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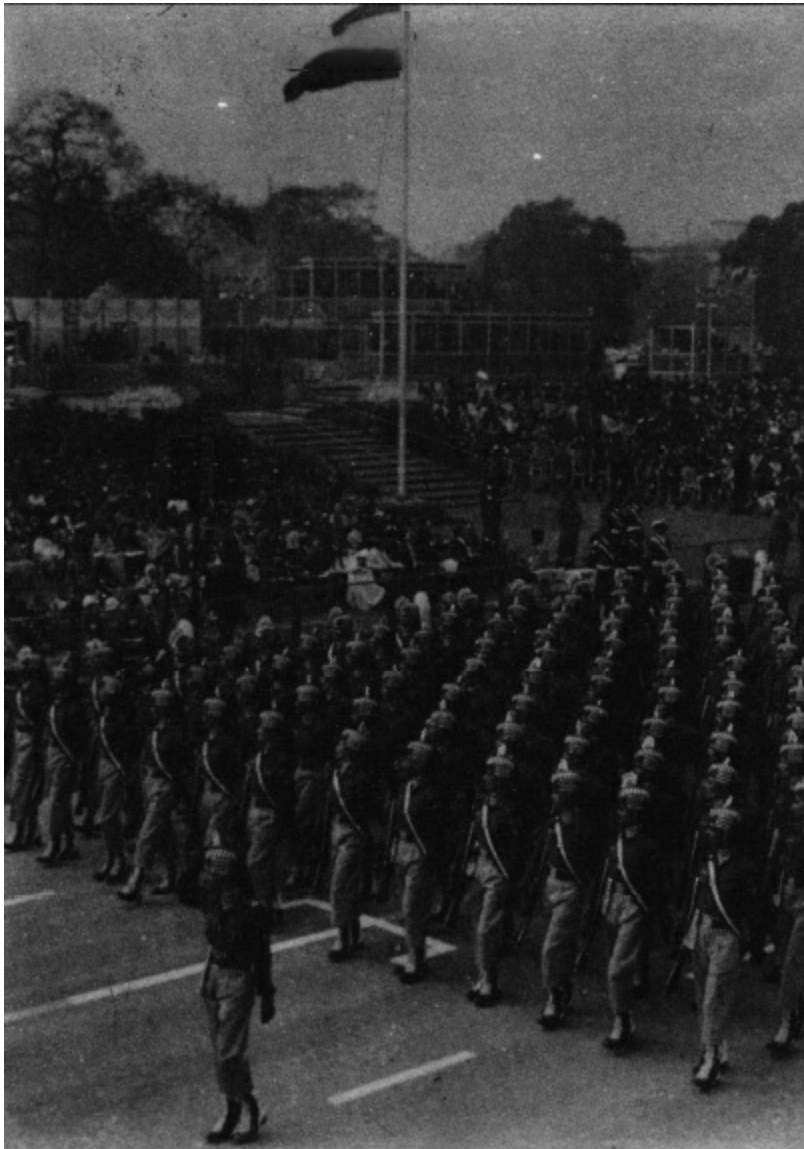
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—Editor

FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL'S DESK



1996 has been a very significant year for the Central Reserve Police Force as it was full of challenges and opportunities.

During the year the Force played a pivotal role in revival of democratic process in J&K. The flawless movement, systematic deployment and effective utilisation of all Central Forces and also movement, security and logistics of polling personnel sent from outside for Parliamentary and Assembly elections in J&K were coordinated by the CRPF. It also bore the major brunt in ensuring free and fair polls during General Elections 1996. The Force played an active role in checking the activities of fissiparous elements in North East and Andhra Pradesh.

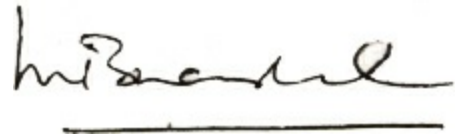
The Rapid Action Force did a commendable job in promptly rendering rescue and relief to cyclone affected public of Andhra Pradesh and also in controlling Dengue menace in Delhi. The massive contribution of the CRPF in Polio eradication programme launched by the Government, specially in far flung areas has been greatly appreciated. The efforts of the Force in protection and preservation of flora and fauna in Barbera forest in Orissa have paid rich dividends as the environment degradation in the area has been firmly checked.

Due to incessant demand of the Force to deal with emerging internal security challenges, the level of deployment and mobility of Force remained

very high. The Force personnel are not getting adequate time for rest, recuperation and training which is essential to maintain their operational efficiency. It continues to be an area of concern and is receiving priority attention of the Government also.

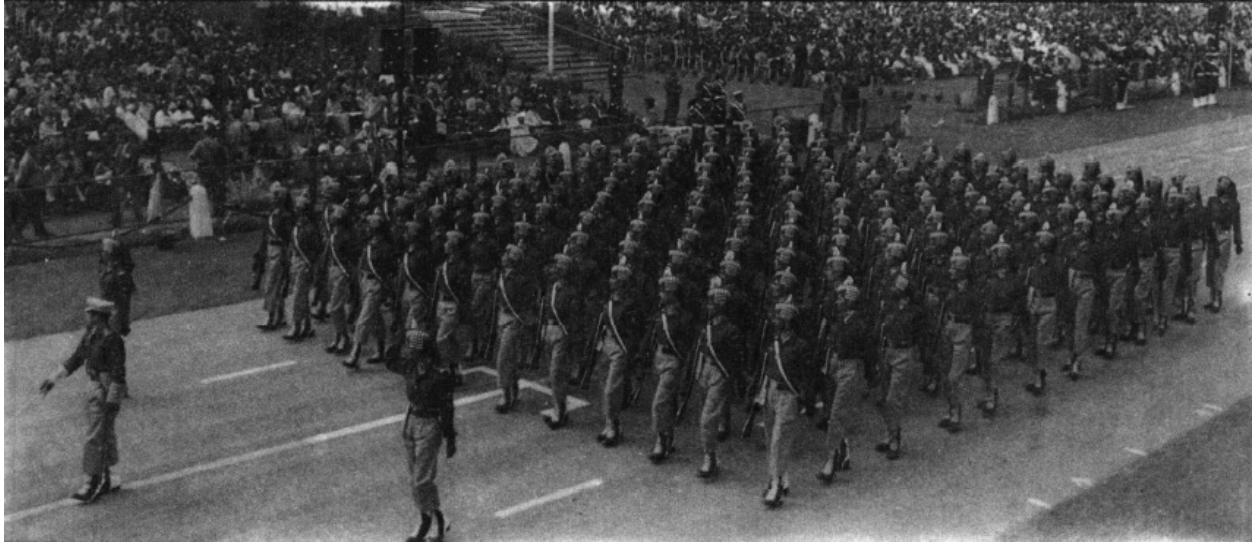
Efforts are being made to improve the quality of life of Force personnel and their families. Some measures like 'transparent transfer policy' and concept of 'zero gap promotion' are being envisaged in this regard. Proposals are in advance stage for substantially increasing availability of family quarters for non-Gazetted Officers. A new education policy is also being formulated for providing quality education to wards of Force personnel.

