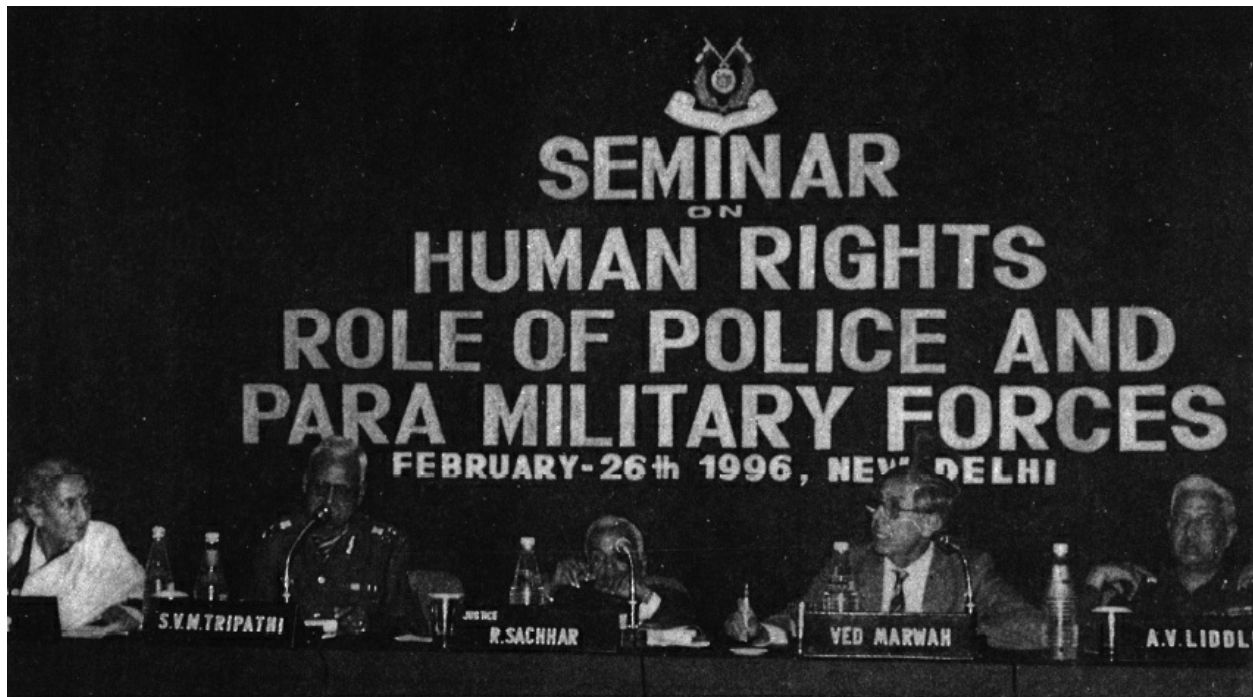
DG Shri Tripathi addressing the seminar

Shri Rajni Ranjan Sahu, MP & Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs said in his inaugural address that it was the responsibility of police to ensure that poor and illiterate were not deprived of fundamental rights. He urged the police personnel to enforce rule of law and uphold the constitution so that the feeling of ‘politicisation of police’ is changed. This is important because they have the trust of the people, the judiciary and the nation. He exhorted them to perform their duty with a sense of brotherhood to everyone in keeping with the highest traditions of the country.

In the first session of the seminar, Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jamia Milia Islamia University, traced the historical evolution of communal riots and emphasised the need for inculcating a secular outlook. He stressed that such a outlook has been emphasised in our Constitution itself.

Shri Prabhas Joshi, Editor, Jansatta was of the opinion that Human Rights

were basically a western concept and these have been imposed on us. He said, in India we have a long tradition of tolerance and brotherhood towards all the religions. People of all communities have come to India and have survived, unlike the case of some western countries where some minority communities have been systematically eliminated by the majority. He advised police personnel to take pride in the great history of this country where secular values have been a part of our traditions.



Shri Ved Marwah, ex-adviser to J & K Government addressing the second session of seminar. Dr (Mrs) Promilla Kapur on extreme right

Justice Md. Sardar Ali Khan, Chairman, Minorities Commission stressed that the ethos of secularism, brotherhood and inter-community relations which are there since ages should be strengthened and preserved. He appreciated the role of RAF in tackling communal situations in the country.

Later, during the second session, Shri Ved Marwah, ex-advisor to J&K Governor clearly stated that there is no room for any violation of Human Rights in Police functioning. There is no choice with the Police and all rules are to be observed in their totality. Inadequacies persisting in the system, lack of proper equipment, assessment of the situation etc., should be taken care of.

Dr. (Mrs) Promilla Kapur, Director, Integrated Human Development Services Foundation, apprised the delegates on various acts and laws with regard to protection of women and children, especially girl children. She

insisted for inclusion of these acts in training at various levels. She also insisted that there was a need for education of character building and promotion of spiritual values.

While summing up, Justice R. Sachhar stressed that we must have case studies of each case which brings either credit or discredit to the Police and review further course of action on the basis of the lessons learnt. The DG, CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi gave a vote of thanks in the end.

TO BE ONE'S OWN CRITIC

T.G.L. Iyer

During every moment of our lives we programme our self-image to work for us or against us. There are three channels which continuously feed our brain. One is the video (what we see), the second is audio (what we hear) and the third is the sensory (smell, touch and taste). Much of this information fed into the brain stays there. Billions of integrated and separate items of input over a lifetime are all there awaiting retrieval. They can never be erased wilfully or deliberately. Fresh inputs can be superimposed with stronger messages or modified effects on the original. In fact, the human mind cannot distinguish between the real and imaginary experience. Usually, we replay these video and audio tapes lodged in memory especially the successes we have achieved to win the game of life. Some people replay their failures and get trapped in a 'lose' situation.

We may also remind ourselves that we are our own important critics. There is no opinion so vitally important to our well-being than our own opinion about ourselves. Self-talk or psycholinguistics or language of the mind can be controlled to work for us especially in the building of self-esteem and creativity. Being our own critic, we can either devastate self-esteem and creativity with sarcastic and negative reviews of our daily performances. We can also elevate our self-image with encouraging and positive feedback and previews of coming attractions in daily life. Self-criticism should be positive. Instead of saying I CAN'T, we can say I CAN. That is why experts say that success comes in CANS and not in CANNOTS. A new idea, for example, may be completely unbelievable, absurd, or ludicrous. When we are honest and say that we can do it, it is a positive affirmation. Our negative ego should not cloud our judgement.

The sub conscious mind lacks critical intellectual capacities. It tends to believe anything fed into it like a computer. When we say IMPOSSIBLE, progress halts, doors are shut, thinking stops and hope comes to a screeching halt. Further experimentation is torpedoed. Projects are abandoned. Dreams are discarded. The brightest and the best ideas nose-dive, clam-up, cool down and turn off in some dark and safe subterranean corner of the mind. By a defensive manoeuvre when we say no, the brain retreats and shelters itself against the programme of creative and positive thinking.

The real issue of moving ahead in life is the attitude. By self-criticism we create a positive attitude, a faith and self-confidence in ourselves because our thinking is put on the forward track instead of in the reverse gear. Human nature can be radically transformed, turned inside out and upside down and literally born again if only the frozen shells of resistance are made to crack under the positive pressure of optimism. That we can do by positive self-criticism which is the fuel to move us ever forward in life.

COMPUTERISED COMMUNICATION IN NORTH-EAST

To modernise communication in North-East, an automatic message switching system (AMSS) has been installed and commissioned at Shillong during March '96. Remote terminals have been provided at Guwahati, Imphal, Kohima & Dimapur and they have been inter-connected at Shillong. Another such system has been installed and commissioned at Patna by connecting Ranchi, Mokamaghat, Jamshedpur & Muzzafarpur by providing remote terminals there.

Thus the whole communication system in North East and Eastern Sector has been completely modernised. This has increased the traffic handling capability and has also given added advantage of alternate routine. Teleprinter was the mode of communication in these areas so far which has now been replaced by highly computerised system.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX

Central Training College-2 CRPF, started in Avadi during September 1969, is being shifted to a picturesque location at Coimbatore on the foothills of the mighty western ghats locally called as “Kurdimalai foot” where 400 acres of land has been acquired for this purpose.

Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Addl. DG, Southern Sector unveiled the foundation stone on February 12, 1996 for the residential complex consisting of 125 family quarters of various types. Earlier Bhoomi Pooja was done by the Addl. DG on the previous day for this complex. Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3,33,97,000/- for the project and the work will be started by the CPWD on priority.

DC's Commendation Disc & certificate were given away to 13 CRPF personnel of Southern Sector on this occasion. The recipients were M.S. Balakeshavan, 2 I/C, Sub-Major Peter John, C. Jayanarayan, OS, Insp. Ram Giri Singh, Insp (Steno) V.M. Balakrishnan, Insp (M) Johny, Sub-Insp. T.M. Nambiar, Sub-Insp. Moti Singh, Sub-Insp. Amar Singh, Smt. M. Sarojan, Staff Nurse, HC J.T. Sheshappa, HC Kanwar Singh, HC K.J. Joy and Constable M.K. Jagat Rajan.

Display of skills by various teams was a hall mark on the occasion. First was “Malkhamb” followed by display on improvised explosive devices. The instructors of Central Training College-2, Avadi gave an exciting display of the unarmed combat skills followed by the demonstration of reflex shooting. The RAF contingent also displayed unarmed combat. At the end there was a demonstration of raid of terrorist camp in which a battle situation was simulated.

DIGP R. Natraj, Principal, CTC-II welcomed the distinguished gathering and Shri P. Damodaran, Commandant CTC-II gave vote of thanks in the end.

QUOTES

When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

Epitaph on War Cemetery of Kohima.

A soldier, full of stragg oaths and bearded like the pard, jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble of reputation even

in cannon's mouth.

Shakespeare

Action is what matters in this world.

Visma

It does not take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who go into battle.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Compiled by SI (M) A.H. Baig

REORIENTATION COURSE FOR RAF OFFICERS

POLICE SHOULD BE KEEPERS OF PEACE



DG CRPF Shri SVM Tripathi delivering inaugural address

The DG CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi has stressed the need for Police to create and preserve, peace in society and not act as just law enforcers and perform the role in maintaining law and order. It is through this attitude that the popular perception of miscarriage of justice by police can be done away and will generate confidence among the people. However, for achieving this,

a serious attempt is needed to come out of the age old colonial police system, Shri Tripathi added.

The DG, CRPF was inaugurating orientation programme on “contemporary social realities” organised for senior officers of Rapid Action Force (RAF) in IGNOU, New Delhi on April 2, 1996. The 7-day programme was conducted by the Centre for Extension Education (CEE), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

In relation to communal violence Shri Tripathi said, internal security is different from law and order and there has to be a demarcation as regards what is to be handled by the police and what by other agencies. He opined that for maintaining communal harmony the press and police must join hands.

Shri Tripathi highlighted the role of Rapid Action Force as a peace keeping force at a time when communal tensions are threatening the very structure of Indian society. He said that all problems of social transformation are not amenable to management by police but the police also has to have a realistic approach with new ideas. However, it is time to identify those factors of police administration that contribute in a negative manner to the complexities of communal tensions.

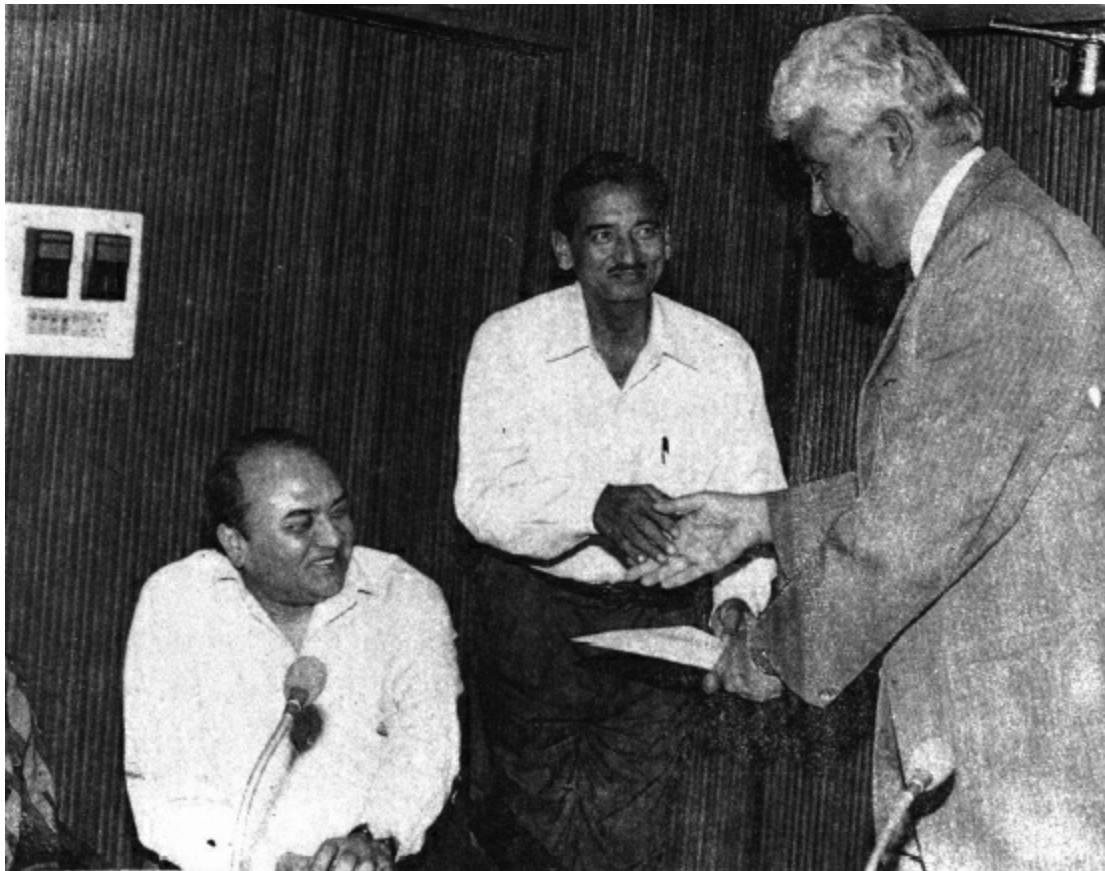
Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, while Chairing the inaugural session said that IGNOU was committed to cater to different sections of Indian society. He offered all assistance to the RAF and CRPF for learning, education and upgradation of knowledge through the distance education mode, which can take care of the educational needs of thousands of police personnel all over the country. According to him, the 21st century was going to be a century of knowledge and the police has to take note of the social transformation undergoing at the moment and accordingly gear itself for serving the society.

Prof. Randhir Singh spoke on contemporary social realities and Prof. Yogendra Singh apprised the participants of the nature of Indian society later during the discussion session.

The first such course on contemporary social realities and awareness was organised earlier for senior officers of RAF in 1992 by Indira Gandhi National Open University. Encouraged by its positive results, two more courses were planned for sensitising senior officers of RAF so that they may

in turn take up the task of sensitising other members of the force. The present orientation course was first of the two.

The one week programme dealt with a variety of themes like the nature of Indian society, challenges of internal security, role of mass media, human rights, police perceptions of communal riots, secularism etc. Eminent scholars, journalists and senior police officers interacted with the participants who were Commandants and Deputy Commandants of various RAF battalions. The programme aimed at giving an understanding of social realities and simultaneously equip the officers with ideas to handle sensitive communal situations for bringing about harmony and peace in their respective areas of operation.



Justice Sardar Ali Khan giving away certificate to RAF officers

On the concluding day in the valedictory session, Justice Mohammed Sardar Ali Khan, Chairman, Minorities Commission of India called upon police to be conscious towards social justice while discharging their duties. This will be easy for them if they come out of bias and become impartial in functioning, he added. Justice Sardar Ali Khan was delivering valedictory

address on the completion of 7-day orientation programme.

Justice Khan praised the role of RAF in effectively handling communal riots which has earned them the image of an impartial force and this message has gone across the country. He regretted that in a period of globalisation when the world is coming closer, it was ironical that people were falling apart through communal violence. He stressed the need to project ourselves as one nation to earn international respect.

Prof R.G. Takwale, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU said that the nature of the police work was changing according to the complexities in the society. The emergence of RAF as a peace-keeping force aimed at giving a healing touch to the victims of communal violence in itself demonstrates the changing character of the role of paramilitary forces. But in handling such situations besides various professional training the personnel need certain skills and responsibilities to interact with people at their level, understanding their culture, traditions, customs and many other aspects related to what in academic language we call social reality and people's perspectives. Equally important for them was to understand the strategies and tactics adopted by vested interests for sowing the seeds of ill will in society. The Vice Chancellor said that soon IGNOU was going to develop learning packages for the officers as well as jawans of the RAF on contemporary social realities taking into account a variety of issues like building of scientific temper, evils of communalism, cultural diversities, national integration, behavioural aspects etc.



Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor IGNOU, giving away certificates

CRPF WOMAN WEIGHTLIFTERS FELICITATED

Three woman weightlifters of CRPF Inspector N. Kunjarani Devi, Sub-Inspector Jeevan Jyoti and Sub-Inspector N. Monitombi Devi were felicitated by the DG, CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi in a brief informal get-together held in Directorate General on April 10, 1996 for their outstanding performance in 9th Asian Women's Weightlifting Championship-96 held at Yachiyo (Japan). The Addl. DG (HQ), Addl. DG (NWZ) and other senior officers were also present on this occasion.

The weightlifters were earlier given a rousing welcome by officers and sportsperson at IGI airport in New Delhi on their arrival in the morning.

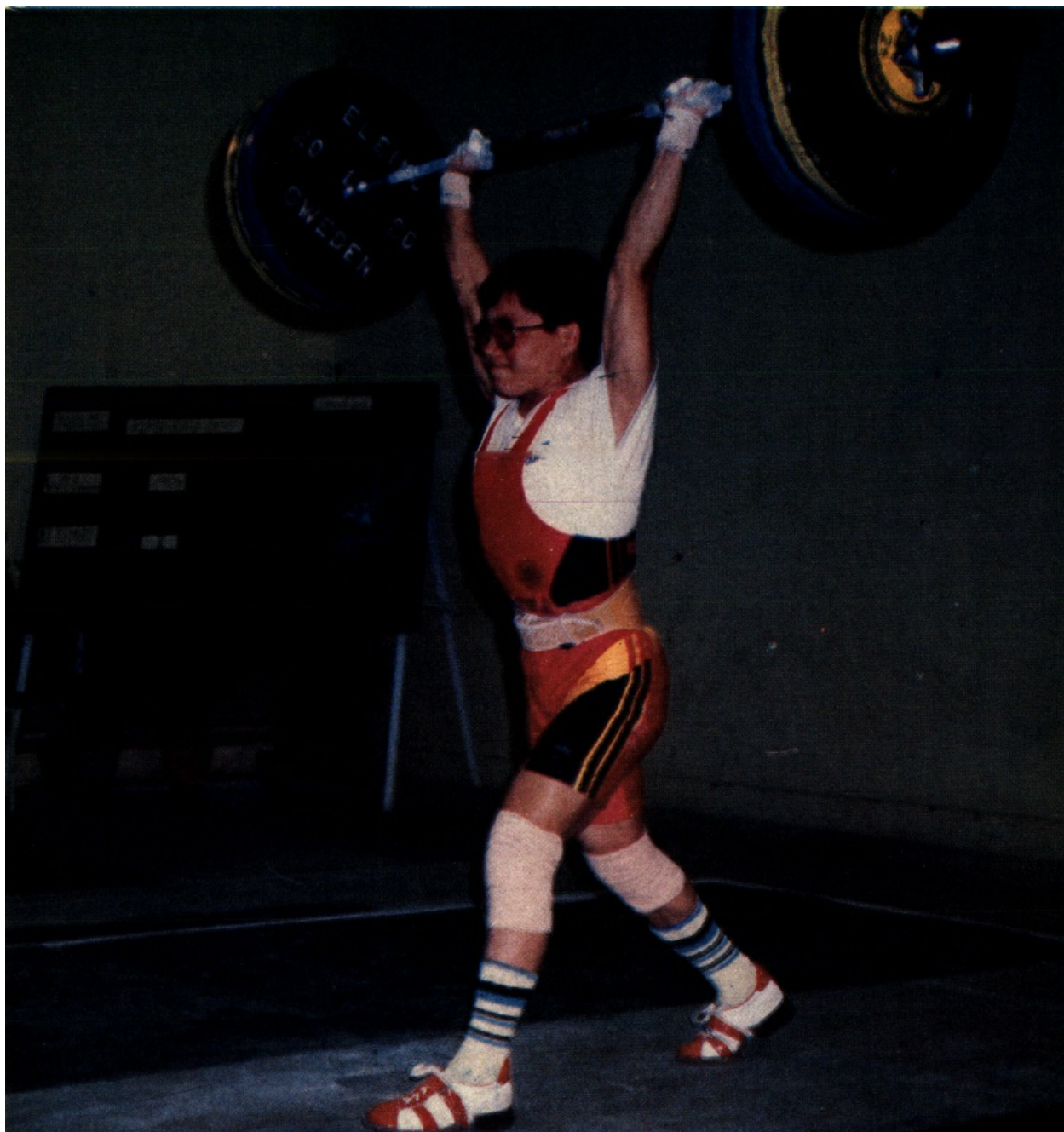
While talking to the newsman, the DG Shri Tripathi informed that case of promotion of Inspector Kunjarani as Assistant Commandant (Dy. Supdt. of Police) has been taken up. Two other weightlifters of CRPF Sub-Inspector

Jeevan Jyoti and Sub-Inspector Neelam Laxmi have been promoted as Inspectors in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the field of weightlifting.