I wish you all success and hope that the confidence reposed by the Nation in the CRPF for dealing with internal security challenges will be upheld by you at all cost and would live upto the reputation of being the Peace Keepers of the Nation.



(M. B. Kaushal)

CRPF CONTINGENTS IN R.D. PARADE



CRPF Contingents in Republic Day Parade - 1997

Central Reserve Police Force - the peace keepers of the nation had the proud privilege of fielding three contingents comprising of CRPF Mahila contingent, CRPF men contingent and a brass band to participate in the Republic Day Parade - 1997.

The first contingent from CRPF was 144 strong Mahila Contingent with three Sub-Inspectors marching ahead of it, led by Mrs. Anita C.Sharma, Dy. Commandant - 88 (M) Battalion. The average height of this contingent was 5.7 feet. They were in blue Dangri suites with RAF formation sign on the left sleeve. They wore black belt web, white scarf and blue beret cap with white hackle. The girls of this contingent were drawn from units all over the country.

The Mahila contingent was followed by 105 men strong CRPF Brass Band under the command of Insp. Purushottam Ram. Shri Purushottam Ram has completed Silver Jubilee in attending Republic Day Parades. CRPF Brass Band was raised in 1961.

The third contingent from CRPF was CRPF men contingent consisting of 3 Sub-Inspectors and 144 other ranks led by Deputy Commandant Rajendra Singh Chauhan. The average height of this contingent was six feet.

Colourfully attired, the CRPF men wore dark blue turbans with striped blue band and sky blue 'turrah' alongwith golden 'jhalar'. They were in angola shirts with blue serge band underneath the shoulder title and CRPF formation sign in light blue colour in the left sleeve. Khaki trousers were

worn with blue 'Kamarbandh', white leather belt on the waist and white spats. Blue scarf with CRPF monogram embroidered on it was also worn.

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 carried SLRs while the officers and SOs carried swords.

CRPF has the highest tally of medals received by any Police Force. Since its inception, the CRPF won 1 George Cross (G), 1 Vir Chakra, 1 Padmashri, 3 Kings police Medal for Gallantry, 49 President's Police fire Service Medal for Gallantry, 416 Police Medal for Gallantry, 4 Vishisht Seva Medal, 1 Yudh Seva Medal, 5 Sena Medal, 73 Prime Minister's Life Saving Medal and 1 Jeevan Raksha Padak.

Smt Anita C. Sharma, Dy. Commandant of 88 (Mahila) Bn CRPF belongs to the first batch of lady officers to join CRPF in 1987. She is a recipient of Director General's Commendation letter and disc.

Shri Rajendra Singh Chauhan, Dy. Commandant of 112 Bn, CRPF was the Contingent Commander of the CRPF male contingent taking part in the Republic Day Parade this year. He is a recipient of Director General's Commendation letter and disc. He joined CRPF in August 1986 and was promoted as Deputy Commandant in January, 1992.

Shri Purushottam Ram, one of the oldest Band Commanders of CRPF, has participated in 32 Republic Day Parades and was a member in annual CRPF band displays during last 36 years.

CRPF LIFTS SANJAY HOCKEY TROPHY



DG, CRPF Shri Kaushal with CRPF hockey team

Central Resreve Police Force (CRPF) defeated Air India Academy by 2-1 in the final match of Sanjay hockey tournament at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi on January 3, 1997. In the semifinals, CRPF and Air India Academy & defeated BSF and Northern Railway respectively in sudden death.

In the final match although the Air India Academy took the lead over CRPF by pushing the first goal during early first half, they faced an equaliser soon when Lugon Joseph of CRPF converted a penalty corner. Both teams tried their best for supremacy till Vencent Hemram of CRPF struck the decisive goal in the second half.

Twenty leading hockey teams of the country participated in the tournament which commenced on December 24, '96. The participating teams included BSF, Punjab State Electricity Board, JCT Fagwara, Rail

Coach Factory Kapurthala, Northern Railway and others.

36 DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS TO CRPF

Thirty six 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 1997.

President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to 5 officers while Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 31.

The awardees are as under :-

PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Shri D.P. Sinha, IG, N/S



Shri A.R. Pawar, IG (Ops), M & N



Shri D.K. Suri, DIG, Hyderabad



Shri R.C. Puri, Addl. DIG, Group Centre, New Delhi



Shri R.K. Sharma, Addl. DIG, Group Centre Bantalab

POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Shri Mohinder Singh Addl. DIG NE Sector, Hqr



Shri Durgam Sampath Asst. Director, (A/c) SS Hqr



Shri Mahendra Kapoor Asst. Director (A/c) RAF, Hqr



Shri S.S. Nayyar Asst. Director (Adm-A/c) Dte. Genl.



Shri Ramesh Chander Commandant (Staff Officer to DIGP) N/DLI



Shri B.D.S. Chauhan Asst. Director (Accts) North West Zone



Shri J.S. Gill Commandant (123 Bn)



Shri jogindra Singh Commandant Dte. Genl.



Shri D.R. Yadav JAD (Sports) Dte. Genl.



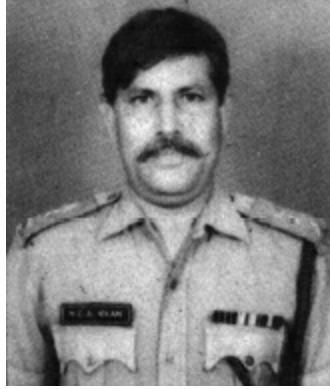
Shri J.P. Lakhera Dy. Commandant Group Centre



Shri S.P. Pokhriyal Dy. Commandant (8 Bn)



Shri S.P. Singh Dy. Commandant 5 Signal Bn



Shri M.Z.A. Khan, Asst. Commandant (101 Bn RAF)



Dr. P.K. Kar Chief Medical Officer Group Centre, BBSR



Dr. Sriharsa Majhi Chief Medical Officer, Base Hospital-2



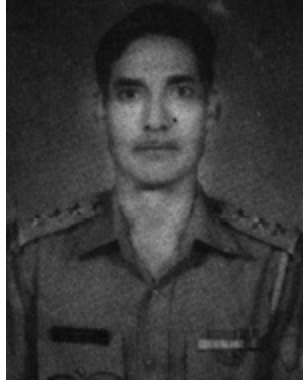
Shri M.R. Yadav Section Officer Dte. Genl



Shri Som Dutt Inspector (107 Bn RAF)



Shri B.S. Rana, Inspector (Tech) Signal Group Centre, (CTC/T)



Shri B.R. Singh Inspector Group Centre Lucknow



Shri Ramesh Chand Inspector (65 Bn)



Shri P.V. Paniker Insp (M) Dte. Genl



Shri C.P. Antony Sub-Inspector (60 Bn)



Shri B.S. Negi, Sub-Inspector (36 Bn)



Shri T.S. Bisht Sub-Inspector (9 Bn)



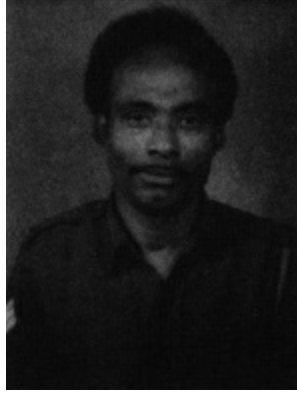
Shri D.M. Patil Head Constable Dte. Genl



Shri Mohd. Bashir HC (106 Bn RAF)



Shri P.N. Nair Head Constable GC, Hyd



Shri P.T. Yohannan HC Dte. Genl



Shri P.N. Thulasidharan Naik (4 Bn)



Shri J.H. Dung Dung Naik (2 Bn)



Shri Mohar Singh Constable (67 Bn).

DG'S DISC & LETTER PRESENTATION AT GUWAHATI

A glamorous function was held at Group Centre, CRPF, Guwahati on November 19, '96 to present the Commendation Discs and Certificates awarded by Director General, CRPF to the concerned Officers, SOs and Jawans of North East based units of CRPF. Shri K. Lalchhunga, IPS, IGP North-Eastern Sector, CRPF Shillong was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The function was attended by Brig. Govindji Mishra, Shri M.M. Khan DIGP, Shri C.S. Brar Addl. DIGP, all other station officers, men and families of CRPF personnel. Commendation Discs and certificates were presented on the occasion for their outstanding and gallant works and for the dedicated service rendered by them in arduous and hard areas at the risk of their lives.

Those who received Commendation Discs and Certificates included Shri K.K. Shiv Prasad, Commandant 30 Bn, Shri M.S. Raghava, Commandant 14 Bn, Shri V.P. Singh, 2I/C 62 Bn, Shri Ramji Singh, 2I/C 63 Bn, Insp (M) P.S. Yadav 50 Bn, SI (MM) Lalit Mohan, GC Khatkhati, HC (GD) Gian Chand 6 Bn, HC (GD) Riyasat Khan 130 Bn, HC (GD) Darbara Singh 39 Bn, HC/Dvr Kishan Lal 35 Bn, Cook Ram Bahadur Chetri GC Guwahati and Water Carrier Sohan Lal 62 Bn.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 5TH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION

- ❖ The rank of 2-I/C should continue and instead the Comdt. (OG) in the scale of pay of Rs. 4100-5300 may be upgraded to the rank of Comdt (SG) and the two posts be redesignated as Comdt. thereby abolishing the concept of OG and SG. The 2-I/C may wear the rank badges of Comdt (OG).
- ❖ The existing Comdt. (OG) may be merged with Comdt (SG) in the scale of Rs. 4500-5700 and both be renamed as Commandant.
- ❖ All existing 2-I/C would continue to draw higher pay scale of Rs. 4500-5700 as personal to them. New incumbents may be promoted in the scale of Rs. 3700-5000 in future.
- ❖ The post of L/NK be abolished and existing incumbent be upgraded to the rank of Naik.
- ❖ The matter regarding abolition of rank of ADIG needs an in depth study by way of cadre review which has been separately recommended.
- ❖ Recruitment of Direct entry Group 'A' officers in CPO's.
 - UPSC should conduct a combined all India competitive examination every year for filling in posts in the CPO's thereafter other tests i.e. Physical efficiency, group test, final interview should be conducted by SSB.
- ❖ Ration Money Allowance
 - Status quo be maintained
- ❖ Uniform Allowance
 - Initial Rs. 6500/- Renewal Rs. 3000/- (After every 7 years). The same rate recommended for both Group 'A' & 'B' Officers.
- ❖ Kit maintenance Allowance
 - Rs. 150/- (for both Group 'A' & 'B')
- ❖ Washing Allowance
 - Rs. 30/- (for non-Gos)
- ❖ Monetary Allowance to winner of PPMG and PMG -

Medal Allowance

- Rs. 200/- and, Rs. 120/ p.m. for PPMG and PMG awarded

Concession in the rail

- 50% alongwith spouse in the class to which awardees are entitled.
- ❖ Hard duty allowance
 - One month additional pay in a year to BSF, CRPF, A.R. & ITBP personnel.
- ❖ Special pay/Technical pay
 - Spl. pay should be doubled.
- ❖ House Rent allowance
 - 30% of the highest scale in the grade.
- ❖ C.C.A.
 - Appx. 3 times of present.
- ❖ Concession to employees posted in NE and Sikkim
 - Spl. Duty allowance of 12.5% of new basic pay.
 - Retain Govt. phone at Govt. expenses. Accomodation retained for family staying away.
 - CEA doubled
 - Family made eligible for CGHS facility.
- ❖ Leave travel concession
 - Two home town and one anywhere in India LTC in the block of four years.
- ❖ Leave accumulation
 - Ten days leave can be encashed alongwith the LTC. Limit of accumulation raised from 240 days to 300 days.
- ❖ The age of superannuation increased to 60 years for all except CPOs & armed forces.