The three woman weightlifters had participated in the Asian Women's Weightlifting Championship at Yachiyo from April 4 to 9, 1996. Inspector N. Kunjarani Devi won two Silver and one Bronze medal in 46 kg weight category and Sub-Insp. Jeevan Jyoti secured Bronze medal in 70 kg. weight category. Sub-Insp. Monitombi Devi secured 5th place in 50 kg. weight category. 54 women weightlifters participated in this championship from various Asian countries.



Weightlifters N. Kunjarani, Monitombi Devi and Jeevan Jyoti with DG, CRPF and other senior officers of the force



Weightlifter N. Kunjarani performing in Yachio (Japan)

Kunjarani is an Arjuna Awardee and has to her credit 15 Silver medals in World Championships and 40 international medals. N. Monitombi Devi secured 4th place in World Championship-95 in China and is a national champion of 1995. Jeevan Jyoti won national title in 1994, '95 and 1996. SI-Neelam Laxmi won 3 Silver medals in World Championship in China in 1995. She was adjudged the best lifter at recently concluded National Championship at Trichur.

PHOTO FEATURE

N. KUNJARANI SHINES IN JAPAN



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DG'S VISIT TO VALLEY



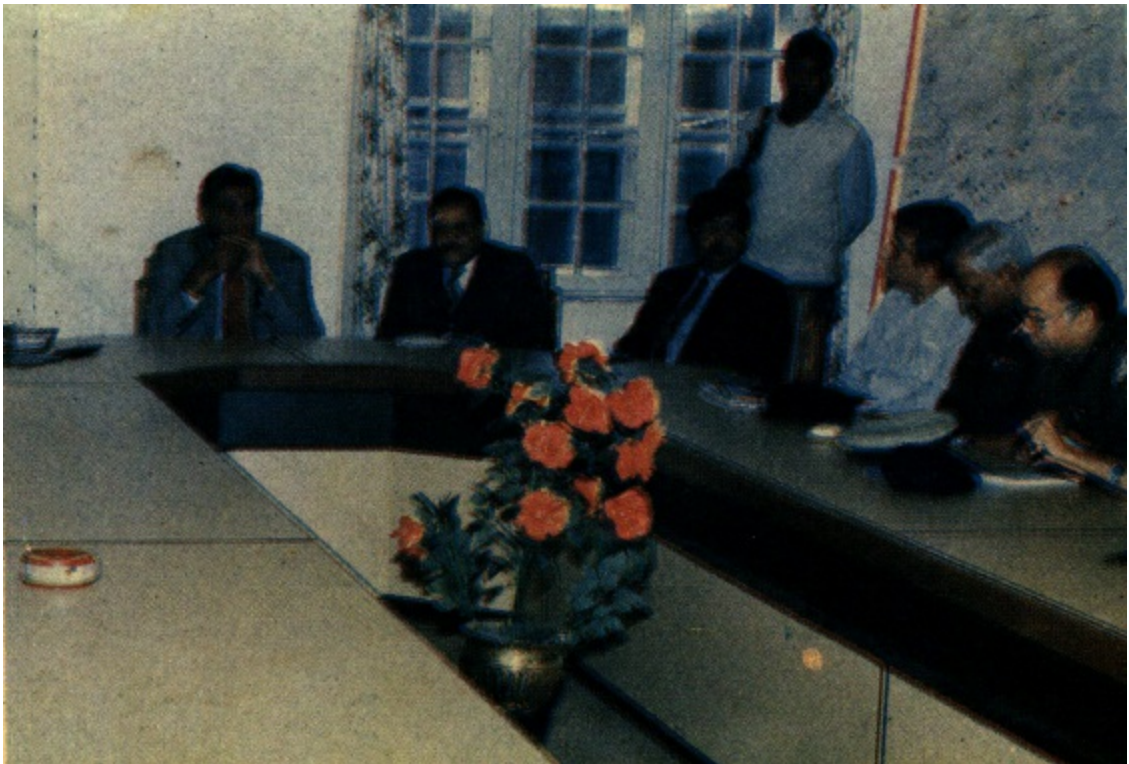
DG, CRPF, Shri S.V.M. Tripathi addressing the Force personnel during his visit to Kashmir valley



DG and other senior officers of CRPF being briefed about deployment in Kashmir for election duty.



DG, Shri S.V.M. Tripathi inspecting the weapons recovered by CRPF in Kashmir



DG, CRPF in discussion with Union Home Secretary, Spl: Secy (Home) and officials of J & K Government

744 MAHILA CONSTABLES PASS OUT

744 Mahila Constables of newly raised 135 Battalion of CRPF were passed out in the Passing Out and Attestation parade held at Bn. HQ Gandhinagar on April 6, 1996 on conclusion of their 40-week training. Director General CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi took the general salute and gave away prizes to five trainees for excelling in various fields. These included Tanushree Sinha who was adjudged the best all round trainee.

Speaking on this occasion, the DG Shri Tripathi congratulated Mahila constables for successfully completing their training and advised them to perform their duties impartially with patience and tolerance. He said that their professional skills will be tested in facing challenges in future and expressed the hope that they will come upto expectations in the highest traditions of the force.

Shri Tripathi said, this newly raised Battalion was the second Mahila Bn. of CRPF. The first one was raised in 1986 and its personnel have won awards wherever they were deployed whether in the country or outside. They have not merely played important role in communal riots but contributed significantly in maintaining law and order in Kashmir and as part of peace keeping force in Sri Lanka.



Mahila constables of 135 (M) Bn CRPF taking oath on the occasion of their passing out parade at Gandhinagar

Earlier, the DG Shri Tripathi inspected the parade. Mahila Battalion personnel presented an impressive March Past under the Command of Dy. Commandant Mrs. Rakhi Sahi after their oath taking ceremony. They also presented a display of unarmed combat, mass P.T. and Lazim followed by folk dances of different States of the country.

The other girl trainees who were given prizes for excelling in various fields during training included Sushila Kujur for being best in unarmed combat, P. Nagamani in firing, Lalita Kaloni in outdoor subjects and Abha Kumari for being best in indoor.

Raising of 135 Mahila Bn. is yet another additional milestone of the glorious historical background of 56 year old para-military organisation Central Reserve Police Force. The concept of Mahila armed police force Bn. was originally nurtured and initiated by our late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. It was his providence in view of the changing scenario of law and order that the first Mahila armed Bn. came into existence in 1986 as 88 (Mahila) Bn. CRPF. It is the proud privilege of CRPF to raise the second armed Mahila Bn. in the para-military force, having the unique distinction in

the country.



DG, CRPF, Shri S.V.M. Tripathi giving away trophy to an outstanding Mahila Constable

Dutifulness and devotion of the first mahila Bn. went on record not only in the national spectrum but in the international field wherein the excellent performance of the Mahila Bn. received applause from different corners. The most important of these are the assistance rendered as part and parcel of Indian Peace Keeping

Force in Sri Lanka, riot control duties in Meerut, law and order duties in Ayodhya and counter terrorist duties in Jammu and Kashmir.

Giving due recognition to the duties performed by the first para-military force Mahila Bn. and foreseeing future expectations, the second Mahila Bn. was sanctioned and raised at Gandhinagar (Gujrat). After its inception on February 22, 1995 the Mahila recruits were subjected to training in subjects like unarmed combat, training weapons, fire fighting, riot control duties, law and human rights etc. Training is imparted by the selected instructional staff who were called from different training institutions to ensure infallible high

standards.

Besides usual training aids, audio-video visual aids were also resorted to. Outside lectures were invited in order to make their horizon broad and to keep them abreast of the present law and order scenario in the country. All attention was also given for providing recreational facilities to the new trainees.

Out of the total 801 recruits, 744 successfully completed their 40-week training and took part in passing out parade ceremony in some form or the other. During the course of training emphasis was also given on sports activities and activities relating to our cultural heritage 135 (M) Bn comprises of recruits from almost all the States, cultural background, religion, caste etc. Out of these, 38 recruits are graduates and only 83 are married. The Unit has now sports personnel of national standard

FALL OF A PILLAR

S.C. Nirwal

After writing the tribute to one of our ex-chiefs Shri S. Datta Chowdhury, IPS (Retd) who expired at Calcutta on 15.11.95, the ink of my pen had not yet dried up that I got a telephonic call at 4 O'clock on the morning of 30th January, 1996 from one of the sons of Shri B.B. Mishra, IPS (Retd) informing me of the sad demise of the third DG, CRPF Shri B.B. Mishra in the wee hours of that morning. Coincidentally, 30th January is also observed as the Martyrs' Day in the country.

Shri B.B. Mishra had retired as the Director General, CRPF on 30th September, 1974 but had been maintaining reasonably good health all along untill he breathed his last due to cardiac arrest. So, the Force had lost its two ex-chiefs in a quick succession.

Shri B.B. Mishra was born on 9th September, 1916. He was a gold medalist from Patna University. Shri Mishra was the first cadet from Orissa who was selected in IP in 1940. After passing-out as an IP Officer from England, Shri B.B. Mishra was allotted to his own State of Orissa where he served in various capacities including AIGP to the then IGP, Orissa,

Cuttack from 1945 onwards till he went on deputation as DIG of Police of Ajmer-Marwar.



Late B. B. Mishra

After Independence, the responsibility of administration and superintendence of the CRPF had passed on to the IG of Police, Delhi, Ajmer and Marwar with the assistance of DIG of Police, Ajmer and Marwar. On the merger of Ajmer and Marwar in Rajasthan consequent to the reorganisation of Indian States, the then D.I.G. of Police, Ajmer-Marwar and CRPF Shri B.B. Mishra had become the first D.I.G.P. exclusively for the CRPF w.e.f 3rd August, 1956. I.G. of Police, Delhi, however, continued to be the I.G.P., CRPF also. There was a post of AIG in the office of IG of Police at Delhi to look after the CRPF affairs but he generally acted on the advice of late. Shri B.B.

Mishra. The latter could thus easily be assumed as the de facto chief of CRPF.

There were only 2 Battalions of CRPF at that time. While 3rd Battalion was under raising, 3 more viz 4th, 5th and 6th were sanctioned by the end of November, 1956 due to growing demands of the Force. The first Manual for the CRPF was drafted in 1959 under the able guidance and supervision of late Shri B.B. Mishra with a view to regulate the working of the various functionaries. Inspections etc. of the units also used to be carried out by the senior officers strictly according to this Manual which is, however, no longer in existence now. Manuals introduced later, keeping in view the changing scenario in the country, to some extent are based on the said manual.

By the end of 1962, a few more Bns were added bringing the strength of the Force to 12 Battalions. The Force was then reorganised into two Ranges, each headed by a DIG one at New Delhi under late Shri T.S. Negi, IP and the

other continued to be at Ajmer under late Shri B.B. Mishra. After the Chinese aggression, the post of an IG exclusively for the CRPF was also created in 1963 with Hqrs at Delhi.

Thereafter, Shri B.B. Mishra was brought to the Hqrs on promotion as Addl. I.G. and later became Special IG. Having served as IGP, Delhi Police, IGP CRPF Sector-II and later as DG of Police, Orissa, he took over as the Director General of the CRPF in the afternoon of 28th February, 1973 on retirement of Shri Imdad Ali, IP the second Director General of CRPF.

Late Shri Mishra was an intelligent and sober officer who was quite firm in his dealings but at the same time full of humour. He had a smiling face. He did not want to do any harm to anyone. He was even-tempered. He knew the pulse of the rank and file and was, in fact, considered a fatherly figure by the Force personnel. I recollect a case of an NCO who was dismissed from service by the Commandant and his appeal was rejected by the Range DIG. He had then gone for revision to his Sector IG. The latter also upheld the orders passed by the Commandant and the Range DIG and rejected the revision petition. The NCO concerned thereafter submitted a mercy petition to the Director General narrating all the details of the case in the chronological order. Shri Mishra studied the mercy petition from every angle and was not satisfied with the orders passed by the various lower formations. After weighing all pros and cons of the case, he dictated the order and reinstated the NCO in service with all benefits. The NCO was also transferred to the other Sector. He endorsed a copy of the order to the Sector IG concerned in which, the latter was also advised to be fair and circumspect while passing orders in such cases. In the orders so passed, he did assure himself that no lacuna was left which could be challenged at a later stage.

Shri Mishra had a religious bent of mind and was a great lover of Shreemad Bhagwat Geeta and Ramayana. He mustered and nurtured the Force well according to the demands of the time and thus contributed a lot to its present stature. He commanded the Force till his retirement on the afternoon of 30th September, 1974. The services rendered by him so sincerely to the Force will always be remembered. Shri Mishra has left behind him five sons and three daughters. On his passing away from this material planet, the Force salutes its ex-chief with all humilities at its command and pray the soul of the departed may rest in peace.

CRPF OFFICERS & MEN PRAISED

The Director General of Police, Nagaland, Shri P.N. Khanna has in his letter to DIGP, CRPF, Kohima, expressed his heartfelt appreciation of the officers and men working under his command for making successful security arrangement during Prime Minister's visit to Dimapur in February, 1996. The full text of the letter is as under :-

"I convey my heartfelt appreciations for the contribution made by officers and men under your command in making the security arrangement during the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to Dimapur on February 22, 1996. Please convey this appreciation to all the GOs and men who took part in making the bandobust a success.

I expect similar cooperation from you as and when your help is required."

CWWA REMARRIES WIDOW SARITA



Smt. Indu Tripathi, President CWWA, handing over a bouquet to the couple

22 year old Sarita Devi, wife of late CRPF Constable Dharambir Singh was remarried to Ranbir Singh at Ravindra Rangshala in New Delhi on April 20, 1996. President, CRPF Wives' Welfare Association (CWWA) Smt. Indu Tripathi gave her blessings to the newly wedded couple at the end of the marriage ceremony. She also presented a cheque of Rs. 5,000/- to the couple on behalf of CWWA and household items worth Rs. 5000/- from CRPF Central Welfare Fund.

Sarita Devi, a mother of 2-year son and 4-year daughter from her late husband was married to his younger brother Ranbir who will be recruited as constable in CRPF.

Encouraged with the success of earlier remarriage of widow Rekha held on December 30, 1995, CWWA again organised remarriage of widows of CRPF personnel on April 20, 1996. Smt. Sarita Devi wife of late Constable Dharambir Singh of 37 Bn. CRPF and Smt. Panchali Kanhar wife of late Constable Prafulla Kanhar of 73 Bn. CRPF were continuously persuaded and convinced at last for their remarriage in order to give new hope in the life of widows of Force personnel. It was the result of vigorous and constant efforts made by CWWA specially by Jt. Secretary, CWWA.

Speaking on this occasion CWWA President Smt.

Indu Tripathi highlighted welfare activities for the families of CRPF personnel being undertaken by the Association and said that widow remarriage was being taken up on priority to provide them a respectable place in society.

Smt. Panchali Kanhar wife of late Constable Prafulla Kanhar of 73 Bn. however, found it difficult to come for ceremony at Delhi and she got married with the brother of her late husband in Orissa itself. It was, therefore, decided to present Smt. Panchali Kanhar and her husband a cheque of Rs. 5000/- on behalf of CWWA and household items worth Rs. 5000/- from the CRPF Central Welfare Fund.

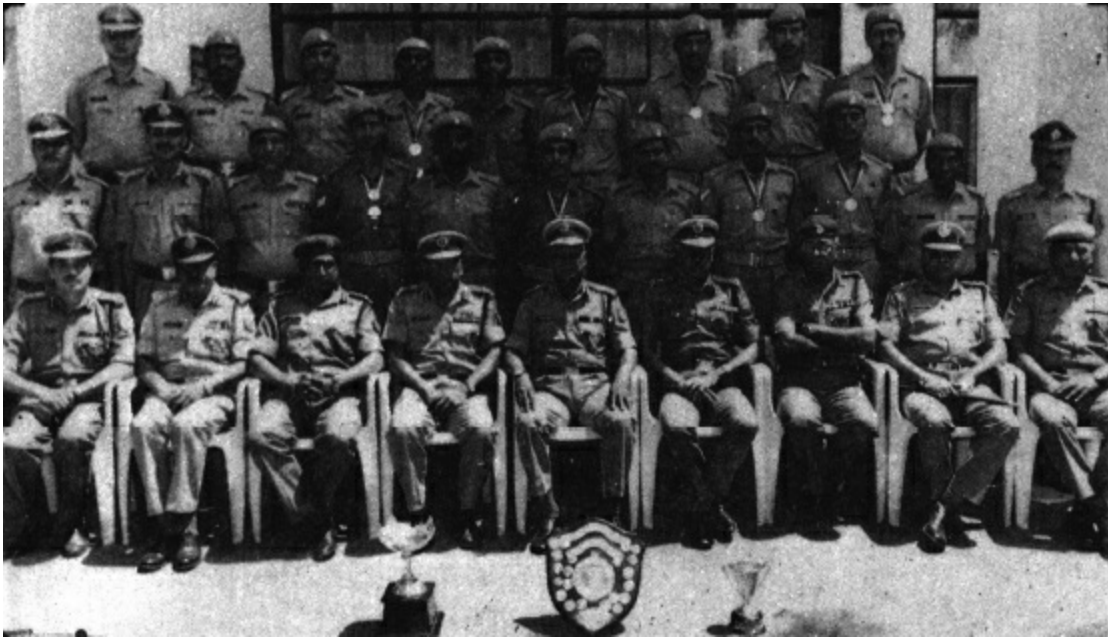
Risk Fund Benefits

A total amount of Rs. 21,27,500 has been paid to the next of kin of 53 personnel who died during the month of March '96 from Risk (Premia) Fund. This included Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 12,500 from Central Welfare Fund

and Benevolent fund in each case.

A sum of Rs. 3,50,000 from Risk Fund 'B' (Special Welfare Fund) has been paid to the next of kin of 10 CRPF personnel who died during the month of March '96.

WIRELESS TEAM WINS 5 GOLD MEDALS



DG, CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi with senior officers and winning team members of wireless cryptography

39th All India Police Duty Meet for wireless cryptography and Computer awareness was held from March 29 to April 3, '96 at Basic Training Centre, ITBP, Bhanu Distt, Ambala (Haryana). Teams of all the State Police and CPOs participated in these events.

The CRPF teams of wireless Cryptography and Computer awareness overshadowed all other teams and won 5 gold, 4 silver and two bronze medals. In wireless, CRPF team got Gold Medal and HC/RO Des Raj won Gold in individual event. In cryptography CRPF team won Silver Medal and Insp/Crypto Azad Singh won Silver Medal in individual event.

In Computer awareness, CRPF team got Bronze Medal & NK/RO Sagi Subbaiah got Silver Medal in individual event.

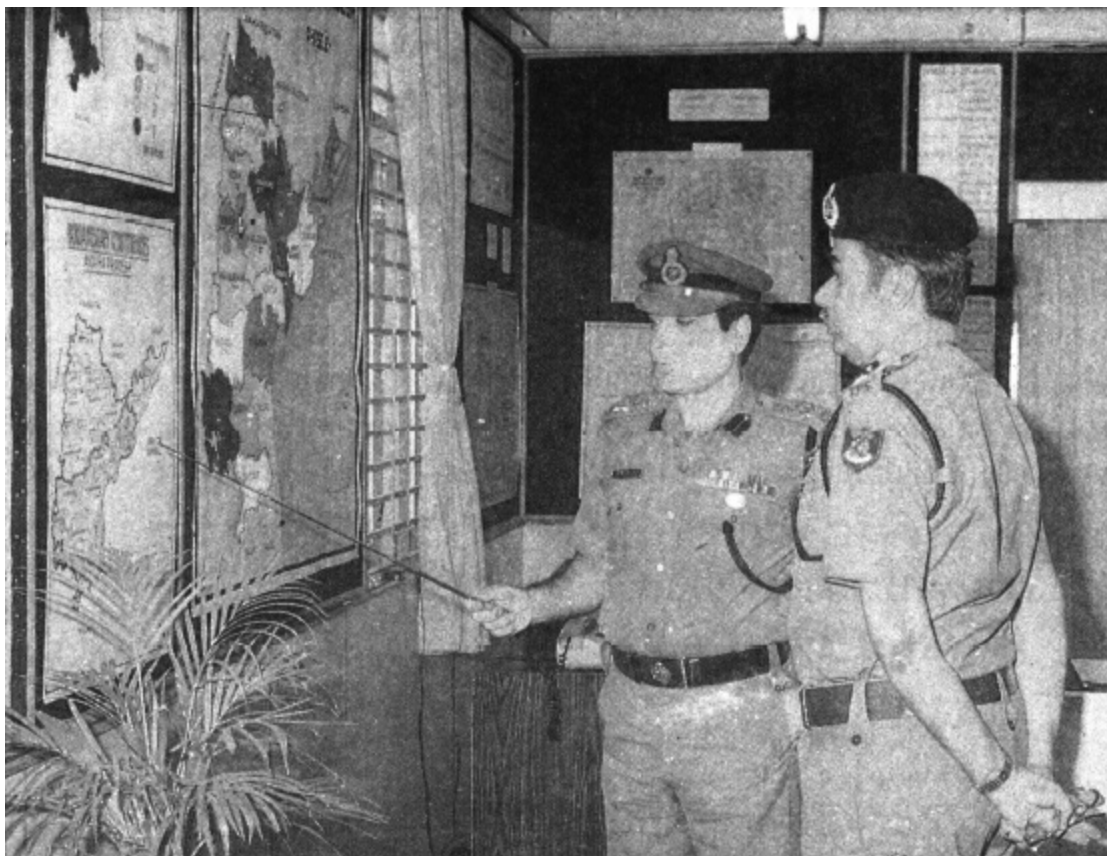
OFFICERS & MEN OF 74 BN. COMMENDED

The Joint Secretary (Security) in Lok Sabha Secretariat Shri S.K. Kain, IPS has in his letter to the Director General, CRPF commended the role of officers and men of 74 Bn. and praised Shri Arneja, its Commandant for showing utmost dedication, sincerity and professional skill in maintaining security of the Parliament House. The full text of the letter is given below :-

“It is a matter of great pleasure for me to place on record my deep sense of appreciation for the utmost dedication, sincerity and professional skill shown by Shri Arneja, Commandant, 74 Bn CRPF and his officers in the planning, coordination and deployment of security arrangements for the Parliament House during session and inter-session periods. Shri Arneja has throughout exhibited a greater sense of responsibility and exercised closer supervision in maintaining effective access control, perimeter security, patrolling and surveillance, especially during Monsoon and Winter session, 1995 and the Budget session, 1996. All the Officers and men of 74 Bn. CRPF under his able guidance, team work and supervision have thus maintained flawless security arrangements and effectively countered the prevailing high level of threat to the security of VVIPs/VIPs and the Parliament House from various terrorist/militant groups.

It is hoped Shri Arneja and other officers and men of 74 Bn. would in the best traditions of CRPF, maintain high standard of discipline, dedication and professional competence in future also.”

RANGE ELECTION CONTROL ROOM AT HYDERABAD



Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, ADG, CRPF being explained about deployment of CRPF in Andhra Pradesh by Shri D.K. Suri, D1GP, Hyderabad

Anticipating movement and large scale deployment of Forces during Lok Sabha and 6 Assembly elections of April-May, '96, a well equipped control room was set up by DIG Hyderabad at range level there. The control room was inaugurated by Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Addl. DG, S/Sec. on April 24, '96.

Shri D.K. Suri, DIG Hyderabad briefed the Addl. DG about the deployment of own force as well as other CPOs in Phase I and II, movement plan of own troops from Phase I to Phase II and deinduction plan. Besides, Shri Karthikeyan was also briefed about the level of insurgency in various districts of Andhra Pradesh and about the precautionary steps taken to avoid casualty of our own troops.

The Addl. DG, later briefed all the Commandants about various DO's and DON'Ts of election and reviewed the situation in A.P. and also discussed the problems that unit was facing.

All important information pertaining to elections, Naxalite activities,

deployment of Force, movement of Coys from Phase I to II were collected and displayed in the control room. Besides, information relating to Naxalite Dalams operating in AP was also made available. A Fax machine was also installed in the control room.

100 Bn. RAF wins Judo title

100 Bn. of RAF has won overall championship of fourth Inter Battalion Judo Competition of Rapid Action Force. 103 Bn. and 101 Bn. of RAF stood second and third respectively.

The final bouts of the competition were played in New Delhi on February 16, 1996 at 103 RAF Bn. HQ, Wazirabad (Delhi). IGP RAF Shri A.A. Siddiqui was the chief guest on this occasion. He gave away trophies and prizes to the winners.

Ten teams one from each Battalion of RAF participated in the 3-day competition.

49 Battalion snatches Judo title

49 Bn. CRPF has won 4th CRPF Inter Battalion North-Eastern Sector judo competition-1996 by securing 15 points in the finals held in New Delhi on March 13, 1996. The 5-day judo competition was inaugurated by IGP, Northern Sector Shri D.P. Sinha on March 9, 1996.

Shri Jai Prakash, Asstt. Director (Training) was the chief guest in the closing function and gave away prizes to the winners.

23 Bn. secured second place in the competition by securing 9 points while 35 Bn. secured third place by securing 8 points. 12 teams of North-Eastern Sector participated in the judo competition held in 53 Bn. HQ at Kalkaji.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Badminton Tournament at GC Ajmer

A Badminton tournament was organised at GC-I, CRPF Ajmer from March 14 to 20, 1996. Players from GC-I, GC-II and office of DIGP Ajmer participated in the tournament. The competition with its opening match was inaugurated by Shri Sukhcharan Singh, Addl. DIGP, GC-I.

The players were divided into Pool 'A' and pool 'B' and matches were played on knockout basis. In the singles match Shri Rajesh Verma, ASI(M) of GC-I emerged winner and Shri Devdutt Verma, ASI(M) of GC-I the runner-up.

Similarly in the doubles encounter, Shri Rajesh Verma, ASI(M) and Shri Ajay Chaudhary, ASI(M) of GC-I were winners followed by Shri Devdutt Verma, ASI(M) and Shri V.R. Mohandas,

SI(M) the runner-up.

Shri Rajesh Verma, ASI(M) of GC-I was declared 'Man of the Tournament' for his excellent performance in the tournament as a whole.

Dr. KM. Mathur, DIGP Ajmer presided over the closing function and gave away prizes to winners. Shri R.M.S. Brar, IGP, Gujrat congratulated organisers for organising the tournament and wished its continuation in future.

Army praises good work of 127 Bn.

Major General N.S.Gill, GOC, 57 Mountain Division has in his letter to the Director General, CRPF praised and appreciated the good work done by 127 Bn. of CRPF particularly during their association with Army in operation Sunny Vale from August, '95 to April, '96 in Manipur. The full text of his letter is as under :-

"On the eve of the deinduction of 127 Bn. CRPF from Manipur, I would like to place on record the good work done by the Battalion particularly during their association with the Army in Operation Sunny Vale from August, '95 to date.

In this operation directed at various insurgent organisations in the Imphal Valley, under the aegis of the Army, the officers and all ranks of the battalion have actively participated in operations and extended full cooperation to the Army. They have performed creditably in apprehending as many as 21 insurgents and effecting the recovery of three weapons as well as some sophisticated communication/computer equipment used by the insurgents. All in all, I wish to compliment the Commandant and all ranks of the Battalion for their noteworthy contribution."

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CRPF Adopts Morai Village

The whole psyche of CRPF personnel is attuned to the role of Good Samaritan. Constant training in rescue and relief operations and in Human Rights makes them adept in taking up humanitarian activities and they seize the opportunity whenever they find time from law and order engagements.

The CRPF station, Avadi has adopted Morai village situated about three kms away from the CRPF campus on the Avadi-Mutharpet road. Nearly all 1000 inhabitants of the village live below poverty line. Poor road communication stands as a major stumbling block between this village and its progress.

The project was launched by Shri P. Rama Mohana Rao, IAS, Collector of Chengalpattu-MGR District in an impressive function held at Morai village on February 28, 1996. Most of the villagers of Morai and from 11 neighbouring villages attended the function.

The Collector on this occasion assured villagers to sympathetically consider all the major problems brought to his attention during the visit. Cultural activities like song and dances staged by the children of Morai village and the impressive display of 'Karagattam' troupe and Brass Band of CRPF enlivened the show.

Shri George C. Podipara, Addl. DIG, CRPF in his opening address listed out the activities proposed to be undertaken by CRPF in the village. Earlier, the District Collector planted coconut trees in one of the houses to inaugurate a massive tree plantation campaign organised by CRPF in Morai village.

Many social service activities are proposed to be undertaken by CRPF in the village for the welfare and development of its inhabitants. Medical cover will be extended for women and children through the Lady Doctors of CRPF. CRPF will help villagers to plant timber and fruit trees in the village. An adult literacy programme will be carried out in the village and CRPF will assist local villagers in getting their grievances attended by local administration. Training in sports and martial arts for school children will also be organised by CRPF.

Rescue and Relief by RAF in Ayodhya
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It is not merely communal riots and riot like situations that Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel have rushed to tackle, they have also come forward to rescue and provide relief to the affected whenever and wherever they have been called for help and assist at an hour of need.

It was on March 26, 1996 in Ayodhya (UP) that a 25 feet wall collapsed suddenly on the main road near Hanumangarhi Temple leading to Ram Janm Bhoomi Complex. Four persons including two women died and over a dozen other were seriously injured.

A team of 'B' Company of 101 Bn RAF, deployed at Ayodhya in connection with law & order duty under command of Insp. R.K. Mishra, rushed to accident site and started rescue & relief operation. On receiving the information, Shri M.Z.A. Khan, Asstt. Comdt alongwith personnel of team No. 9, 13, 14 and 15 also rushed to the accident site without loss of time. Two dead bodies and 11 seriously injured persons were taken out from debris by RAF personnel and immediately evacuated to civil hospital, Faizabad for medical assistance.

The timely and rapid action of B Coy of 101 RAF was whole heartedly appericiated by the DM., SSP Faizabad and the people.

TIME PASS

Things for a Smile

Admire - Beauty, intellect & character.

Avoid - Smoking, drinking & gambling

Control - Tongue, temper and temptation

Cultivate - Courage, cheerfulness and contenment

Cure - Hurry, worry and curry.

Grow - Unity, integrity & nationality.

Love - Honesty, purity and hardwork.

Maintain - Promise, friendship and affection.

Prevent - Laziness, falsehood & slang

Respect - Religion, law & old age.

Spare - Blood, money and time.

Watch - Speech, behaviour & action.

Raghubir Singh Jakhar Sub-Inspector/Crypto 101 RAF Bn. CRPF

Punctuation decides

Whenever I step forward to do an act

Comma tells me, wait for a while.

Situations sometimes come, 'my temper up'.

And evil-designs enter in heart to dark one

But full-stop comes in heart

And directs me - stop - stop Imperative often suggests me, 'To go straight and never to go astray'.

A day came when evil-designs entered in heart

I turned all the advises aside And I did an act of murder, For which, I had to pass 20 years in jail.

My family and minor children who depended on me

Had to suffer for many years.

When I returned from jail, I saw

my wife's hairs turned greyish And was passing the time as low-lived

And children were seen begging.

All these scenes when came to my sight

eye-drops began to fall from the tearful eyes.

Then, all signs began to come in heart

Comma told me, 'you should have thought for a while'.

Interrogative said to me, 'Why did you go astray ?

When your conscience strongly prevented you,

Exclamatory came in heart

As a light of grief and told me,

‘Alas what a blunder you have done’

At last, Inverted Comma came and told me,

‘You should have thought the

words of imperative.

I believe, punctuation is the director of mind

In every field of human activity As many views come in mind But
punctuation finally decides only one,

Which human being is to act.

*P.B. Sinha, PA,
GC Khatkhati, (Assam)*

Be Kind Still

Your Kindness may be treated as weakness; still be kind.

Your help may go unheeded & unnoticed; still be helpful.

Honesty & Frankness makes you vulnerable; still be honest & frank.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow; still do good.

Your forthrightness may be treated as high-handedness; still be forthright.

Virtues and values of life may mean little for others; still be virtuous.

Your faith in God may be treated as orthodoxy; still have faith in Him.

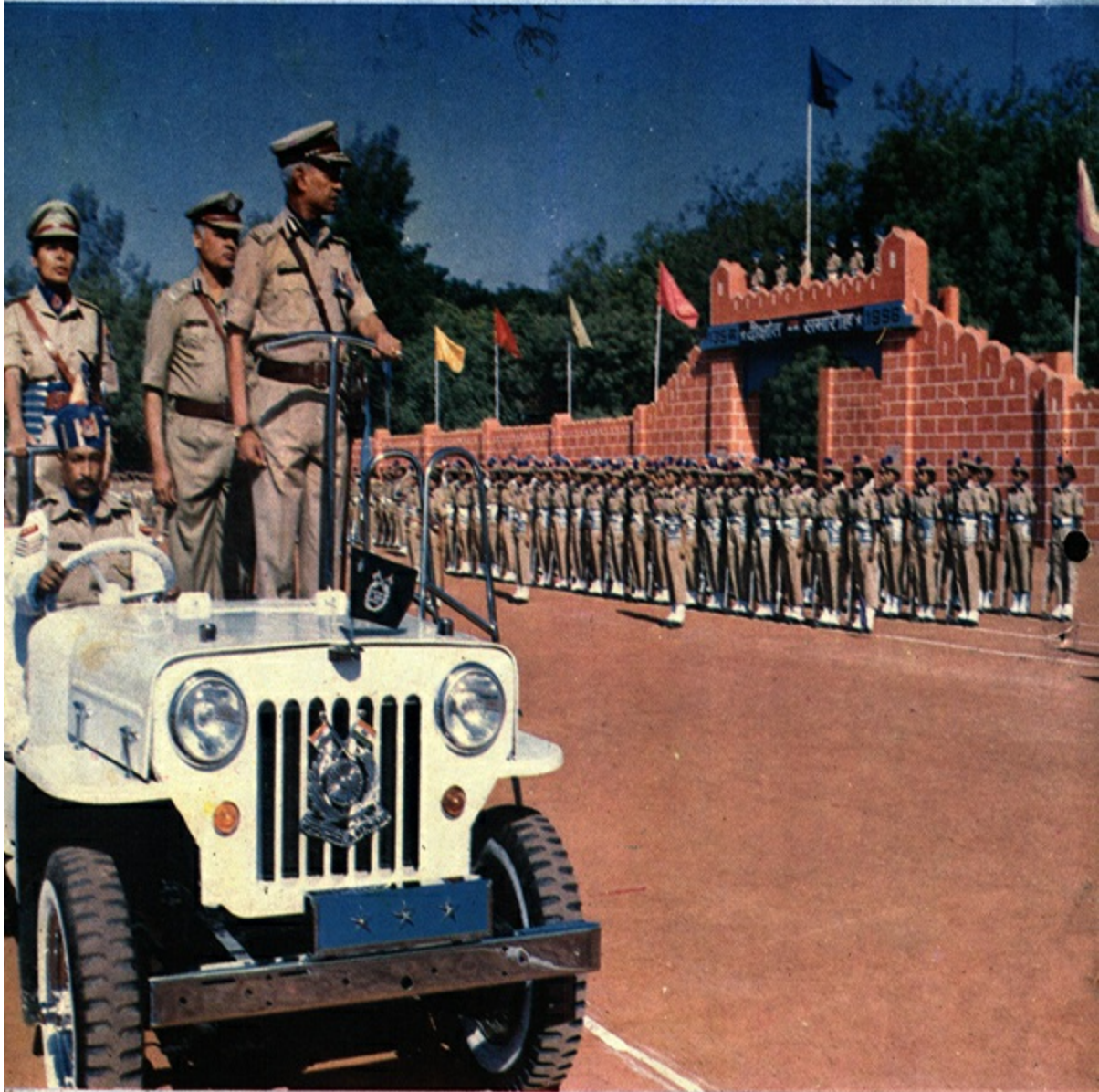
Your love for humanity may be looked as foolishness; still love others.

*Seetha, SI (Steno)
Dte. Genl, CRPF*



Smt. Sarita Devi, wife of late CRPF constable Dharambir Singh remarried to Shri Ranbir Singh at New Delhi on April 20, '96

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DG. CRPF, Shri S.V.M. Tripathi inspecting Passing out Parade of 135 Mahila Bn. at GC, Gandhinagar

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Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, then Chief Minister Karnataka inspecting the passing out parade at 58 Bn HQ



Shri Arun Bhagat, DG, BSF interacting with senior officers of the Force after taking over the addl. charge of DG, CRPF

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It is a matter of satisfaction that CRPF secured second place in the 45th All India Police Hockey Championship this year. The Championship was won by Punjab Police. We have in fact improved a lot in hockey in the recent past. CRPF was nowhere among medal recipients in the Police hockey during last ten years.

However, we have to make all out efforts to bring our team to the forefront in future. It will necessitate constant training and practice. All sorts of assistance and facilities are to be made available. It is not merely hockey but due attention is to be paid to other sports as well. Some sportspersons like weightlifter N. Kunjarani and Marathon runner Rigzen Angmo of CRPF have earned name at international level. Keeping their performance in view some more such outstanding sportspersons may be inducted in CRPF in various sports specially in those where we are lagging behind.

We can also assess sports-potential existing in our own force personnel who have inclination towards this and provide suitable coaches and adequate facilities to develop in desired direction. What is required is to encourage various sports at Battalion level and provide adequate facilities to those who excel at this level for grooming their talent further.

We should be very clear that it is not the sportsperson alone who wins and brings laurels. Of course it is his devotion, dedication, his talent and untiring effort which ultimately brings about this success. But an equal amount of dedication and effort behind him is there of the department to give shape and direction. The success and victory of a sportsperson or a team is the success of the department. Hence, for attaining such a success, let there be an all out determination and effort so that our sportsperson may achieve the first.

SHRI BHAGAT TAKES OVER ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF DG CRPF

Shri Arun Bhagat, DG BSF took over the additional charge of DG CRPF on July 5, 1996. He had taken over as DG BSF on December 4, 1995.

Shri Bhagat, an IPS Officer of 1961 batch belongs to Union Territory

Cadre. He has held many important posts in police departments of Central and State Government during his long and distinguished career including Addl. DG, CRPF from July 1992 to October 1993.



DG CRPF with ADG (HQ) and other senior officers in his chamber while assuming charge



Shri Arun Bhagat DG BSF taking over the Addl. Charge of DG CRPF

During the past, Shri Arun Bhagat was SP Simla from 1965 to '67, Commandant Manipur, Commandant Delhi Armed Police; IGP Goa, Daman & Diu; Asstt. IGP Delhi Police and worked in Cabinet Secretariat in different capacities from 1975 to 1985. He was Addl. Commissioner of New Delhi Range and then of Administration from '85 to '89 and Commissioner of Delhi Police from December '90 to February '92. Before joining BSF as DG, he was Special Director CBI.

Shri Bhagat is a recipient of Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

FAREWELL TO DG SHRI TRIPATHI ON RETIREMENT



Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, CRPF being given send off at GC Jharoda Kalan after the farewell Parade

The Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Shri S.V.M. Tripathi was given a ceremonial send off by senior officers and staff at the Directorate General, New Delhi on his retirement on June 30, 1996 on completion of 35 years of distinguished service.

The DG Shri Tripathi received the General Salute of the marching contingents of CRPF including RAF and Mahila in the farewell ceremonial parade held earlier at Jharoda Kalan (New Delhi) in the morning.

Speaking on this occasion the DG Shri Tripathi exhorted the CRPF personnel to maintain their high level of loyalty to the Force, to the society and to the nation. It will add to their operational efficiency. The operational efficiency, he said, was the main strength of CRPF and there was ample scope to raise it further.

Shri Tripathi said, the accommodation problem of the Force personnel was heading towards satisfaction. Residential accommodation level went up from 5.5 to 9.11 percent during his tenure. There was steady increase in procurement of new weapons and in the field of training in Human Rights. Rotational training, however, had no headway on account of heavy deployment schedule.