PAY SCALES

Existing scales of Pay

Proposed Revised Scales

	of Pay
❖ 750-12-870-14-940 (Followers)	2440-40-3200
❖ 825-15-900-20-1200 (CTs)	2750-55-4400
❖ 975-25 + 1150-30-1540 (HC)	3200-85-4900
❖ 1400-40-1800-50-2300 (SI)	4500-125-7000
❖ 1640-60-2600-75-2900 (Insp)	5500-175-9000
❖ 2000-60-2300-75-3200 (SM)	6500-200-10500
❖ 2200-75-2800-100-4000 (A.C)	8000-275-13500
❖ 3000-100-3500-125-4500 (DC)	10000-325-15200
❖ 4100-125-4850-150-5300 (2-IC/Comdt.)	14300-400-18300
❖ 5100-150-5700 (Comdt. (SG) / Addl. DIG)	16400-450-20000
❖ 5100-150-6300-200-6700 (DIG)	16400-450-20900
❖ 5900-200-6700 (IGs)	18400-500-22400
❖ 8000/- Fixed (DG)	26000/- Fixed

- ❖ Voluntary retirement recommended under two different schemes, Normal scheme of Vol. retirement after 20 years retained. A Special scheme of VRS with golden handshake proposed for department identified surplus staff. Apart from normal weightage of 5 years, the scheme envisages cent per cent commutation of pension and special ex-gratia payment @ 1.5 time pay plus DA for each year of service put in or year of service left whichever is less.
- ❖ Pension
 - 50% through normal scheme 17% contribution from pension fund (new) 67% pension.
- ❖ Family pension
 - 30% of pay.

- ❖ Shift from 5 day to 6 day week with second Saturday being an office day.
- ❖ GH. reduced from 17 to 3-viz Republic Day, Independence day and Mahatama Gandhi Birthday.
- ❖ Assam Rifle be amalgamated with CRPF.
- ❖ Pay commission report be made effective from 1.1.96 except allowance, which should be made applicable prospectively.

It may be clarified that while discussing the various pay scales, the Commission came to the conclusion that there was need for another pay scale between Rs. 2000-3500/2375-3500/2375-3750 on the one hand and Rs. 2200-4000 or Rs. 3000-4500 on the other. As such we coined a pre-revised payscale of Rs. 2500-4000 as a Group 'B' payscale, to act as an intermediate stage. As we had already decided to raise the revised payscale corresponding to Rs. 2200-4000 to Rs. 8000-13500 (instead of Rs. 7000 etc. as it should have become if the broad multiply of 3.25 were used), there was a gap of Rs. 1000. It should be clearly understood that the pre-revised scale of Rs. 2500-4000 (as it corresponds to a revised scale of Rs. 7500-12000) is a lower scale than Rs. 2200-4000 (as it corresponds to a revised scale of Rs. 8000-13500).

Formula for fixation of pay - Old basic pay + 20% of old basic pay + 1st two interim relief + DA as on 1.1.96, total to be brought in the new scale.

RESCUE AND RELIEF TO CYCLONE AFFECTED

The cyclone of 6th and 7th November, '96 which hit the East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh was unprecedented and affected the lives of over 6 lakh families in 667 villages. The 210 KMPH gales killed 985 people. Another 1772 people were found missing. Over 1 lakh animals were killed in the cyclone and floods. 4,32,715 houses were badly damaged. Essential services like water, electricity was disrupted. The total loss was estimated to

be at Rs. 6,000 crore. Konaseema was the worst affected area of the district.

In order to assist the local administration and on the request of the state Government, the CRPF extended its service in rescue and relief operation. 2 Coys of 99 RAF were rushed to Amalapuram Sub-Division. A team of Medical Officers with essential and life saving medicines drawn from different hospitals & units of the CRPF were also rushed to the affected area. The services of these Medical Officers and RAF were utilised for the restoration and rehabilitation of the affected villagers. Medical camps were organised in different villages namely Kothalanka, Donthukuru, Gaddenapalli, Pallamkurru, G. Moolapalem, Balusutuppa, Marlapalem, Nagapatnam, Ramaswamy Thota Katrenikona, Giddavaripata, Tanelanka, I. Polavaram, G. Mallamurla, Guthenadevi, Saty ammachettu, Gatchakayalapora and Yudulanka under Amalapuram Sub-Division. With the timely and effective medical services rendered by our team of doctors, out-break of epidemic could be successfully checked.



RAF personnel undertaking rescue and relief work in cyclone hit areas of Andhra Pradesh

Shri D.K. Suri, DIGP CRPF Hyderabad alongwith Shri P.J. Singh, Commandant 106 Bn RAF were stationed at Amalapuram to personally supervise the relief operations carried out by the CRPF on war footing and with close co-ordination of the state administration. Dead bodies were recovered by the CRPF relief teams even days after the devastating cyclone.

Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, special DG, CRPF, Southern Sector kept in constant touch and was monitoring the relief and restoration operation undertaken by the Force personnel at East Godavari district.

The services rendered by the Force to the cyclone victims without caring for their own safety and comforts have been widely appreciated by the local population and state authorities.

57th ‘CRPF Day’

CRPF MOST VERSATILE AMONG CPOs

—Prime Minister

The Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda said that there was a need for rationalisation of deployment of CRPF. Although its demand is bound to be very heavy on account of variety of issues in our dynamic society, we need to reduce its deployment wherever possible so that the men get time for training, rest and recuperation.

The Prime Minister was addressing Officers and Jawans of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the ‘CRPF Day’ Parade at Jharoda Kalan (New Delhi) on December 28, 1996. The Day was celebrated on 57th anniversary of the Force.