An IPS Officer of 1961 batch, Shri S.V.M. Tripathi had assumed the charge of Director General of CRPF on December 31, 1993. Shri Tripathi who belongs to UP cadre has held many important assignments both in Police and civil departments before coming over to CRPF as Addl. Director General in January 1993.

Shri Tripathi's important postings in his home State UP include assignments as SSP Moradabad and Kanpur, IG (Personnel), IG (Economic Offences Wing), Addl. Director General (Economic Offences Wing & Anti Corruption Organisation), Director General of Police (Intelligence and Security), DGP UP Police and in Central Government as Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Food & Civil Supplies.

Shri Tripathi is a recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious Service and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.



A traditional send off to Shri Tripathi by senior officers



Officers of the force bidding farewell to their chief on retirement at the Dte. General

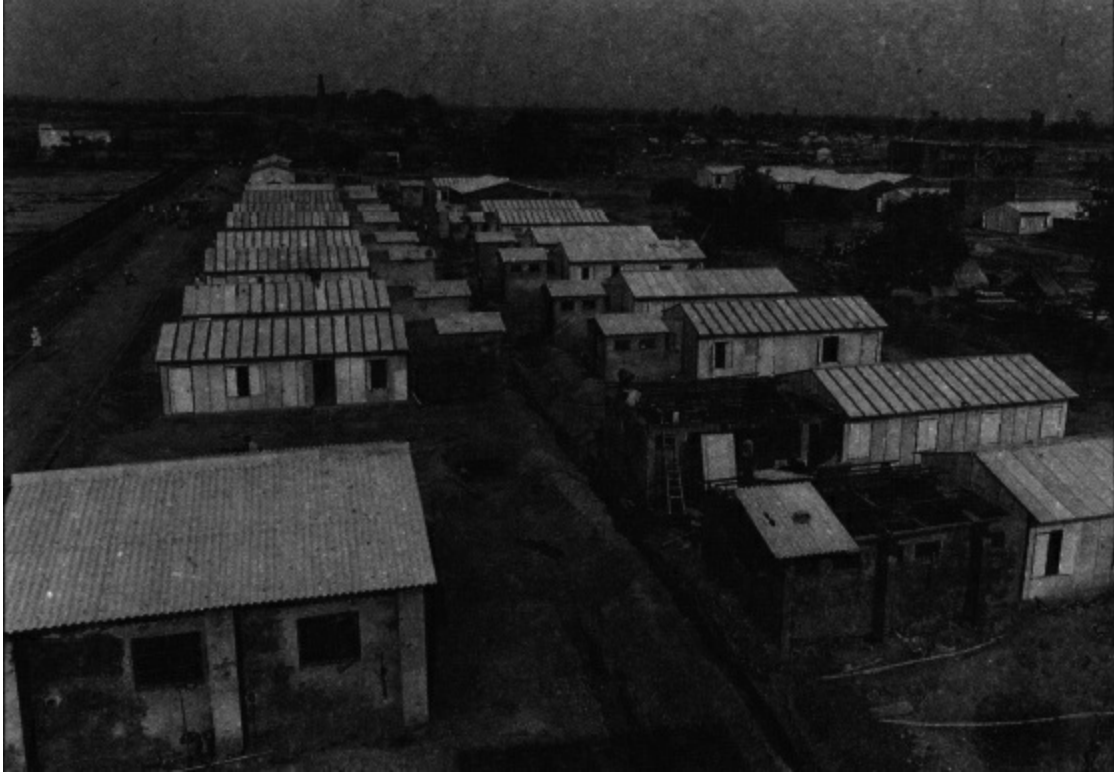


Shri S.V.M. Tripathi being given send off by officers and staff at the Dte. General

BAWANA CRPF CAMPUS INAUGURATED

The first phase of setting up of CRPF Campus at Bawana has been completed. The DG, CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi inaugurated Phase I of the campus on June 24, 1996 in a simple ceremony there. All the office and residential accommodation required for one Battalion has been completed under phase I.

Speaking on this occasion the DG Shri Tripathi expressed satisfaction over completion of phase-I of Bawana Campus in a record time by CPWD and said it will go a long way in providing accommodation to CRPF personnel when they were not deployed. He said, land was acquired at Bawana (Delhi) and construction work is being completed swiftly in a phased manner so as to shift the CRPF Battalions stationed in Ridge area as a result of Supreme Court decision to vacate it. Bawana Campus will have accommodation to house six Battalions, he added.



Semi-Permanent barracks erected by CRPF at Bawana Campus



Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, CRPF being appraised of the Model of Bawana Campus

Earlier, the Addl. DG (HQ) Shri A.V. Liddle welcomed the

DG and said that all construction work including purchase of land was accomplished during last three and a half months. IG Northern Sector Shri D.P. Sinha gave vote of thanks in the end.

Construction work and creation of different facilities at Bawana Campus will be undertaken in six phases. Completion of first phase includes all facilities of water and electricity and provision of office and residential accommodation by prefabricated structures. CRPF Units stationed so far in the Ridge area of Delhi will be permanently shifted to Bawana. The process of shifting has already started.

An area of 102 acres of land was acquired earlier to accommodate six Battalions of CRPF. The area is being developed. At present the CRPF units are housed in temporary structures there.

ONE MORE CRPF PERSONNEL WIDOW REMARRIED

Smt. Indu Tripathi wife of DG, CRPF and President of CRPF Wives' Welfare Association (CWWA) presented a cheque of Rs. 5,000/- on behalf of CWWA to Smt. Urmila, widow of ASI Ashok Kumar on June 30, '96, on her remarriage with his younger brother Rajesh Kumar. The marriage was held on June 30, '96 at 88(M) Bn HQ, CRPF, Jharoda Kalan (New Delhi).



Smt. Urmila, widow of ASI Ashok Kumar married to Shri Rajesh



Smt. Raj Sinha Member of CWWA blessing the newly wedded couple

CWWA President also presented to the couple household items worth Rs. 5,000/- from CRPF Central Welfare Fund..

This was the fourth marriage of a widow of the CRPF personnel who have died on the altar of duty.

CWWA was constituted in June, 1995 and its objective is the welfare of the families of CRPF personnel specially those who die on the altar of duty. Remarriage of the widows of CRPF personnel is being given priority.

LEST WE FORGET

-S.C. Nirwal

As is known, the Crown Representative's Police (renamed as the CRPF after Independence) was raised on the 27th July, 1939 with only one

Battalion at Neemuch (M.P.) The Unit comprised men of all religions, caste and creed. The rank and file consisted mainly of x-service-men and reservists who were semi-literates. Because of the small strength and the role of the Force being confined mainly to N.H.T.A. (Naga Hills & Tuensang Area now Nagaland), Poonch and Chhamb areas of J&K, all officers and men in the Force, thus, worked as a team in an atmosphere of cordiality, affection and regard for each other.

The action against any erring individual, if any, taken was not only fair, frank and straightfoward but appeared to be so. Even the guilty was convinced and satisfied with the punishment awarded to him for the lapse since this was executed after a great deal of thought and commensurate to the default committed thereby leaving no scope in the mind of the person concerned to murmur or carry any grudge on this score.

Such were the days when the Unit Commandant was regarded as an undisputed guardian of the Unit personnel. My memory is still fresh that during the course of initial five years of service with the units in the field, I did not come across even a single complaint from anyone against his seniors or colleagues. This, in itself spoke well of the training imparted and the camaraderie then infused in the minds of rank and file.

Interestingly, it was only some time in the latter half of 1964, when I joined the then I.G.P. HQrs' office at Delhi that I could know as to what was an 'anonymous complaint' and the first I saw was, ironically, addressed against the then IGP himself who dictated his comments and also told me the spellings of the word 'anonymous'. Nevertheless, I could learn about the word "Pseudonymous" much later ! Such complaints, of course, have now become a daily feature.

1965 onwards there has been a marked change in the law and order scenario in the country and consequently tremendous change in the public behaviour and attitudes. As the time demanded, consequential change is also very much perceptible in the behavioural outlook and methodological way of functioning of the Force personnel as of today.

The old stalwarts had, for the guidance of the Force personnel, thoughtfully prepared traditions of the CRPF as also the nine Golden Principles of Police Conduct. These were supposed to be displayed at the Quarter Guards and in the Recreation Rooms of the units and everyone

expected to cram them with a view to maintain uniform standard of functioning as also to bring in sense of belonging to the Force. Although the time has greatly changed since then, yet the traditions of the Force and the nine Golden Principles still appear to be of relevance as a guiding-light to all of us.

(A) TRADITIONS OF CRPF

- i. CRPF is trained for Police duties of a superior order.
- ii. CRPF has national Composition and Secular outlook.
- iii. CRPF commences and culminates the day's work with National Songs.
- iv. CRPF Training imbibes the best of the Police and the Army.
- v. CRPF discipline is A-I.
- vi. CRPF is proud of its turnout.
- vii. CRPF's honesty and integrity is beyond doubt.
- viii. CRPF administration is decentralised.

(B) NINE GOLDEN PRINCIPLES OF POLICE CONDUCT

- i. To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.
- ii. To recognize always that the power of the Police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behaviour and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect.
- iii. To recognize always that to secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing cooperation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws.

- iv. To recognize always that the extent to which the co-operation of the public can be secured diminishes, proportionately, the necessity of the use of physical force and compulsion for achieving police objectives.
- v. To seek and to preserve public favour, not by pandering to public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolutely impartial service to law, in complete independence of policy, and without regard to the justice or injustice of the substance of individual laws, by ready offering of individual Service and Friendship to all members of the public without regard to their wealth or social standing; by ready exercise of courtesy and friendly good-humour; and by ready offering of individual sacrifice in protecting and preserving life.
- vi. To use physical force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public co-operation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order; and to use the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary on any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.
- vii. To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the Police are the Public and that the public are the Police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.
- viii. To recognize always the need for strict adherence to Police executive functions, and to refrain from even seeming to usurp the powers of the judiciary of avenging individuals or the state, and of authoritatively judging guilt and punishing the guilty.
- ix. To recognize always that the test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.

57TH RAISING DAY CELEBRATED



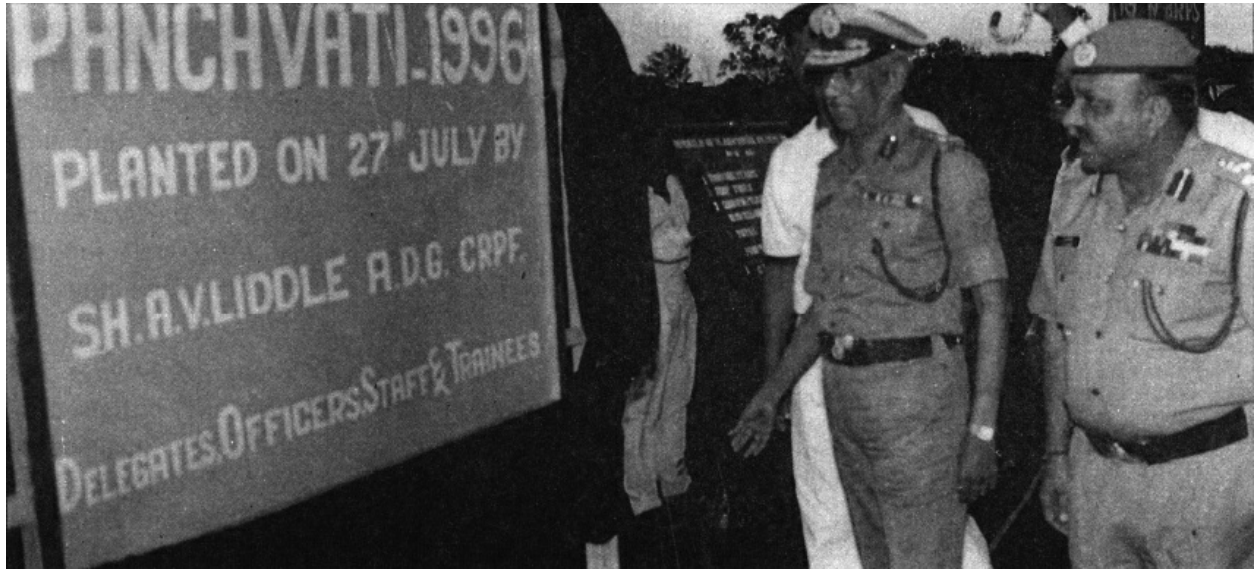
Shri A.V. Liddle, ADG, CRPF and other senior officers arriving at Martyr's memorial Neemuch to pay floral Tributes

Like every year in the past Raising Day of CRPF was celebrated this year also at Neemuch on July 27. The Force was born on this date there with the name “Crown Representative’s Police” in 1939. The day is celebrated with enthusiasm and fanfare since then.

The celebrations on July 27 began with floral tributes by the Addl. DG, CRPF Shri A.V. Liddle and other senior officers of the force at the Martyrs’ Memorial at Neemuch in the morning. This was followed by Guard of Honour to the memorial and two minutes’ silence by all officers and SOs in memory of those who have made supreme sacrifice for their motherland.

Speaking in a Sainik Sammelan held at Sabha Bhavan later, the Addl. DG (HQ) Shri A.V. Liddle exhorted CRPF personnel to set an example of discipline and sincerity. Elaborating welfare measures he said that a five year plan has been drawn to achieve the target of 14 percent of residential accommodation level during next five years. Under the plan 1194 quarters will be built every year. It is a matter of happiness that the satisfaction level of residential accommodation has gone up from 5.5 to 9.11 percent during last two years. There was a need, he said, to raise the accommodation

requirement level to 25 percent.



Shri A.V. Liddle, ADG, CRPF inaugurating Van Mahotsav



Shri A.V. Liddle, ADG (HQ), CRPF inaugurating welfare exhibition

A workshop on Operations and Provisioning was also held on the Raising Day wherein senior officers read out their papers and analysed the present state of affairs. Ways and means were discussed to bring about more effectiveness in both these areas.

The Addl. DG Shri Liddle addressed a press conference and briefed local

newsmen about achievements of CRPF and future expansion plans. The Addl. DG and Senior Officers from HQ and outside planted saplings in the Van Mahotsav held in the evening.

A band display was held earlier on the previous day in Mehta stadium on July 26 on conclusion of Inter Sector Band Competition to mark the occasion. Brass and Pipe bands of CRPF displayed their skills. The Brass and Pipe bands of Northern Sector stood first and were awarded trophy. The Southern Sector Brass and Pipe bands stood second.

Speaking on this occasion the Addl. D.G Shri A.V. Liddle announced cash rewards of Rs. 5,000/- each to Brass and Pipe Bands of Northern Sector for securing first place and Rs. 3,500/-each to Brass and Pipe bands of Southern Sector for securing second place.

The Addl. DG Shri Liddle. congratulated the bands and said that All India Police Band Competition will be held from next year like All India Police Duty Meet. Police Bands of all police forces of the country will participate in this competition. Efforts will be made to organise the first police band competition at Neemuch next year.

PHOTO FEATURE



Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, the then Chief Minister of Karnataka taking salute of (marching contingents in the passing out parade at Yelahanka

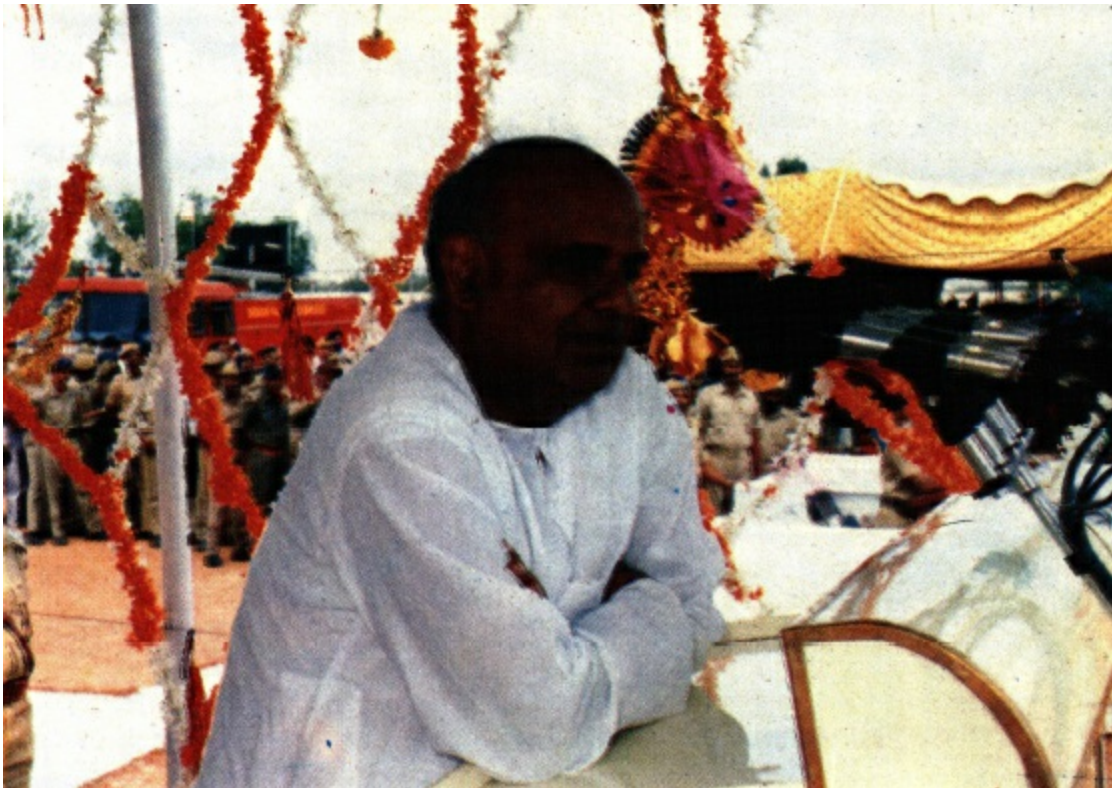
The Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda had appreciated the role of CRPF as 'Peace Keepers' when he was Chief Minister of Karnataka. He was the Chief Guest in the Passing out Parade held at 58 Bn HQ Yelahanka (Bangalore) on July 3, 1995. Shri B.G.R. Sindhia, Home Minister of Karnataka was also present on this occasion.

Shri H.D. Deve Gowda took the salute and inspected the parade of 757 recruits of Southern Sector commanded by Shri M.M. Singh, Commandant 58 Bn. The Chief Guest Shri Deve Gowda was earlier received by the Addl. DG, Southern Sector Shri D.R. Karthikeyan at Bn. HQ and escorted to the dias.



Shri H.D. Deve Gowda being escorted for inspection of parade by Shri Karthikeyan

The recruits and training staff of 58 Bn demonstrated various items and staged entertainment programmes like Karagam dance on this occasion.



The Chief Guest Shri Deve Gowda addressing the parade



The Chief Guest giving away prize to an outstanding recruit

ALL INDIA POLICE HOCKEY

PUNJAB POLICE LIFTS TROPHY



Closing Ceremony of 45th All India Police Hockey at National Stadium

Punjab Police lifted the 45th All India Police Hockey Championship-96 Trophy by defeating CRPF by 3-1 in the final match held at closing of 14-day

tournament at National Stadium, New Delhi on June 22, 1996. CRPF emerged as the runners up for the first time in All India Police Hockey. Union Minister of State for Home Shri Mohd. Taslimuddin gave away Trophies and medals to the top three police teams and their players.

Baljeet Singh and Daljit Singh of Punjab Police and G.V. Khakha of CISF were awarded for being the highest scorers. They struck 13 goals each during the 14-day tournament. CRPF received the Runners up trophy and its players medals. BSF was given Trophy and medals for winning the hardline match. The 45th Police Hockey Championship was organised by CRPF.