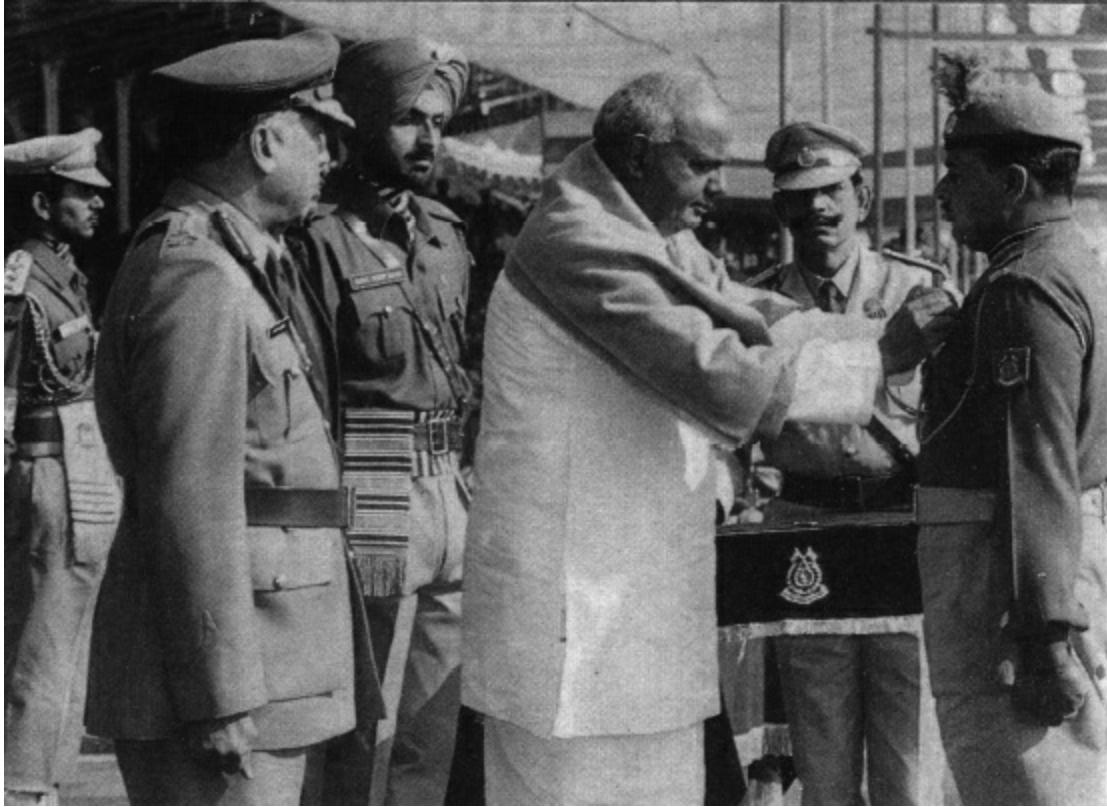
Prime Minister being introduced to senior officers of CRPF

Shri Deve Gowda said that CRPF was the most versatile of the Central Po- lice Organisations and had the extraordinary capacity to switch over from one role to another. The presence of CRPF was reassuring to the people at large and also to the State Governments where it was deployed. Inspite of its heavy commitments, the Force has made rich contributions in the field of sports and games. He expressed satisfaction that Human Rights formed part of its in-service training curriculum. He congratulated the Force personnel for their excellent Parade and March-Past.



DG CRPF presenting memento to the Prime Minister

Shri Deve Gowda said that he was aware of the serious problems of CRPF personnel due to their high mobility. This problem was being examined on a priority basis so that appropriate measures may be taken. The Government, he said, was determined for their welfare. Allocation of Rs. 25 Crore was under consideration for housing specially for separated family accommodation of CRPF personnel.



Prime Minister pinning medal to a CRPF personnel

The Prime Minister said, the Government would provide all facilities to CRPF to optimise its operational efficiency. For the welfare of the families of those who have sacrificed themselves or got disabled on duty, he announced to give Rupees one crore to the CRPF Welfare Fund from the National Defence Fund.

The Prime Minister decorated 13 officers and personnel with Gallantry and Distinguished service medals on this occasion. Naik Shiv Prakash Choubey was decorated with President's Police Medal for Gallantry, 3 personnel were decorated with Police Medal for Gallantry and 9 officers and personnel including Dr. D.N. Kar, Chief Medical Officer of CRPF with Distinguished Service Medal.

He also gave away trophies for outstanding performance of Battalions. 101 RAF Battalion received the overall best Battalion Trophy, 27 Bn best operational Battalion deployed in J&K, 114 Bn best operational Battalion deployed in North-East, 104 RAF Bn best cost effective and financial discipline Trophy and Group-Centre (Bantalab) Jammu received the best Group Centre Trophy.

Earlier, the DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal welcomed the Prime Minister and said that mobility and adaptability were two main characteristics of the Force. On account of high rate of mobility of Force personnel, it was necessary to implement the concept of 'separated family accommodation' for them.

The Prime Minister earlier took the general salute and inspected the Parade. CRPF contingents including one each of RAF and Mahila Battalion presented an impressive March Past with the Force band in attendance. Mobile columns of RAF and communication wing, outstanding sportspersons including Arjuna Awardees and tableaux joined behind marching contingents in the March-Past.

The week long "CRPF Day" celebrations to mark the occasion started with band display at India Gate and Connaught Place (Central Park) on December 24, '96 and then at Mehrauli and Ashok Vihar on December 26, 1996.

56 men in Brass and Pipe bands played on their instruments at each place under the command of their band master. Inspector Raj Kumar was the leader at Central Park, Connaught Place and Inspector Purushottam Ram led the band at India Gate. Each band with 35 Brass and 21 pipe men played on the tunes of 20 English and other popular Indian songs.

Band master Purushottam Ram has the unique distinction of participating in annual CRPF band displays for the last 36 years. The Brass band of CRPF was raised in 1961 and Pipe band in 1952.



CRPF Band playing on tunes at Connaught Place

A press conference was held on December 26, '96 at SDG HQ and was attended by over sixty news and media persons. The DG Shri M.B. Kaushal while briefing newsmen elaborated the achievements of the Force of 1996. Being most versatile and adaptable, the CRPF was much in demand by states for maintaining peace and security, he said.



Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda with Medal recipients

Senior Officers conference of CRPF, was held at Vigyan Bhawan on December 29, '96 on the conclusion of week long CRPF Day celebrations. DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal inaugurated it. Senior Officers of the Force from all over the country attended it. Speaking on the occasion the DG Shri Kaushal said that commitment of the Force was very heavy during 1996. Ninety percent of the Force remained deployed throughout the year. Continuous deployment has affected training programmes. One company of each Battalion will, therefore, be spared for rotational training in future. It will improve operational effectiveness of the Force. Operational, training and provisioning subjects were discussed in detail in the conference.



Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda inspecting the 57th CRPF Day Parade

PHOTO FEATURE



A tableau on J&K in 57th CRPF Day function



Union Home Secretary Shri K. Padmanabhaiah being presented memento by DG CRPF



CRPF Mahila rafters rafting through river Alaknanda



Spl. DG, CRPF Shri D.R Karthikeyan inaugurating Mandir in Southern Sector office, Hyderabad



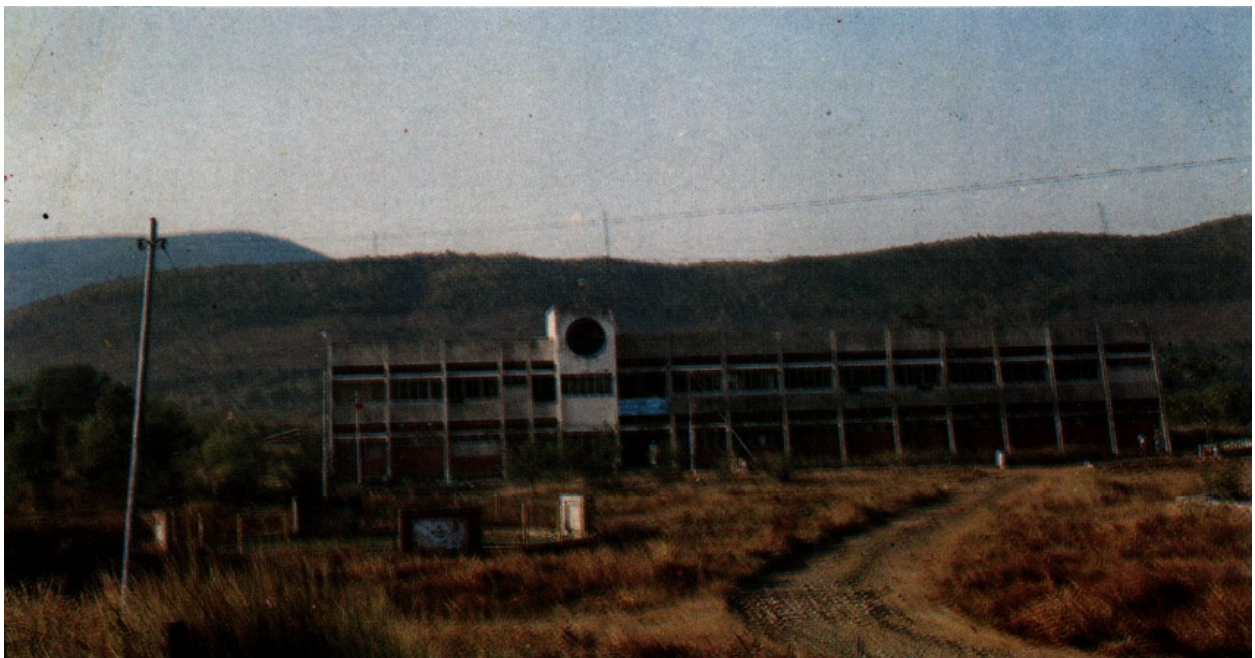
Smt. K. Lalchhunga, wife of IGP NES, CRPF inaugurating a fete at GC, Guwahati



Spl. DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan giving ex-gratia payment cheque to mother of Late Ct. Muthukumar



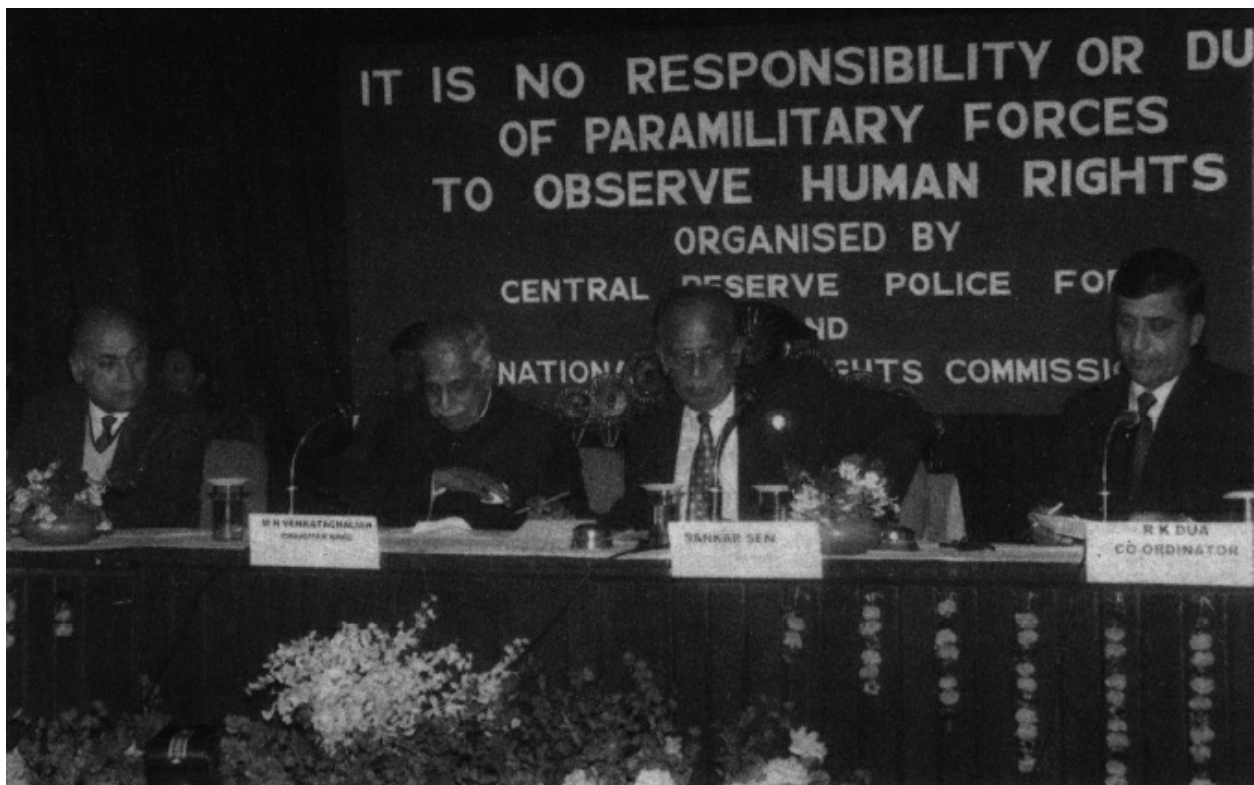
RAF Bn Mahila personnel getting their children immunised in the Pulse Polio campaign, Gandhinagar