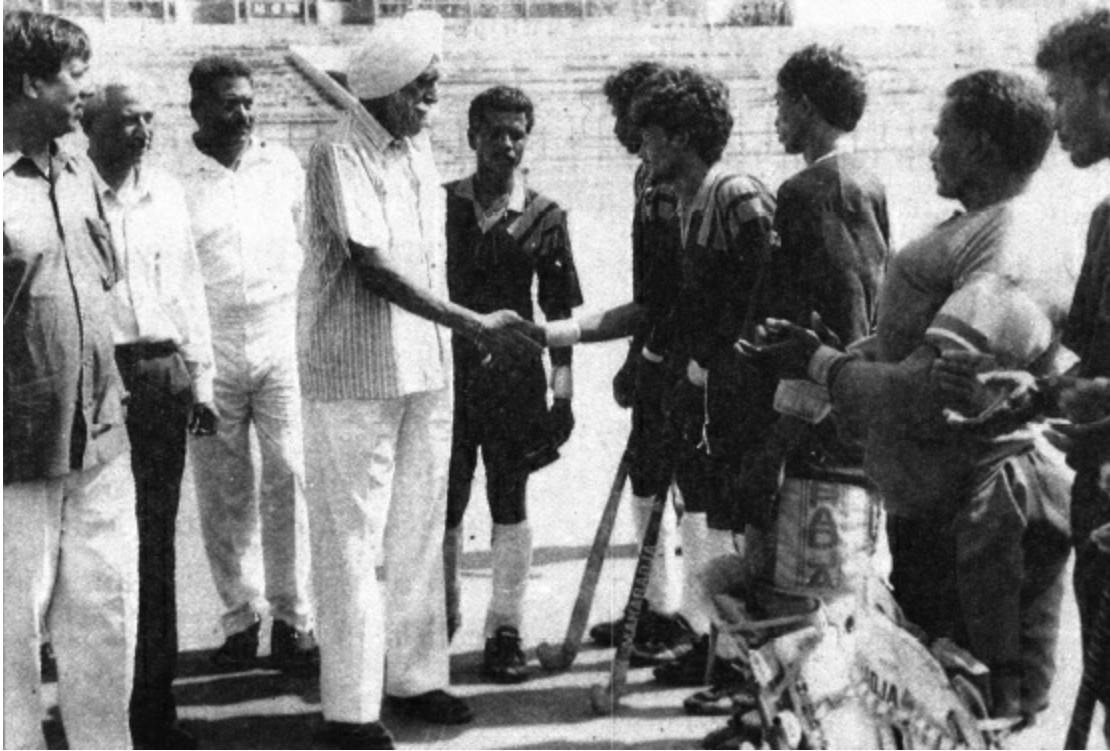


Shri S.V.M Tripathi, DG, CRPF introducing ADG (HQ), CRPF to the Chief Guest Shri Mohd. Taslimuddin, Union Minister of State for Home

Speaking on this occasion the Union Minister of State for Home Shri Mohd. Taslimuddin appreciated the contribution made by various Police Forces in raising the standard of Indian Hockey to international level. He assured full cooperation of the Government to promote sports activity in Police Forces. He said that Punjab Police, BSF and CRPF have made significant contribution to promote hockey.

The DG CRPF Shri S.V.M. Tripathi presented a memento to the chief

guest. The DG Shri Tripathi earlier received the chief guest on his arrival at National Stadium and escorted him to be introduced to the members of Jury of Honour and Appeal, members of Organising Committee and Managers of participating teams.



Shri K.P.S. Gill, President, Indian Hockey Federation being introduced to hockey team players



Shri P.K. Dave Lt. Governor of Delhi being introduced to Senior Officers

Punjab Police and CRPF had qualified for finals after Punjab Police defeated BSF by Sudden death (11-10) and CRPF defeated Orissa by 4-1 in the semi-finals held on June 21, '96. In the hard-line match between the losers of semi-finals BSF defeated Orissa by 4-1 thus attaining third and fourth position respectively.

The hockey tournament was inaugurated ceremoniously by the Lt. Governor of Delhi Shri P.K. Dave on June 8, '96. U.P. Police defeated MP. Police hockey team by 4-2 goals in the opening match on the first day.

Nineteen outstanding police hockey teams of different States and Central Police Organisations participated in this Championship organised by CRPF. The names of teams which participated are BSF, CISF, ITBP, Railway Protection Force, Delhi Police & State Police teams from States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,

Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, U.P., West Bengal and CRPF. The Twentieth hockey team of J&K did not turn up to play.

During the 14-day tournament, matches were played on league cum

knock-out basis and the teams were divided into four pools as A,B,C and D and all the matches from June 8 to 22, '96 were played at National Stadium, New Delhi.

It was for the second time that CRPF was given the responsibility to organise All India Police Hockey Championship. The Hockey Championship was earlier organised by CRPF in February, 1986. Punjab Police was winner, ITBP runners up, BSF third and CISF secured fourth place in the championship. CRPF had lost in the quarter-finals against ITBP.

The outstanding hockey players who participated in this Hockey Championship included Jagdev Singh (Olympian) and Daljeet Singh of Punjab Police, Kishan Singh, Harbhajan Singh and Sarbjit Kumar of BSF, S.K. Vashisht and Tanveer Jamal of CRPF and others.

Punjab Police won All India Police Hockey title in 1995 and ITBP was the runners up. From 1990 to 1994 BSF won the title and Punjab Police remained runners up excepting in 1991. M.P. Police won Hockey Championship in 1991 and ITBP was runners up.

The CRPF hockey team has shown excellent performance in the recent past. This team had won All India Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Gold Cup in January, 1996. It had also won 20th All India Indira Gandhi Gold Cup Hockey tournament during March, 1995. They were runners up in Dhyan Chand Gold Cup Hockey held in Delhi during December 1995. Sub-Inspector S.K. Vashist of CRPF team has made mark in many national matches in the past. He was selected in Indian coaching camp for World Cup held at Patiala during 1993. He was also invited to participate in the league matches held in England during October, 1995.

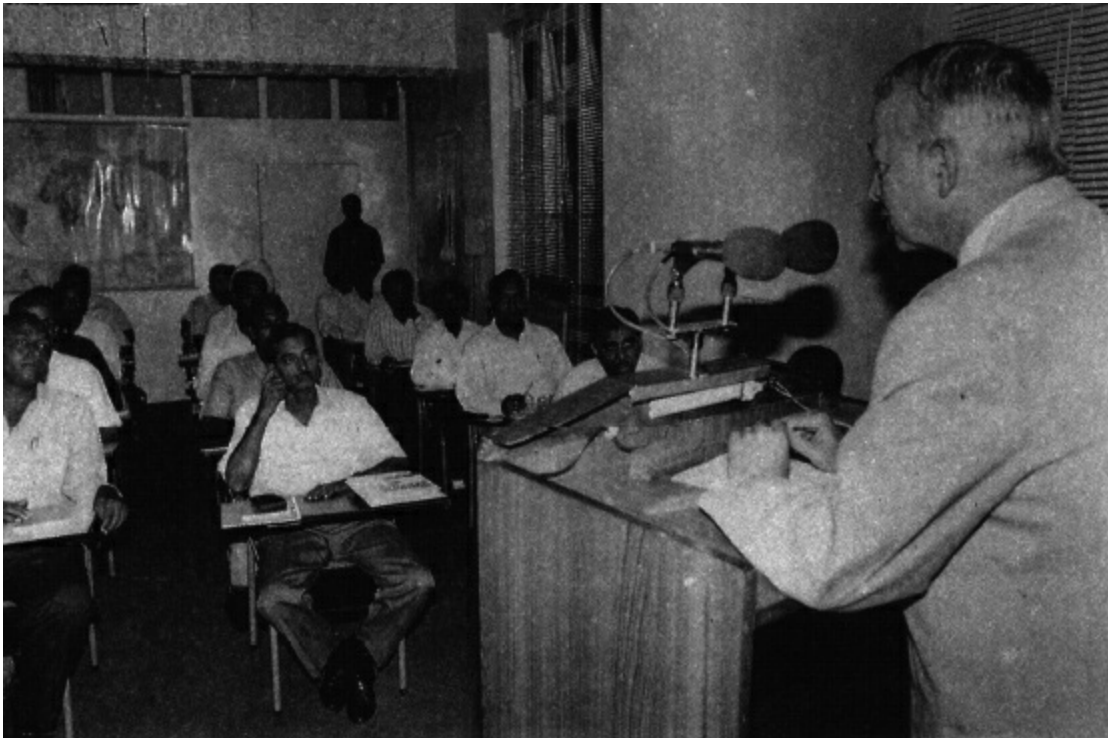
The Coach-cum-Manager of present CRPF hockey team Shri Satinder Singh is an accomplished hockey player and has many achievements to his credit. Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) nominated him as a coach from India for Asian Olympic Committee and to take part in Solidarity Regional Hockey Coaches Clinic held at Karachi (Pakistan) in 1990. He participated in International Olympic Committee and took part in Solidarity Regional Hockey Coaching Clinic held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 1993. He was also appointed as an Asstt. Coach/Coach for various hockey matches. Indian Hockey Federation appointed him as a coach for Junior Hockey Team Coaching camp held at Bangkok in 1990 and at Gwalior in 1991.

TRAINING COURSE FOR OFFICERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The 3-day capsule course on Human Rights organised for CRPF officers at RAF HQ, New Delhi concluded on July 10, 1996. The Addl. DG (NWZ) CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal was the Chief Guest. Thirty Officers of CRPF three from each of the 10 Sectors participated in the training programme organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Speaking on this occasion, Shri Kaushal advised CRPF officers to obtain public support by ensuring protection of human rights for tackling any law and order situation. He gave away certificates to the participating officers.

A 3-day training course for RAF Officers was earlier organised from July 4 to 6, 1996 at RAF HQ itself by ICRC under the guidance of its Regional Delegate Mr. David Delapraz and Lt. Col. D.L. Roberts and ex-DG CRPF Shri S. Subramanian. Thirty Officers of RAF participated in the course.



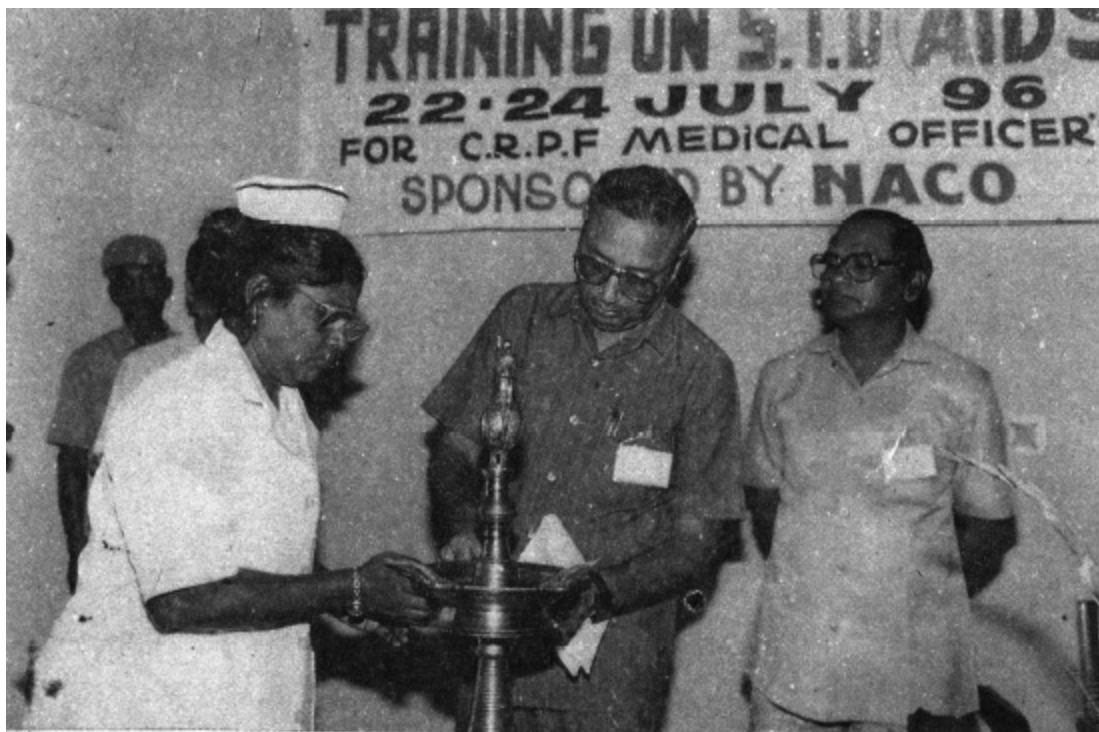
Regional delegate of ICRC addressing the trainee officers in 3-day capsule course on Human Rights

Speaking on this occasion, the Addl. DG Shri A.V. Liddle advised RAF Officers to keep their cool in trying circumstances in the field. He said, the

stress and strain under which the force personnel work, should not be reflected in their behaviour towards the public, whose support was very important in tackling any situation particularly during communal riots. Members of the public should be treated with respect and sympathy, he added.

Mr. David Delapraz, Regional delegate of ICRC said that ways and means to tackle law and order situation with minimum civilian casualties will be discussed in the 3-day course. Lt. Col D.L. Roberts of ICRC, said that for non-violation of Human Rights it is necessary to know the law of ones own land and also law of the land where force personnel were operating. IG RAF Shri A.A. Siddiqui earlier welcomed the chief guest.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON AIDS



Dy. Director (Medical), Dr. K.K. Saini inaugurating the three-day training programme on AIDS and STD.

A three-day training programme on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) was organised at Base Hospital-I, Jharoda Kalan, New Delhi from July 22 to 24, 1996. Over thirty medical officers of CRPF attended the programme from all over the country. The training programme was

sponsored by National AIDS Control Organisation, Govt. of India.

The Dy. Director (Medical) Dr. K.K. Saini, M.S. inaugurated the training programme. The text of his inaugural address is as under :-

It is a matter of great concern for whole mankind to adjust life and to take appropriate preventive steps so as to remain away from sexually transmitted diseases and highly dreadful disease i.e. AIDS which is closely associated with STD and other related diseases.

STDs are group of communicable diseases that are transmitted predominantly through sexual contact. They are now commonest group of notifiable diseases in many countries and they are a cause of concern in many parts of the world for their unacceptable high levels.

In the developing countries like India it is more difficult to take steps to curtail the rising incidence of AIDS and STDs. In service conditions like CRPF and other Central Armed Forces the sus-

ceptibility is much more to those diseases for various reasons like limited family stations, short annual leave period, frequent movements, nature of duties, exposure and contact with different type of population. It is compounded with remaining away from medical attention due to psychosocial problems and stigma attached to these diseases.

The school of thought of spread of these disease, technology of diagnosis and modalities of management are being revised from time to time. The modern medicine is yet to find a cure for AIDS and only preventive aspect remain the main goal of this dreaded disease.

In CRPF we have come across few cases of AIDS (six) but if we consider percentage of population of CRPF it is alarming. We must consider the various aspect of such cases and then only we will be able to deal with the situation. We must know the actiology, pathology, clinical picture, diagnosis and management in detail.

We must be absolutely clear about the disposal of HIV positive cases and AIDS cases. A clear understanding regarding preventive aspects of the diseases and need for referral to other places be made clear in our mind. Since there is no curative treatment for AIDS at present, there is no harm to allow treatment by other system of medicines also.

It is hoped that this type of training will definitely throw some light to

enrich our knowledge on STD and AIDS and finally we will be able to chalk out definite programme to detect AIDS/ STD cases, adequate steps and preventive measures to be made available for our force personnel and their families.

Our approach to the programme must be practicable, appropriate, time bound, scientific and economical.

It must be acceptable and affordable. In a force like ours it is a very difficult task for educating our men who keep on moving, remain, on duty. It can be achieved through periodical audiovisual cassettes and show on subjects for which we have been supplying cassettes and supply of leaflets/booklets and periodical lectures. As far as possible we must try to clarify the doubts of our men in all aspects.

In this regard we should have some involvement in real sense and then only we will be able to achieve our goals. By this not only we serve our force, we render a noble service to the nation.

CRPF WINS FIRST AID CHAMPIONSHIP



Shri A.V. Liddle ADG (HQ), and other senior officers with members of First Aid winner team

CRPF won the 10th All India Police/Railway First Aid and Ambulance Drill Competition held at National HQ of St. John Ambulance Association and Indian Red Cross Society at Bahadurgarh (Haryana) from May 25 to 30, 1996. The competition was hosted by State Branch of Haryana after a gap of

seven years. There were 6 different categories of events and CRPF team comprising of HC Brijpal Kamboj (16 Bn), Ct. Jitender Kumar (96 Bn), Ct. Mushtaq Ahmed (21 Bn), Ct. Mahavir Singh (33 Bn) and Ct. Babu Lal (106 Bn) participated in Police/ Railway category in which total 14 teams from all over the country participated.

The CRPF team secured 754 marks out of 800 and snatched the team championship which consisted of Shield and Gold Medals for each participant by surpassing all other teams in all fields. The ITBP team scored 731½ marks and got second position and the UP Police stood at third place.

Apart from Team Championship in individual assesment, Ct. Jitender Kumar of 96 Bn. secured 74 marks out of 75 and won Silver Medal, Ct. Mushtaq Ahmed of 21 Bn. secured 73½ marks and won Bronze medal. Ct. Indermani Mishra of 58 Bn. won Bronze Medal in individual event of Adult Ambulance category.

CRPF team displayed an impressive demonstration of their skills in front of VIPs, top national/international echelons of St. John Ambulance Association on the concluding day.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DHANPAT RAI YADAVA RETIRES



D.R. Yadava

Shri Dhanpat Rai Yadava, Deputy Director (Administration), Directorate

General of CRPF, New Delhi retired on April 30, '96 after completing 33 years of service. He was given a warm send off by officers and personnel of CRPF.

Shri Yadava had taken over the charge of Dy. Director (Administration) on August 30, 1994. Earlier, he was DIG CRPF, Chandigarh.

A Post Graduate from Punjab University, Shri Yadava was commissioned in Army in Artillery Regiment in September 27, 1963 and he subsequently joined CRPF as Gazetted Officer on Sep. 23, 1967. He was one of the first batch of officers who raised, organised, trained and operated Village Voluntary Force in Manipur against insurgents.

Shri Yadava is a recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious Service, President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and DG's Commendation Disc and Certificate.

NIRWAL TAKES OVER AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



S.C. Nirwal

Shri S.C. Nirwal, Private Secretary to the DG, CRPF has taken over the charge of Assistant Director (Confidential) as a result of upgradation of the post of P.S.

Shri Nirwal has put in 32 years of service and served 24 Directors General of CRPF as PS. He is the recipient of President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service and DG's Commendation Certificate and Disc.

ROLE OF CRPF PERSONNEL PRAISED

Shri Virendra Rai, IPS, Inspector General of Mizoram Police has in his letter to DG CRPF appreciated the good and praiseworthy work of 5 Coys of 46 Bn. CRPF during recent Lok Sabha Elections in Mizoram. The full text of his letter is given below :-

“As per MHA instructions, 5 Coys of 46th Bn. CRPF already deployed in Mizoram were made available to us for election duties during the recent Lok Sabha Elections.

The CPMF made available to us was grossly insufficient as compared to our projected demand and therefore, we had to make the only available force run around from one place to another, put them on long duty hours and in remote places and also break them into half sections in many places.

I would like to put on record my heart-felt appreciation for the exceptional good work done by 46 Bn. CRPF sub-units under the personal command and guidance of Shri A.K. Narula, Commandant, 46 Bn. CRPF.

The officer himself had been in the field to supervise closely the performance of the sub-units and had been very cooperative not only with the State Government, but also with the District authorities.

I wish all the success to 46 Bn. CRPF.”

Shri A.B. Tripathi, IPS, Director General and Inspector General of Orissa Police has in his letter to DG CRPF praised the role of 5 Coys of CRPF and 2 Coys of RAF deployed during recent General Elections in Orissa. In his letter, he has highlighted that CRPF despatched the Forces well in time and despite difficulties like accommodation, etc. CRPF personnel performed very well. The full text of his letter is given below :-

“5 Companies of CRPF and 2 Companies of Rapid Action Force were deployed in Orissa during the last General Election. I am grateful that the CRPF authorities despatched the forces well in time in response to our requirement. Despite difficulties faced in respect of accommodation etc. the CRPF performed very well.

I, therefore, convey my thanks to you and through you to the members of the force whose contribution to maintenance of law and order during the last

General Election was of a very high order.”

DG’S COMMENDATION LETTER

Shri Arun Chibber, Asstt. Director (Legal) of Dte. General, CRPF has been awarded with DGs Commendation Letter for his outstanding performance in Legal branch.

Shri D.R. Yadav, JAD (Sports) of this Dte. Genl, CRPF has been awarded with DG’s Commendation Disc and letter for his outstanding contribution in conducting the 45th All India Police Hockey Championship, 1996.

CRPF OFFICERS AND MEN HONoured

82 Officers, and men of CRPF including Brig G.J. Mishra, DIGP SNR (Ops) Range and Shri P.P.S. Sidhu, DIGP, JDR Range have been awarded with DGs Commendation Disc with letter for their outstanding performance in connection with Lok Sabha Elections in Jammu & Kashmir in 1996.

30 Officers and men of this Force including Shri A.S. Gill, IGP, J&K (Ops), Shri A. Pattanayak, DIGP BBSR Range, Shri Mahendra Prasad, DIGP Jammu (Ops) and Shri C.P. Singh, DIGP SNR Range have been awarded with DGs Commendation letter for their exemplary performance in connection with Lok Sabha Elections in J&K in 1996.

AHALYA BAI WINS ESSAY COMPETITION

Sub-Inspector (Steno) Ahalya Bai of 89 Bn, CRPF has won second prize in the Police Memorial Essay Competition (for NGOs) for the year 1995. The essay competition was conducted by Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi. Ahalya Bai has been awarded prize money for securing second place in the competition.

THEY ARE NO MORE

We offer our deep condolence to the grieved families of following CRPF personnel who lost their lives during the month of June ‘96.

Ct/bugler S. Anil Kumar (94 Bn), SI/MM A.K. Vishwas, (GC BBSR) Ct

Viswajit Bhagat (86 Bn), Ct Peas Inghayo (55 Bn), Ct Gyaveswar (96 Bn), Ct. P. Behra (43 Bn), Ct. K.N. Prahraj (43 Bn), NK D.A. Bave Rao (116

Bn), Ct/Tlr Kaliram (132 Bn), HC Kanchan Singh (62 Bn), Ct. Ram Charan (3 Bn), NK N.K. Prahalad Bajrang (53 Bn), HC Naval Singh (80 Bn), LNK B.M. Lodhe (5 Bn), NK/Dvr Bhadur Singh (89 Bn), Ct./ Dvr Hanumantha B. Korali (129 Bn), Dhobi A. Yadaya (GC Khatkhathi), SI Y.P.P. Mishra (74 Bn), W/C Gokul Chand (74 Bn), Ct. Pannu Sahayak Muhda (128 Bn), NK Chattar Yadav (110 Bn), Ct. Surender Singh (87 Bn), NK/Dvr Devappa (GC Hyderabad), Barber Nathuram (70 Bn), Ct. Nand Lal Ram (98 Bn), Ct. Shyam Bhul Kande (43 Bn), Ct/Ftr Sandeep Mohnte (42 Bn), Ct. K. Ananda (23 Bn), Ct. Mangeli (GC Lucknow).

As per the late information received, the following personnel of this force have died during the month of May '96.

Insp/PA P.B. Sinha (GC Khatkhathi), HC Brij Mohan Singh (98 Bn), Ct. Somnath (53 Bn), Ct. Sarabi Yadav (53 Bn), Ct. Muskin (82 Bn), Nk Santa Singh (114 Bn).

CRPF PROTESTS NON-INCLUSION OF RIGZEN ANGMO

Crpf lodged a strong protest to the President, Indian Amateur Athletic Federation and President Indian Olympic Association on July 9, 1996 for non-inclusion of Marathon runner Inspector Rigzen Angmo of this Force in Indian Athletic team selected for participating in Olympic Games at Atlanta. She had qualified to be included in the Olympic team.

Letters written to the President, Indian Olympic Association and President Indian Amateur Athletic Federation conveying the protest were also released to the press.

Rigzen Angmo had clocked 2 hours and 45 minutes in Rath Marathon held at New Delhi in February, 1996 securing first position; whereas the qualifying timing for 'B' Grade in Women's Marathon was 2 hours 55 minutes.

Rigzen Angmo had won Gold medals in the International Marathon events held at Kulalalumpur in 1994, Kathmandu in January 1995 and Bangkok in November '95. She also won Gold Medals in the Rath Marathon held in New Delhi in 1995 and 1996.

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total of Rs. 12,19,400/- has been paid to the next of kin of 44 personnel who died during the month of June '96 from Risk (Premia) Fund. This included Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 12,500/- from Central Welfare and Benevolent Fund in each case.

Also a sum of Rs. 75,000/- was paid to 5 personnel of CRPF who proceeded on invalidation during the month of June, 1996 from Risk (Premia) Fund.

A sum of Rs. 1,05,000/- from Risk Fund 'B' (Special Welfare Fund) has been paid to the next of kin of 3 CRPF personnel who died during the month of June '96.

228 ULTRAS APPREHENDED

CRPF personnel have apprehended 228 extremists while 17 got killed in as many as 51 encounters and search operations conducted from May to July, 1996 all over the country. Those apprehended in J&K included 20 militants of Hizbul-Muzahideen and 2 of Harkat-Ul-Ansar.

The Force personnel recovered 172 major weapons which included 29 AK-47, 20 AK-56, 43 Pistols, 2 rocket launchers, 6 UMG, 1 sniper rifle, 5 revolvers, 1 DBBL Gun, 1 Carbine and other weapons.

The Force lost 11 of its brave Jawans while 40 others sustained injuries in ambushes and encounters with terrorists during this period.

CORRIGENDUM

The photo caption on page 27 of January, '96 issue of 'CRPF Samachar' may be read as "Mrs Tripathi presenting trophy to Shri K.C. Sharma" and not "..... presenting trophy to Shri V.B. Bhambhani". The mistake committed inadvertently is regretted.

Editor

TWO MILITANTS APPREHENDED

Two militants of Harkat-ul-Ansar were apprehended after a hot chase by CRPF personnel and two other injured militants got drowned in Chenab in the higher reaches of Kishtwar area of J&K on May 5, 1996. Huge quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from them.

On receipt of information from civil police about five militants hiding in higher reaches of Kishtwar, CRPF personnel carried out search and cordon in the area. During search the party was fired upon by militants which was returned immediately. Militants attempted to escape in two groups. One group comprising three militants ran towards the river Chenab and the other group of two militants took shelter in a natural cave.

One party of CRPF chased the fleeing militants towards Chenab river and was fired upon by fleeing militants. Chasing party also fired on the militants and injured two militants who later fell in the river and got drowned with their weapons whereas the third militant managed to escape. The rest of Force personnel cordoned the cave where two militants had taken shelter. During encounter both the militants were apprehended alongwith their arms and ammunition. The apprehended militants were later identified as Mohd. Salim and Md. Ayab Amir Sohail of Harkat-ul-Ansar and were handed over to civil police alongwith their weapons.

The recovered arms and ammunition included one AK-56 rifle, one Sniper rifle, one 7.62 mm foreign made pistol, one 12 bore gun, one foreign made binocular, 4 AK-56 magazines, one Sniper rifle magazine, two pistol magazines and large quantity of ammunition of various weapons.

QUOTES

First purify yourself by work and devotion.

-Swami Vivekananda

Belief and wisdom are twin brothers; God accepts not the one without the another.

-Abu Talib Ali

OFFICER'S CODE OF HONOUR

- The nature of any command is a moral charge, which places each officer at the center of ethical responsibility.
- An Officer's sense of moral integrity is at the centre of his leadership effectiveness. The advancement of one's career is never justified at the expense of violating one's sense of honour.
- Every Officer holds of special position of moral trust and responsibility. No officer will ever violate that trust or avoid his responsibility for any of his actions regardless of the personal cost.
- An Officer's first loyalty is to the welfare of his command. He will never allow his men to be misused or abused in any way.
- An Officer will never require his men to endure hardship or suffer danger to which he is unwilling to expose himself. Every Officer must openly share the burden of risk and sacrifice to which his men are exposed.
- An Officer is first and foremost a leader of men. He must lead his men by example and personal actions. He cannot manage his command to effectiveness they must be led, an officer must, therefore, set the standard for personal bravery and leadership.
- An Officer will never execute an order which he regards to be ethically wrong and he will report all such orders, policies or actions to appropriate authorities.
- No Officer will willfully conceal any act of his superiors, subordinates or peers that violates his sense of ethics.
- No Officer will punish, allow the punishment of, or in any way discriminate against a subordinate, or peer for his telling the truth about any matter.
- All Officers are responsible for the action of all their brother Officers.

The dishonourable acts of one Officer diminish the Corps; the actions of the Officer Corps are only determined by the actions of its members and these actions must always be reproach.

(Excerpt from 'Crisis in
Command' by Richard
A. Gabriel & Paul L. Savage)
*Compiled by R.K. Vats,
Comdt, CWS*

THINK A WHILE

All pleasure may be bought at the price of pain. The difference between false pleasure and true is just this : for the true, the price is paid before you enjoy it; for the false, after you enjoy it.

-John Foster

Learning, if rightly applied, makes a young man thinking, attentive, industrious, confident and wary; and an old man cheerful and useful. It is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity and entertainment at all times; it cheers in solitude and gives moderation and wisdom in all circumstances.

-Vivekananda

Guns alone can never win a war. It is the collective will of the people and their sense of responsibility that will ultimately decide the issue.

-PL Nehru.

The little that one produces (oneself) with a broken hoe is better than the plenty that another gives you.

-Buji Proverb, Nigeria

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CRPF host team captain taking oath during inauguration of 45th All India Police Hockey '96



Shri S.V.M. Tripathi, DG, CRPF being given traditional send-off by senior officers of the Force at GC Jharoda Kalan, New Delhi on June 30, '96

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—Editor

EDITORIAL

October 21 is the Police Commemoration Day. It is the day to remember those martyrs - who laid down their lives for the sake of the country and pay homage to them.

Nothing is left out of these martyrs except the memory of courage shown by them in the service of the nation and the sacrifices made. However, their memory is a valuable treasure for us. It shows that the red blood flowing in our veins is pledged to the nation. History of CRPF is replete with examples of sacrifices made by our officers and personnel whenever it was needed for the safety and security of the country. From the Hot Springs in Ladakh to Jaffna in Srilanka, from Samarpot in Runn of Kutchh to the hilly terrain of North-Exist, they never looked back while discharging their duty. Their sacrifices have not gone in vain. The peace in Punjab, changing times in Kashmir and keeping the situation in control in north eastern States bears eloquent testimony to their contributions. There will be all peace and tranquility in North East like Punjab and Kashmir one day. We are confident about it. Our confidence is based on our faith, in our commitment, our determination and glorious traditions.

Our commitment, oath and our glorious traditions will be the real homage to them on this Police Commemoration Day. Meanwhile we have to remember that those who have left us for the supreme cause were a part of our own family. We are, therefore, to be vigilant that their families may not suffer and break down in their absence. We have to extend a helping hand so that circumstances and their struggle for existance may not break their confidence, which lead their men even to lay down their lives for their motherland.

The Day also reminds us our responsibility towards the families of these departed souls.

SHRI KAUSHAL TAKES OVER AS DG

SHRI LIDDLE RETIRES



Shri MB. Kaushal

Shri M.B. Kaushal took over the charge of Director General, CRPF on September 30, 1996 from Shri A.V. Liddle who retired on same day after completion of over 33 years of distinguished service.

Shri Kaushal is an officer of 1963 batch of IPS (Union territory cadre) and had joined CRPF in January, 1995 as Addl. Director General (North West Zone). Prior to it he was Commissioner of Police, Delhi from Feb '92 to Jan '95.

In his long career in Police, Shri M.B. Kaushal had held many important assignments. His initial posting was ASP/SDPO Shahdra Circle, New Delhi from Jan '66 to Dec '66. Before going to the

Railway Protection Force as DIG in June 1983, he was addl. Commissioner of Police (Admn) between 81-83 and Addl. Commissioner of New Delhi Range between 1980-81. Earlier he held the post as DCP (Security), SP (South district) and SP anti-corruption, Delhi.

Shri Kaushal is a recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious Service and President's Police Medal for distinguished service.

Shri A.V. Liddle was given a ceremonial send off by senior officers and staff at the Directorate General, New Delhi. Rapid Action Force (RAF) contingent presented a Guard of Honour.

Shri A.V. Liddle assumed the charge of Director General, CRPF on September 11, 1996. He was an IPS officer of 1963 batch of Madhya Pradesh Cadre. He joined CRPF on June 17, 1994 as Addl. Director General.

In his long career Shri A.V. Liddle held many sensitive assignments including SP Bhopal, DIGP Gwalior four years' tenure in SSB in North East

& Himachal Pradesh, 8 years' tenure in ITBP as DIGP Srinagar (J & K), IG (Ops & Estt) at ITBP (HQrs) Delhi. He served as DGP Manipur for a tenure of 3 years. Before joining CRPF, he was Director National Institute of Criminology & Forensic Science at Delhi.

Shri Liddle was a recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious service and President's Police Medal for Distinguished service.



Shri Liddle was given warm send off at the Dte. General

RAF ANNIVERSARY

MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARD OF TRAINING IN RAF

—Home Minister

The Union Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta has advised Rapid Action Force (RAF) to maintain high standard of training to its officers and Jawans to preserve communal peace and control riot situations. It will enable them to fight effectively against diversities and infuse cohesion in society, he said.

The Home Minister was addressing officers and Jawans of RAF in its 4th anniversary celebration held at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) on Oct. 26, 1996.

Praising the performance of

RAF for the fame gained by it during short period of its existence, Shri Gupta said that on account of its non-partisan attitude, it has won the confidence of minorities, weaker sections and women alike. Making special mention of various social services being done by RAF during natural calamities, accidents etc., he said that it will bridge the gap between police and public and change the face of society. Some States of the country were setting up their own anti-riot police forces on RAF pattern. The RAF has already trained such forces for Calcutta, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala States.

Mentioning the difficulties of Central Para Military Force (CPMF) personnel and their families, the Home Minister said that these are being looked into and some concrete measures will be taken during next few months.

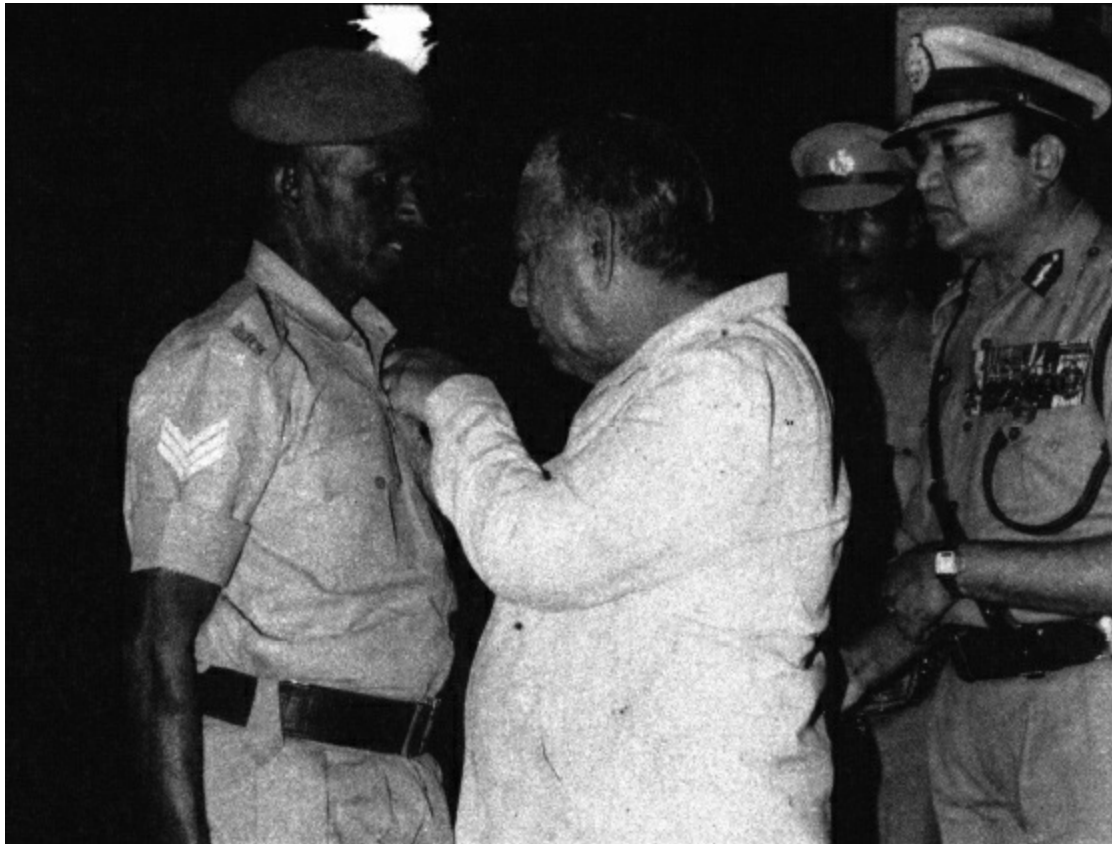
The Home Minister Shri Gupta decorated 28 CRPF and RAF officers and personnel with President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion. The Medal recipients were 9 officers including Dr. M. Dehury, 10 subordinate officers and 9 other ranks.



Home Minister is being introduced to the officers of CRPF

The DG, CRPF, Shri M.B. Kaushal earlier welcomed the Home Minister and urged him to persuade State Governments to provide land to five RAF Battalions which do not have their own land and the personnel were living in tents. He also urged the Minister to make separate provision of funds to meet the expenditure of various social services being rendered by RAF like

development by adoption of villages, providing medical and other relief to people during natural calamities, Plague and Dengue etc.



Home Minister decorating a Jawan with medal during RAF anniversary

The Home Minister was earlier received by the DG, CRPF Shri Kaushal on his arrival at Town Hall, Gandhinagar. The RAF contingents presented a Guard of Honour to the chief guest.

A lively demonstration of Karate was made by young male and female RAF personnel. The I.G., RAF Shri A.A. Siddiqui expressed vote of thanks in the end.

Rapid Action Force has completed four years of its existence in October, 1996. RAF a special wing of CRPF, was raised, trained and equipped to handle communal riots and riot like situations. Young personnel of CRPF having quick reflex as well as maturity were selected and imparted special training. Twelve percent of the Force is comprised of Mahila personnel.

RAF has ten battalions with their Hqrs. at appropriate places to cover all the communally sensitive districts of the country falling within a radius of 400 Kms. All the minority communities of the country have adequate

representation in this Force.



Home Minister addressing the gathering



Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta and DG with medal recipients

The personnel posted in RAF Bns. are given extensive sensitivity training to bring about in them a secular outlook to act in a non-partisan manner while handling rioters. They have achieved specialised skills to respond to riot situations with lightening speed. They are trained in First-aid, human rights, fire fighting and have expertise in undertaking rescue & relief operations to

riot victims and those affected during natural calamities etc.

Where ever deployed since inception, the RAF battalions have given a creditworthy performance and earned praise. In Gujarat RAF was deployed during Rath Yatra in July '94 and then July-August '96; in Ganesh Mohotsava during September '94 & '95 and at Ahmedabad, Surat, Baroda in 1996. They have maintained law and order throughout. RAF undertook exclusive rescue and relief work after the outbreak of Plague in Surat during October, 1994.



DG CRPF presenting a memento to the Home Minister

HOME MINISTER VISITS G.C. RAMPUR

Union Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta during his one-day visit to GC Rampur on September 19, 1996 went round various institutions in the campus and addressed a Sainik Sammelan.

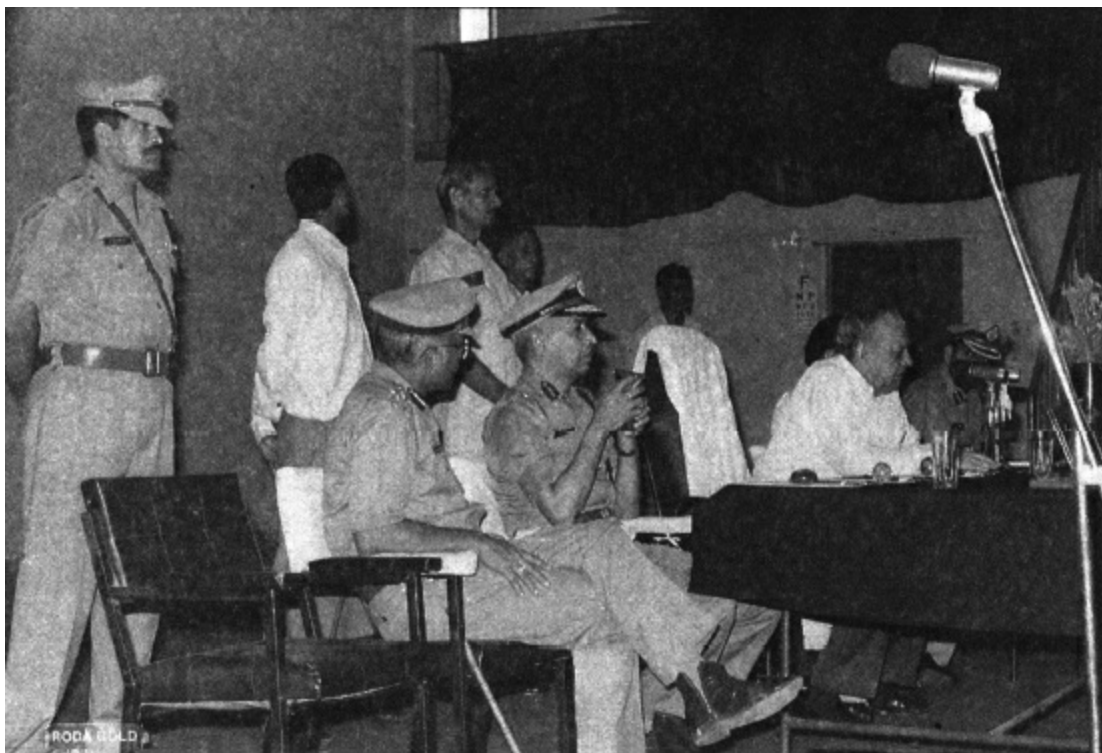
Addressing Officers and Jawans of CRPF, the Home Minister said that para-military forces were deployed wherever there was terrorism or threat to internal security in the country. The Force was being deployed too very often

because it commanded confidence of the people. The country was grateful to them for they were serving in the most trying situations. Elections are being held in Jammu & Kashmir after ten years. Neighbouring countries were imparting arms training to individuals and sending them inside Kashmir. Innocent people have lost their lives on account of them. Security personnel have also made sacrifices. Elections are now being held in J&K. Some foreigners, who do not like this, say that elections can not be held in Kashmir. But looking to the enthusiasm and determination of the people, no one can prevent us from holding elections there. Elections are to be held in UP as well. It is the responsibility of civil police, CRPF and election officials to hold elections impartially.