The main office of GC Jamshedpur housed in the newly acquired UCIL complex (Turamdih)

FORCE PERSONNEL SHOULD RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS

- Justice Venkatachaliah



Chairman NHRC Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah addressing the debate competition on Human Rights

Chairman National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah has called upon Para Military Force personnel to observe rule of law and respect Human Rights while dealing law and order situations. It is because every human being has right of respect and dignity, accepted by law.

The Chairman Justice Venkatachaliah was addressing as Chief Guest in

the debate competition on 'it is no responsibility or duty of Para Military Forces to observe Human Rights' held in New Delhi among personnel of Para-Military Forces on January 21, 1997. The debate competition was organised by Central Reserve police Force under the aegis of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Justice Venkatachaliah said, the means adopted by force personnel during operations should be upright as the ends. Justice can not be done by unjust means. He said that it was true that the fence had to be thorny to protect flowers or the garden; but thorns do not kill someone in cold blood. The Force personnel have to sustain the faith of the common man. If faith of the common man was lost, everything will be lost.

He gave away prizes to the winners of the competition. Assam Rifles team won the team trophy for their excellent presentation in the debate. Among individual prizes in Hindi debate Srikant Kishore (CISF) got first, Janardan Yadav (BSF) second and S.C. Bunthiyal (Assam Rifles) got the third prize. In English debate A.M. Madan (Assam Rifles) got first, Joseph Parekal (NSG) second and Mrs. Vimla Mehra (CRPF) got the third prize.

Shri Sankar Sen, DG (Investigation), NHRC thanked the judges for helping in conducting the debate and said that the objective of such debate competitions was to percolate the consciousness of Human Rights down to the grass-root level in the paramilitary forces. There is a need to build-up transparent Human Rights' culture in the country. It has, however, to be nurtured gradually.

The Director General, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal gave the vote of thanks in the end and said that in simple terms 'human rights' can be termed as rights to which every human is entitled to enjoy. They are inherent in nature and without them one can not uphold human dignity. These rights are embodied in the Indian Constitution.

He said, in the present internal security scenario the involvement of Para Military Forces in maintenance of law and order was increasing day by day. In our internal security situation, we must remember that the Forces are not dealing with enemies but with their own countrymen and at best some misguided elements. To achieve their objective the Para Military Forces must enjoy confidence of the public and have their full co-operation. It is only possible when the Forces observe human rights, despite grave provocations and in most difficult environment. Punjab and J&K were

living examples, where security Forces could turn the tide only when public co-operation became forthcoming.

Every member of the Force has to realise that he is a citizen in uniform. If he will not respect the rights of others, how can he or his family members enjoy them.

Shri Kaushal said, there is a general argument that some excesses have to be committed in the process of bringing peace especially in disturbed areas. It is a misconceived notion. Such approach may achieve some temporary and short term successes, but can never achieve the ultimate goal of bringing peace and normalcy. It should be clearly appreciated that in the long run unlawful elements can not be dealt with unlawful means but only with effective legal methods. However, when quick 'results' are demanded and no question regarding the 'means' are raised, the law enforcement agencies in their eagerness to achieve 'results' sometimes take law into their own hands. When 'ends' become important and the 'means' are not questioned, 'human rights' become the first casualty. However it needs to be realised that human rights violation undermine human dignity, brutalise the security forces and forfeit the trust of the people.

The observance of human rights by the Para Military Forces is already mandated by the law. Violation will mean legal action. Individual officers would risk criminal liability and punishment. The need of the hour is for all to realise that 'bad means' do not produce 'good ends' and choice of 'means' is as important as setting up of 'organisational goals', he added.

CRPF HELPS IN PULSE POLIO CAMPAIGN

Central Reserve Police Force including Rapid Action Force extended assistance in Pulse Polio Immunisation campaign of Govt. of India under its social service works in the two phases on December 7, '96 and January 18,

1997 respectively all over the country. The assistance was extended to Rotary International and other organisations in executing polio immunisation of children.

CRPF and RAF extended assistance in the form of personnel and vehicles to facilitate immunisation campaign. Besides they also opened their own polio immunisation camps for children. During the first phase in urban and rural areas of Delhi, CRPF put into service 30 vehicles and 300 personnel for transporting polio vaccine from centres to booths and assisting at more than 350 booths in giving vaccine to children. The immunisation campaign received help of the Force in the form of manpower and vehicles all over the country including Jammu and Kashmir and north eastern states.