Appreciating the role of CRPF the Minister said, you have worked with utmost courage and dedication and have made supreme sacrifice on the altar of duty. Your problems will be seen and appropriate steps will be taken to mitigate them. CRPF personnel were always on the move without proper rest and remain away from their families. They do not even get leave in time. Their problems

will be looked into and efforts will be made to bring about improvement in duty and living conditions.

The Home Minister visited the GC Rampur Hospital and enquired the welfare of CRPF personnel under treatment there. He also visited the Family Welfare Centre and discussed the problems with the family members of CRPF personnel. He praised the patchwork training programmes being conducted at the centre and assured to look into their problems.



Home Minister addressing Sainik Sammelan at G.C. Rampur

OVER 5000 BENEFIT IN FREE MEDICAL CAMPS

Three-day free medical camps to combat Dengue fever were organised by CRPF in three areas of Delhi from October 3 to 7, 1996. The medical camps, manned by 102, 103 and 106 RAF battalion medical staff were organised at Gokulpuri, Sultanpuri and Mehrauli. DG, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal visited the Gokulpuri medical camp and talked to the patients there.

Over 5000 patients including men, women and children were examined and were given medicines free of cost for cure and prevention of Dengue fever and other ailments in all these camps.

Highest number of over 2700 people were given medicines at Gokulpuri followed by over 1200 in Sultanpuri and over 1000 in Mehrauli camp.

Both Allopathic and Homeopathic medicines were made available to the patients visiting these camps. One male doctor, one lady doctor and four homeopathic doctors were made available at each camp from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on all the three days. Free emergency medical services were

available round the clock.

The Homeopathic medicines for treatment and prevention of the disease were made available by Delhi Homeo Medical Association.

Before starting the camps the lanes and bi-lanes around the camps were cleaned and disinfected by Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel. The people visiting the camps were told to drain out stagnant water and other Dengue fever prevention methods.

Rapid Action Force (RAF) later gave six DCM Toyota vehicles alongwith its personnel to the local administration of Delhi on October 17, 1996 to help in its steps against Dengue.

These vehicles were used in six affected Karkarduma, Rohini, Raja Garden, Civil Lines (Rajpura Road), Green Park and Jal Vihar areas of Delhi to educate people in the ways and means of prevention of Dengue in the begining. Anti-Dengue vaccines and smoke were sprayed in intensive areas wherever required. The RAF personnel also assisted in surveying the affected localities and distributed pamphlets and posters highlighting means of prevention of Dengue.



A patient being given medicines at Free Medical Camp

FACING THE INSURGENT

-Rakesh Sharma,

Terrorism and insurgency are modern day phenomenon. With the scientific and technological advancement, the insurgents have acquired more lethal weapons and explosives. Thus, threat perception and resultant damage has increased.

Police response during anti-insurgency and anti-terrorism operations may be two fold viz preventive and reactive. There are a number of measures which can be taken in response sophisticated explosive devices by insurgents extremists avoiding it by counter measures such as physical security, personal security of targeted officials and behaving in ways that make the person or place difficult to target. It is better to be forewarned and fore-armed to tackle the worst by pre-empting the method of attack.

The first line of defence against terrorists is to learn as much as one can about them, to understand their motivation, methods and anticipate some of their targets or at least to minimise the damage, if attacks can not be prevented. Counter terrorist forces need to be aware of the type and nature of the terrorist operations, its organisation, tactics, weapons and targets. Because of technological advances society now faces threats of a different order to those that have existed in the past. Probably the greatest threat posed by technological advances are in the field of conventional weaponry.

Until now most significant advances in military technology have involved relatively large weapons. Because of the ability to miniaturise weapons, a completely new range of small, portable, cheap, highly accurate and easy to operate weapons have been created. Because they are being produced in large number, there stand much greater chances of falling these weapons into the hand of terrorists/ insurgents. However the advance in weaponry is so rapid that the weapons become obsolete very quickly and are being disposed off through arms dealers and other routes thus increasing the chances of distribution to terrorist. Considerable advance in explosive and IED has also been made. Non-military developments like laser watch have further increased the flexibility available to the bomb makers. These developments have opened many doors for the terrorists to expand their activities. This suggests that there should be more concern for the side effects' of military technology and certain steps should be taken to increase security precaution for weaponry.

The terrorists in Kashmir and North Eastern States have enhanced the range of violence by the use of explosive devices. They have been making consistent efforts to organise more sophisticated equipments, make up their losses and gain higher expertise. Their task has been facilitated by continuous supplies of sophisticated devices and training facilities from neighbouring countries. The recovery of explosives and recent incidents indicate preferential use of explosive by the terrorists. To use explosive devices it requires considerable training and to explode a device, demand not only technical ability, but a cool head and steady hand. The pressure switches, remote control devices, photo-sensitive devices, delayed switches and STC bombs have added a new dimension to the capabilities of the terrorists. Planting of these devices are highly hazardous as evident from recent bomb blasts in the country.

The new capabilities and availability of sophisticated explosives with the terrorists would necessitate very stringent protective measures and streamline security apparatus specially in respect of targeted officials, vital installations, bridges, power houses, railway tracks and public places etc. There is greater need for awareness and training among the security forces deployed for anti-terrorists and anti-insurgency operations in the country.

AIDS

-Dr. (Mrs) P. Kaushal, C.M.O., BH-1

The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome i.e. "AIDS" is caused by human immune deficiency virus (HIV) and is basically a sexually transmitted disease. HIV infection is an issue which affects every one and every country in some way. The spread of AIDS all over the world has become a matter of great concern. Its spread has demanded research in all disciplines of medicine. It is described as the worst plague of this century. There is no cure for this disease and no vaccine for its prevention and therefore the great concern for this deadly disease.

The number of HIV infected persons or AIDS cases is increasing every day. Most of these infected people do not have symptoms, but they will eventually have them over a period of time. Majority of these people who have HIV infection but no symptoms, can pass on the Virus to other people.

The HIV does not by itself produce most of the illness and death

associated with AIDS. It can damage organs directly, but by progressively crippling the body's defences, the virus also sets the stage for development of opportunistic infections and until there is a cure for the disease the survival time and comfort of the patients will greatly depend on the prevention of onset of such opportunistic infections and their treatment.

With this disease or infection acquiring a big magnitude it has become necessary to create awareness among people and to educate people about the methods of prevention of HIV infection.

People infected with HIV deserve our care and sympathy. AIDS has focussed us to face deep fears and prejudices. Talking about AIDS means bringing about taboo topics like sex.

According to the world health organisation if affective HIV prevention programmes are not implemented Asia will overtake Africa by late 1990V in terms of number of newly infected people per year. As regards India till early or mid eighties people in India used to hear about AIDS, but with the spread of the disease world wide today we have HIV infected personnel in our organisation and patients suffering from AIDS admitted in Base Hospital, and we have had death in our hospital due to AIDS. In Base Hospital out of 278 HIV tests carried out, eight were HIV positive and five patients were admitted in Base Hospital-I, two of them died.

The doctors, nursing staff, the paramedical staff and the hospital staff are doing a challenging job by attending and managing these patients in the hospital.



21st October is a Police Commomeration Day



We Salute our

Heros

On This Occasion

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4TH RAF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

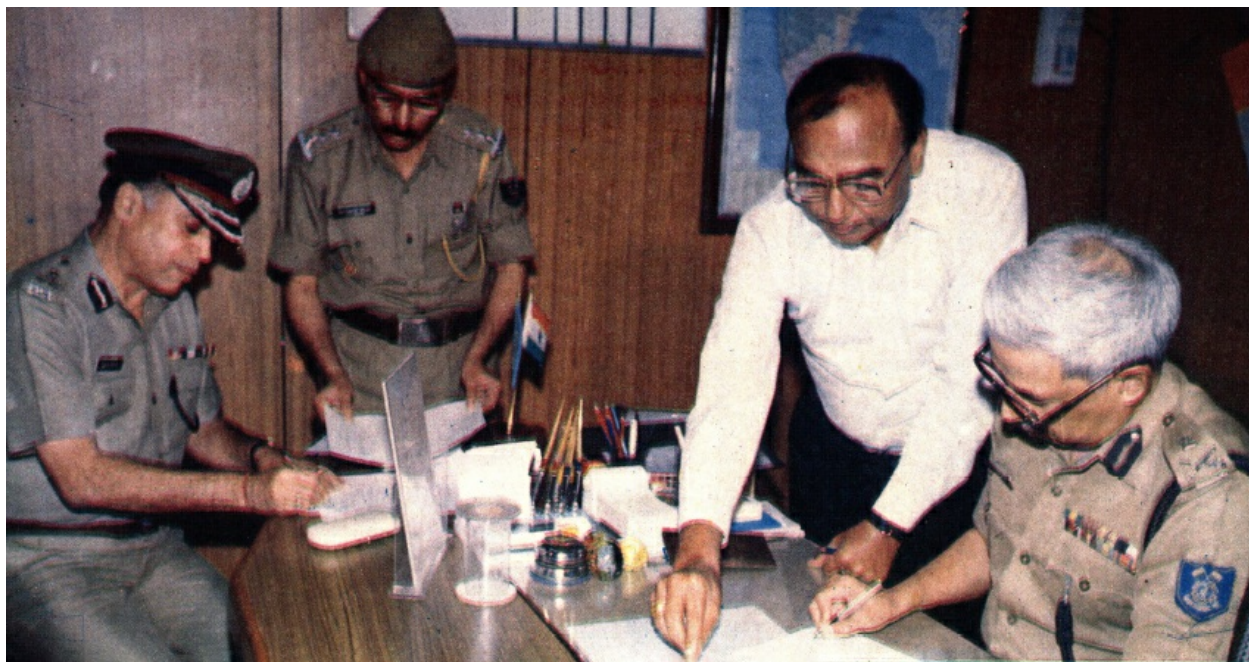


Home Minister decorating a Jawan with medal on the occasion of RAF anniversary



Presentation of UAC by RAF personnel on the occasion of RAF anniversary

SHRI KAUSHAL TAKES OVER AS DG CRPF



Shri M.B. Kaushal taking over the charge of DG CRPF from outgoing DG Shri A. V. Liddle



After taking charge of DG CRPF Shri Kaushal being introduced to the senior officers of the force



CWWA members celebrating Teej in New Delhi



DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal inspecting free Medical Camp.

65 BN CELEBRATES RAISING DAY

65 Bn CRPF, located in the outskirts of Imphal (Manipur) celebrated its

raising day with pomp and show on October 1, 1996. To mark the occasion, a volley ball match was organised between local Kaikul Youth Development club and CRPF. It was followed by cultural programmes performed by CRPF personnel, their families and local cultural groups.

DIGP, CRPF Neemuch Shri R.P. Tiwari was the Chief Guest on the occasion and gave away prizes to those who had given excellent performance in cultural dances. Shri Ranjit Singh, Commandant 65 Bn gave a vote of thanks in the end. The function was attended by CRPF, local State and Central Government officers and families.

Raised on 1st October, 1980 at Neemuch (M.P.), the birth place of CRPF, 65 Bn undertook basic training for the rank and file for 10 months. No sooner the basic training was completed, the unit was launched for its maiden field duty in Arunachal Pradesh. The unit carried out multifarious duties in Arunachal Pradesh in an exemplary manner. Having established their skill firmly in the ground duties, the unit moved to terroriest ridden Moga (Punjab) in 1986. Next three years in Punjab were a period of test of strength of the Force in dealing with terrorism. The achievements in term of capture of weapons and hardcore terrorists and appreciations received from the Govt. of Punjab speaks volumes of these achievements. They bear testimony to the tenacity of the unit and its ability to deal with terrorism. Having acquainted itself well in Punjab, the unit moved to J&K. The experience gained in Punjab stood in good stead in dealing with challenge in Jammu & Kashmir.

The history of performance in J&K is one proud achievement for this unit. JKLF hard core terrorists were captured alive. The haul of weapons was no less. Many of our heroes were honored with awards for their act of courage in J&K. Having completed the tenure in J&K, the unit moved to South India establishing its Head Quarters at Secunderabad (A.P.) in June, 1992. The duties were of different nature. On one hand the companies were providing security to the relatives of the then Hon'ble Prime Minister in A.P., and on the other two companies in Tamil Nadu were guarding the detainees in Poonamalli sub-jail and special investigation team, CBI in connection with the murder case of late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

The unit moved to the present location in the month of July, 1995 with 2 companies which were deployed in Manipur valley for counter insurgency and law and order duties in Senapati and Imphal Districts. The remaining four companies, however, remained dislocated causing administrative

difficulty. The above Coys remained under constant move in the states of Assam, Bihar, West Bengal and J&K for law and order duties and parliamentary election duties, before finally moving to Manipur in the month of June '96, where the unit has been assigned the role of containing insurgency and the law and order situation.

After induction in the present location one Coy of this unit was again detailed for U.P. Assembly Election duties which was sent on 12.9..96. After doing well its assigned task the Coy returned back and deployed for Law and order duties in Manipur valley.



A cultural programme was organised on the occasion of Raising day of 65 Bn

POLICE SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO DEPRESSED CLASSES

Prof. S.K. Gandhi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Indra Gandhi National Open University highlighted the plight of depressed sections of Indian society and said that police officers should be more sensitive in handling issues related to these classes.

Shri Gandhi was delivering valedictory address on conclusion of the 7-day orientation programme on 'Contemporary social realities' for the senior

officers of Rapid Action Force (RAF) at IGNOU, New Delhi on August 13, 1996. The programme was organised by the centre for Extensive Education (CEE) of IGNOU. Twenty five officers including one lady officer attended the programme. Shri Gandhi lauded the efforts made by RAF in its role as peace keeping force and offered assistance in providing continuing education not only to the officers but to the jawans also from the side of IGNOU. The University was also exploring the possibilities of offering similar education to BSF and CISF personnel, he added.

The week long programme discussed a variety of issues related to Indian social Realities and the RAF Officers were addressed by renowned academicians, journalists and senior police officers during the programme. Communalism and gender bias and the impact of communal riots on economy were two major topics that were keenly deliberated upon. Besides, the role of rumour, construction of communal stereotypes, the role of English and Hindi Media, nature of Indian society, Human Rights and a transactional analysis of human behaviour were the other themes discussed during the workshop.



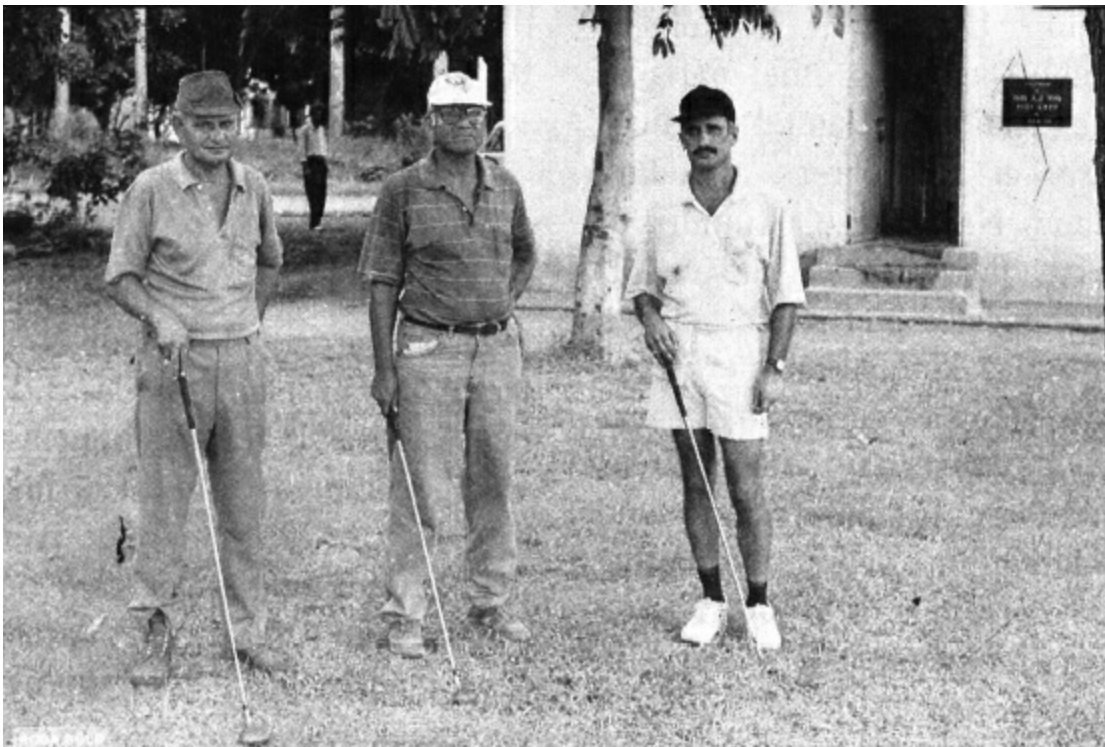
I.G., RAF Shri A.A. Siddiqui giving vote of thanks on the concluding day

The programme was earlier inaugurated by Shri Aran Bhagat, DG, BSF and CRPF who called upon police personnel of the country to continue their learning process through education and said that distance learning mode of education had a major role to play in giving impetus in their learning.

Shri Aran Bhagat said, the programme will have a meaningful interaction between academicians and the police personnel and both gaining from each other's knowledge in the area of social realities. He lauded the role of RAF and mentioned that it was a Force which has come up to its expectations.

Prof. R.G. Takwale, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU offered all assistance for imparting education and upgrading the skills of the police force and paramilitary forces in the country through the distance learning mode. He said that the teleconferencing facilities available in IGNOU can also be used for imparting education to the police personnel. He mentioned that the distance learning mode was most appropriate for those in service to upgrade their knowledge and skills because they can learn as per their leisure and pace.

GOLF-A BEGINING IN CRPF



Shri J.S. Negi, DIG Rampur with CRPF Golf team

Increasing popularity of Golf in the country has also been picked up by CRPF. A nine-hole "Golf Course" has been developed in the CRPF Campus, Rampur. Affiliation of the Course with Indian Golf Union, an apex Golf body of the country, is under active consideration.

Golf has now been introduced in the All India Police Games and the First ever Golf tournament was conducted under the aegis of Meghalaya Police from October 1 to 4, '96 at Shillong.

The Over stretched deployment of force on highly sensitive duties had denied an opportunity of conducting the Inter-sector Golf Tournament of CRPF, as was proposed. The selection trials were therefore held at Rampur on 7th Sept. 96. Based on the performance, CRPF will be represented by Shri J.S. Negi, DIGP, CRPF, Rampur, Shri R.K. Vats, Commandant, CWS, CRPF, Rampur and Shri N.K. Bhardwaj. Dy. Commandant, CWS, Rampur in the first All India Golf Tournament.

144 ULTRAS APPREHENDED

CRPF personnel have apprehended 144 extremists while 16 got killed in as many as 49 encounters and search operations conducted during August and September 1996 all over the country. 99 militants were apprehend in J&K alone which included 25 militants of Hizbul Muzahideen one each of Aljehad, JKLF, TUM and AMF outfits.

The force personnel recovered 102 major weapons which included 10 AK-47, 13 AK-56, 10 Pistol/Revolver, one LMG and other huge weapons.

The Force lost 3 of its brave jawans while 55 others sustained injuries in ambushes and encounters with terrorists during this period.

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total amount of Rs. 16,35,000/- has been paid to the next of kin of 27 personnel who died during the month of Sep '96 from Risk (Premia) Fund. This included Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 12,500 from, Central Welfare Fund and benevolant Fund in each case.

A total sum of Rs. 18,44,000 has been paid to the next of kin of 30 personnel who died and a sum of Rs. 90,000 to 6 personnel who were invalidated from service during the month of Aug '96 from Risk (Premia) Fund.

A sum of Rs. 1,75,000 from Risk Fund 'B' (Special welfare fund) has been paid to the next of kin of 5 personnel who died during the month of Aug '96.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DY. SPEAKER PRAISES CRPF & RAF

The Dy. Speaker, Delhi Vidhan Sabha Ch. Fateh Singh has in his letter to the Director General, CRPF Shri MB. Kaushal praised CRPF and RAF for organising 3-day free medical camp at Gokulpuri in Delhi from October 5 to 7, 1996. He has appreciated their initiative to treat patients of the area by making available both Allopathic and Homeopathic systems of medicine. The full text of the letter is as under:-

“During my visit to my constituency in Gokulpuri recently I came to know that a 3 days’ Medical Relief camp to combat Dengue fever was organised jointly by Central Reserve police Force & Rapid Action Force from 5th to 7th October, 1996. I was also delighted to know that in the medical relief camp patients were treated by both the systems of Allopathy & Homeopathy. The arrangements made were of highest standard and helped the Delhi Administration in ensuring health for all by 2000 A.D.

I am also happy to know that the residents of this area were very much impressed and liked the Homeopathic treatment particularly because of its non side effects. The representatives of this locality have again requested me to request you to kindly organise such Camps (Allopathic & Homeopathic) again in other parts of the National Capital particularly in slum areas including Nand Nagri & Gokulpuri to serve the affected persons. It is suggested and requested that you may kindly consider it and pass necessary orders to organise such camps in other areas including Gokulpuri and Nand Nagri immediately to combat the epidemic of Dengue fever which has created a panic in and around Delhi.

As per reports of various corners of the locality I wish to make a special mention of all the doctors of CRPF and Delhi Homeopathic Medical Asociation including Dr. G.S. Soni who have rendered their valuable services. They deserve proper recognition and encouragement”

FREE MEDICAL CAMP BY RAF

A medical camp was organised at Badanarallu village in collaboration with Rotary Club of Nanjankode at Mysore by RAF Unit medical officer

during the familiarisation exercise conducted by A/105 Bn on September 28, 1996. District Police Chief Shri AM. Prasad, IPS, inaugurated the camp in the presence of Rotarians, village panchayat President and members and other senior citizens of Badanarallu village. Near about 1500 persons attended it.

Apart from Unit Medical Officer, 2 Medical Officers including one lady Medical Officer was arranged through Rotary Club of Nanjankode. 515 male and 350 female patients were examined from 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs on that day and medicines were given free of cost. The medical camp organised by RAF was highly appreciated by the people of the area.

THEY ARE NO MORE

We offer our deep condolence to the grieved families of following CRPF personnel who lost their lives during the month of August and September, '96

Deputy Commandant Shri Prem Prakash (104 Bn), HC Dhanraj Sharma (38 Bn), SI Roop Singh (23 Bn), Ct Hari Om Singh (94 Bn), SI Bharath Singh (48 Bn), SI J.P. Godiyal (48 Bn), HC Ajit Singh (48 Bn), Ct Rajesh Kumar (18 Bn), HC Hiramani Tripathi (86 Bn), HC/RO Kulwant Raj (5 Signal Bn), Ct Jaidev Sharma (113 Bn), HC Chiranji Lal (28 Bn), Ct Munni Lal Dwivedi (48 Bn), B/B Rajkaran (RTC-3), W/C Pratap Singh (14 Bn), Peon Shah Alam (GC Shivpuri), NK Alam Singh (60 Bn), HC Mishri Lal (31 Bn), CT P.I. Linga Gowda (33 Bn), Ct P. Gyana Das (GC Bangalore), SI Ishwar Dev Singh (34 Bn), Ct Nachattar Singh (84 Bn), Hosp. Cook Sadan Kumar (GC Shivpuri), Ct A.K. Shukla (42 Bn), HC Kanwar (12 Bn), Cook Shiv Bahadur (78 Bn), Pharmacist S.R Jyoti Raman (83 Bn), NK Ranbir Singh (90 Bn), HC Banwari Lal (113 Bn), Ct Monappa B.S. (114 Bn), Ct K Chacko (125 Bn), NK/Dvr Lal Bahadur (GC Pune), Insp Subram (18 Bn), SI Hari Singh (25 Bn), Ct Sunil Kumar Dubey (104 Bn), Cook R.N. Tiwari (GC Pune), Ct PC. Roy (38 Bn), Ct Manoj Kumar (77 Bn), L/NK Mohan Singh (26 Bn), HC P.K Nair (42 Bn), Ct/Dvr Vinod Kumar (GC Gawahati), L NK Y.G. Ram (26 Bn), HC P. George (101 Bn), NK/Dvr Jaswant Singh (42 Bn), Ct Kamruddin (23 Bn), Cook V.K. Pradan (84 Bn), NK/Dvr Ranjit Singh (97 Bn), Ct Robin Kumar Ghosh (97 Bn), Cook Suresh Singh (CTC.I), NK Prakash Chand (113 Bn), Cook Sheik Chand (GC Hyderabad), S/K P.C Rao (87 Bn), HC Ram Nivas Roy (2 Bn), Ct Manjit Singh (6 Bn), NK Bhopal Singh (71 Bn), HC Mehar Singh (I Sig Bn), LNK F.C Kalitha (42 Bn),

NK/RO K. Babu (I Sig Bn), Ct Kundan Lal (115 Bn), S/K Ram Fal (GC Rampur), Ct/Dvr Roop Singh (GC Pinjore), Ct Venkat Lakshman Rattan (23 Bn), Ct Karan Singh (40 Bn) and Ct P.C. Bora (35 Bn).

AQUATIC MEET

Sector level Inter Battalion Aquatic meet of North East-em Sector, CRPF for the year 1996 was held at 53 Bn, CRPF, Kalkaji, New Delhi from 29.10.96 to 31.10.96. The competition was inaugurated by Shri M.S. Farooqi, Dy. Inspector General of Police, CRPF, New Delhi. Team of all the Units/GCs of North Eastern Sector except GC, CRPF, Guwahati participated in the competition.

25 Bn, CRPF secured 108 points and secured First position and 26 Bn CRPF stood second with 56 points. HC G Radhakrishnan of 25 Bn, CRPF was adjudged as the best swimmer of the competition.

The following personnel have secured first position in various events as per details here under :- HC G. Radhakrishnan (25 Bn) - 400 Mtrs Free Style, NK G.M. Nair (6 Bn) - 400 mtrs Individual Medlly Final, 53 Bn

Team - 4 × 200 Mtrs Free Style Relay, Ct Ram Niwas (GC-KKT) - 1500 Mtrs Free Style, Ct Jalim Roy (44 Bn) -200 Mtrs Briast, Ct Sapan Pal (25 Bn) - 200 Mtrs Individual Medlay, HC G. Radhakrishnan (25 Bn) - 100 Mtrs Back Pal (25 Bn) - 200 Mtrs Free Style, Ct Chitresan Routary (31 Bn) - 200 Mtrs Butterfly, HC G. Radhakrishnan (25 Bn) - 200 Mtrs Back Stroke & 50 Mtrs Free Style, Ct Sapan Pal (25 Bn) - 100 Mtrs Free Style, Ct Jalim Ray (44 Bn) - 100 Mtrs Breast Stroke, Ct D. Naik (25 Bn) and 53 Bn Team - 4 × Mtrs Medley Relay.

The following personnel have been selected for North East Sector Swimming Team for the year 1996. HC G. Radhakrishnan (25 Bn), NK G.M. Nair (6 Bn), LNK A.K. Dev (26 Bn), Ct Gurushant (60 Bn), Ct M.T. Kumaran (23 Bn), Ct Siva Kumar (6 Bn), Ct R.K Senapati (53 Bn), G Kumar Raja (26 Bn) Ct M. Mathias (49 Bn), Ct Chitresan Rautary (31 Bn), Ct VA. Christophy (31 Bn) and Ct Ram Niwas (GC/KKT).

The competition was concluded on 2.11.96 in a colourful ceremony. Shri A.A. Siddiqui, IGP, RAF who was the Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the winners.

RAF gets praise

The Director General & Inspector General of Police Orissa, Shri A.B. Tripathy in his letter to the DG CRPF has praised the performance of RAF in handling law and order situation in Puri. The full text of his letter is as under :-

“Four companies of Rapid Action Force were rushed to Orissa to help Orissa Police in handling law and order situation arising out of famous Nabakalebar and Car festival of Lord Jagannath at Puri. This function had attracted more than 12 lakh pilgrims to the small holy town of Puri necessitating fool proof security arrangements. 2 Companies of Rapid Action Force used at Puri gave excellent account of themselves in handling the pilgrims, ensuring effective cordon, regulating traffic and dragging the chariots. The performance and the level of discipline of Rapid Action Force were of a very high order.

I thank you for having sent such excellent force and also express my deep appreciation to them through you”.

Lt. Governor praises free Medical Camps

The Lt. Governor of Delhi Shri P.K. Dave has in his letter to the DG, CRPF Shri

M.B. Kaushal appreciated free medical camps organised in Delhi by the Force during October 1996. He has called the work as ‘commendable’. The Lt. Governor wrote this letter in reply to DG’s letter to him. The text of his letter is given below :-

“CRPF is engaged in very worthwhile assistance to the local population of parts of Delhi. The work is indeed commendable. Such participation of the Forces creates a conducive atmosphere for their image in the public mind and sympathetic understanding of their role when they have to take any kind of action to maintain and restore peaceful conditions”.

CRPF Personnel Honoured

14 CRPF personnel including mother of a deceased were honoured by the Addl. Director General, CRPF, south-em sector Shri D.R Karthikeyan by distributing DG’s Commendation Disc, Certificate and ex-gratia payment at GC, CRPF, Avadi, Madras for their devotion to duty and meritorious service at a function held on September 6, 1996. He presented a cheque of Rs. 2 lakh towards ex-gratia payment to Smt. Nagavalli, mother of late Ct K.

Muthukumar of 130 Bn., CRPF, who made supreme sacrifice while retaliating against

Bodo and ULFA terrorists. Shri Karthikeyan also presented DG's commendation disc and certificate to 13 other CRPF personnel for their outstanding services. The function was followed by demonstration of unarmed combat by Central Training College-II of CRPF.

Shri Karthikeyan, while talking to the newsmen said that the annual parade conference this year would be held in Hyderabad in October. 400 acres of land has been purchased on the Mettupalayam-Ooty wayside for establishing a CRPF campus, which will house the CTC. An amount of Rs. 6 Crore has been earmarked for this project, out of which Rs. 3 crore has already been spent.

While detailing about the growth of CRPF, Shri Karthikeyan said that the Force has expanded from one battalion in 1939 to 135 Bns. today including 10 Bns. of Rapid Action Force and two Mahila Bns. He said CRPF had the unique distinction of raising the first ever women armed police battalion in the country.

Sports/Adm conference of Southern Sector, CRPF was later conducted in the Conference Hall of Station Officers' Mess in which various points concerning sports and administration in CRPF were discussed.

HARBINGERS OF COMMUNAL HARMONY

*Dr. S. Subramanian
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'Police are anti-people' is the image etched indelibly in the minds of the people of India. Police baiting has become our national pastime. The common belief is that if one approaches the police for help, his problems are likely to get more aggravated than solved. In this scenario, it would surprise many to know that there is a Police force in India which is not only popular with the people but is welcomed with open hands by those in distress and in need of help and assistance during communal disturbances.

The ten thousand strong Rapid Action Force, which is administratively a part of the Central Reserve Police Force, has by its dedication, good work and noble deeds, earned the sobriquet-' Harbingers of Communal Harmony'.

The success story of this Force is worth a study by all those in authority particularly by the Chiefs of Police.

Right from the stage of the evolution of the idea till its operationalisation in raising the Force, meticulous planning of all details was undertaken. Personnel were carefully screened and selected specifically for the tasks expected of them. Deployment was methodical and deliberate. Results of all operations were carefully monitored, analysed and the procedures and practices were modified where necessary to yield better performance to achieve the organisational goals. Finally, a forward looking leadership strove for excellence. All these factors cumulatively brought about this miracle-of-public acceptance and approbation.

Communal disturbances erupt like volcanoes. They give adequate advance warning signals to enable us to take precautionary measures. When these signs are ignored they result in vast human suffering both in lives and properties. Communal disturbances leave permanent scars on the social fabric. Groups who are low in number, the minorities, suffer the maximum damage. Handling communal disturbances as a law and order problem by the police, ignoring the psychological dimensions, has in the past given scope for many complaints like; Police partiality and bias in favour of the majority, excessive and mala fide use of force against the minorities, lack of adequate fire fighting and medical facilities and failure to provide relief and assistance in time and to the needy.

To remove these oft repeated complaints and to instil confidence in the minds of the minorities, the Government of India, decided to set up a special force to deal with communal disturbances. Since CRPF had the expertise in handling serious law and order problem in the last five decades, it was decided to keep this new Force under its administrative control. While constituting this Force, great stress was laid on selecting the personnel. They are to be mature, well educated, and free from any communal or caste bias. They were subjected to psychological screening to detect personality distortions. During training they were taught to view all people as equal and those inhabiting the communally disturbed areas as the victims of circumstances beyond their control and not all as criminals who had engineered the trouble. Force was to be eschewed as the first option and when resorted to, it should be on the principles of proportionality and operational necessity. They were indoctrinated with ideals of secularism,

principles of Human Rights and the need to treat all with sympathy and compassion. Middle and Senior level officers are put through special courses by social scientists and psychologists of IGNOU and NICFS. Whatever could be of assistance to a riot victim, like First Aid, Rescue and Resuscitation, Emergency evacuation etc. were compulsorily taught to all. The weaponry of RAF were chosen not to cause fatalities but immobilise people. To deal with women victims, all units of the Force have a Women contingent. They assist in searches, escort and handling of women and children.

While on duty in riot affected areas, the RAF deals with maintenance of order, putting out fires, neutralising explosive devices, render first aid to the victims and run relief centres till local administration steps in. In normal times, it familiarises with the riot prone areas and undertakes socially productive work to win the confidence of the people. It has won the acclaim of the people in very difficult and sensitive situations-to cite a few, Urdu Bulletin agitation in Bangalore, Idgah Maidan problem in Hubli, Moradabad and Aligarh communal riots, Janmashtami Vishnu Maha Yagya in Mathura and the Gyanvapi Mosque agitation and the Jalabhishek in Varanasi. It was part of the U.N. Peace keeping operations in Haiti and won laurels. It has distinguished itself in sports also.

R.A.F. is located in ten communally hyper sensitive places and with the provision of fast moving vehicles is in a position to reach the trouble spots in quick time. Their special blue uniform signifies peace and people have come to treat RAF differently from the Police. It has a performance evaluation cell constantly engaged in research.

For a vast country like India, prone to communal disturbances there is need to increase the strength of this Force at least by another six thousand and the Mahila component should be at least thirty percent of the total strength. It should be given a dedicated communication net work and on par with NSG have dedicated Air Transport. It is high time it had a Training Centre of its own. It will be a good idea to post young IAS officers in this Force to get a practical experience of handling communal situations. With a little imagination, this Force could be made to fill the void created by the absence of a National Disaster Relief Organisation. Now that more than four years have elapsed since this Force was constituted, it is time a review by competent professionals is undertaken to workout a perspective plan for the next ten years.

The success story of RAF has a lesson for other Police Forces in the country - if you render dedicated service, people will support you. It is left to the present day Police leadership to reorganise their Forces to make them people friendly. This cannot be achieved through public relations gimmicks but only by dedicated service to the people.

GEMS

- What is moral is what you feel good after, and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.
- Anxiety is the rust of life !
- When work is a pleasure, life is a joy ! When work is a duty, life is slavery.
- A reasonable man adopts himself to the world, while an unreasonable one adopts the world to himself. Hence, all progress depends upon an unreasonable man.
- It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives.

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THE OAK TREE

-T.G.L. Iyer

Often you are asked to chair a meeting. Every one knows that meetings are held to share ideas and experiences. Most meetings are a waste of time. It is often a demoralising experience. This happens because the Chairman does not set a direction, does not intervene at crucial moments but allows the discussions to drift. A strong chairman can suppress trivia, elicit the important and accelerate the speed of decision. The Chairman has numerous functions defining the purpose of the meeting, conducting the meeting

efficiently, controlling the discussions, focussing problems, regulating time, giving chance to participants to speak, achieving the purpose of the meeting and recording proceedings efficiently.

But there are problem people in many meetings who need grappling and handling. They can be broadly described as follows: There are Bull Dogs who take an aggressive stance. In such eventualities, other members of the meeting have to be used to soften them. Such aggressive people have to be put in a dead corner. Then there are the Horses. They talk too much. The Chairman has to make them trot then gallop. Again, there is the artful Monkey or the 'know all' who wants to dominate all the time. The Chairman has to corner him by encouraging others to question him. The Frog is another category who can be called a Blabber-Mouth. They talk too much. They wander from the main issue. The Chairman should start questioning them himself.

Yet another type is the Gazelle, the timid, retiring people. They have to be woken up, aroused and encouraged to speak and participate. Of course there is the Hedgehog. They are the cynics. They despise every thing. Make them speak so that they listen. The hippopotamus is another variety. They are not interested in the proceedings of the meeting. They branch off and wander about in the jungles. The Chairman must make them talk.

The Giraffe with the stiff neck also needs deft handling. The Giraffes watch other and feel superior. They have to be treated with respect and blocked gently. The list won't be complete without the Fox. They are crafty and capable. They put slipping banana skins in the path of everyone. The Chairman has to engineer others so that the fox makes a fool of himself.

The secret of chairing a meeting is to pander to the tastes of all. The Plants (People planted in the audience) and supporters should be asked to support the unpopular decisions. Bad news should be painted positive. Off-track situations that crop up have to be stonewalled by summarising the arguments. Some of the participants may be status conscious. They have to be motivated by ascending to their levels. To sum up, one can't chair a meeting successfully without a personal philosophy, strong perception and demonstrating a strong set of values and self-worth. While the winds of conflicting issues might shake those in the chair, such issues should not blow them away. They should stand strong and firm like the tall Oak tree in the forest.

PASSIVE SMOKING

-M S Raghava

When cigarette, cigar or bidi is smoked the smoke drawn by the smoker through the tobacco is known as mainstream smoke and the smoke which arises from the smouldering of the tobacco is known as side stream smoke, which passes directly to the surrounding environment and is inhaled involuntarily by the persons present there and the process is known as passive smoking. Passive smoking may thus be defined as “involuntary inhalation of smoke in indoor and confined places”

Over 4000 chemical compounds have been identified in cigarette smoke and their proportions in mainstream and side-stream differ tremendously. Analysis of side stream smoke has shown more of combustion products of tobacco than those in the mainstream. A side stream smoke is found to contain five times carbon mono-oxide, three times tar and nicotine, four times benzo-a-pyrene and forty six times ammonia.

Effect of passive smoking on the children of the smoking parents is very clear. Infants below the age of one year of smoking parents develop bronchitis and pneumonia more than twice the children of non-smoking parents. These children also tend to develop impaired lung function by five years of age. Children of smoking parents are shorter in height at primary school. Children of smoking mothers have reduced intellectual performance at the age of eleven years. It is however not yet clear that it is the effect of passive smoking only or its toxic effect of smoking on the child carried over from the womb.

Irritation of eyes, nose, throat and a sensation of unpleasantness is known to all passive smokers who do not smoke. Passive smoking may increase asthmatic symptoms and may even precipitate an acute attack. A study from California has reported that non-smoking wives of smoking men had three times the risk of heart attacks and double the risk of lung cancer than those whose husbands did not smoke. Available evidences suggest passive smoking is a sure cause of heart diseases.

In England 20 per cent reduction in smoking could save 42 million pounds. A study revealed that smokers are 50 per cent more likely for traffic violations and involved in car accidents than non-smokers. This increase in

accident is attributed to effect of smoking on drivers' reflexes and simultaneous effort to light a cigarette or reach for ash-tray while on the wheel. Smoking is also found to be responsible for enormous loss of human life and property as a result of out-break of fire spread from unextinguished cigarette butts. US National fire protection Association linked 17 to 200 building fires with damages to the tune of 95.9 million dollars to smoking in the year 1970.



D.G. CRPF Shri MB. Kaushal inspecting a Dengue relief camp in Delhi organised by CRPF