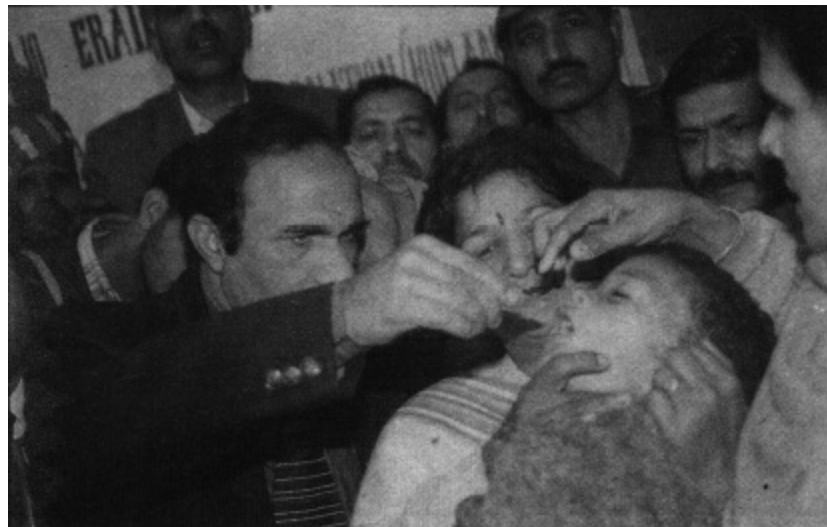
DG, CRPF Sh. M.B. Kaushal accompanied by IG, RAF Sh. A.A. Siddiqui visited R.K. Puram Sector-4 polio immunisation booth on December 7, '96 and gave vaccine dose to children.



Shri H. C. Sood, Commandant 2nd Bn administering Polio drop to a child at Jammu



Pulse Polio Camp organised by 100 RAF Bn at Ahmedabad



Pulse Polio Camp organised by 121 Bn at Hallomajra, Chandigarh



A child being given oral drop of Polio vaccination at Camp put up by 6 Bn at Itanagar.

In the first phase RAF deployed 20 vehicles and 120 personnel to assist at over 250 booths under 6 centres including R.K. Puram in Delhi. Similar assistance was extended by RAF in different booths under 36 centres in seven states all over the country. Over 2.5 lakh children benefitted by its assistance in the first phase. CRPF including RAF extended assistance at 1087 Polio Camps thus benetfitting over 13.5 lakh children in both the phases in the country.

In *Chandigarh* the CRPF officers, personnel and ladies of CRPF Wives' Welfare Associattion actively participated in spreading the message of immunisation to ensure maximum participation of the public. On behalf of CRPF Wives' Welfare Association Mrs. Sharda Kaushik, wife of DIG, CRPF co-ordinated our efforts with local Rotarians. The banners and play-cards prepared by the CRPF personnel were displayed in various parts of the city and a contingent of CRPF participatd in a rally on 5th December 1996 where a pledge was taken by people from all walks of life to eradicate Polio by the year 2000.



Polio Camp organised by BH-2 Hyderabad



Shri M.S. Balakesavan, Comdt. 92 Bn giving Polio drop to a child at a camp in Jirania, Tripura



Pulse Polio Camp put-up by CRPF at Trilokpuri, New Delhi



Polio Camp organised by 76 Bn, CRPF at Jammu City

In its efforts to provide maximum assistance the CRPF units provided communication network through wireless and CRPF personnel extended help in maintaining law and order, traffic regulation, supply of vaccine from distribution centre to the booths in city and ambulance equipped with necessary medical staff for meeting the emergencies. In addition to this CRPF units established their own immunisation camps at various places in the city where a large number of children were provided pulse polio drops by CRPF personnel and their wives.

In *Jammu & Kashmir* various CRPF units organised their Pulse Polio camps besides assisting state Health authorities in organising immunisation camps. There was large turn out at CRPF Polio camps at Srinagar, Baramulla, Jammu and Doda. Force transport was made available to bring children to the camps from nearby villages. Camps were organised at Srinagar under the supervision of IGP (Ops) J&K Shri Narayan Mishra, DIGP (Ops) Srinagar Shri I.J. Singh and Shri Gurcharan Singh, AD (Adm).

In Jammu, Polio immunisation camps were setup by GC Bantalab under the supervision of Station Hospital Medical Officers in front of its gate outside the camp on December 7, '96 and January 18, '97 respectively. The camp was inaugurated by the Addl. DIG Shri R.K. Sharma by giving polio drops to a child. More than 5000 CRPF campus children alongwith those of civilian population of adjoining villages and Kashmiris of Mutthi Migrant's camp were benefitted in these camps.



Shri P.N. Ramakrishnan, DIG administering Polio drop to a child at Gandhinagar

In Jammu city 76 Bn CRPF co-ordinated with J&K health department and nongovernmental organisations in arranging and helping pulse polio camps. CRPF unit provided adequate personnel and vehicles to transport doctors, nurses, polio vaccine, food packets and children to various camps in Phase I and II. Five polio camps were set up by 76 Bn itself in city. Over 2000 children were given polio drops on December 7, '96 and over 3500 on January 18, 1997 in these five camps. Dr. S. Mustafa Kamal, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Govt. of J&K visited polio camps for slum dwellers at 76 Bn HQ, Chhanni Himmat and gave Polio drops to a child.

At CRPF Base Hospital, *Hyderabad* and Group Centre, Secunderabad Hospital pulse polio clinics were set up in both the phases. Advance publicity for creating awareness for polio immunisation was undertaken on preceding four days in the vicinity of camp area in the villages of Chadrayan Gutta, Barkas, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Maikham, Ambedkar Nagar and Balaji Nagar. Over 1200 civilian and Force personnel children were given Polio drops on December 7, '96.

The 6th Bn CRPF deployed in the district of West Keming, East keming, Papumpare and Lower Subansiri of *Arunachal Pradesh* extensively took part in Government sponsored pulse polio immunisation programme. A total

number of 834 and 15,428 children under age group of five were immunised with polio vaccine with the assistance of CRPF in both the phases of the programme. CRPF personnel under the leadership of Commandant J.S. Bisht and CMO Dr. R.B. Das, not only provided security cover at polio centres but also helped in motivating and guiding the tribal people to be benefitted by the programme.

The CRPF unit set up its own polio centre at unit Hospital, Itanagar in collaboration with state health authorities and covered 147 and 179 children respectively in first and second phases of the programme.

In *Tripura*, 92 Bn, CRPF organised pulse polio immunisation programme at Tripura Engineering College, Jirania on December 7, '96 which was inaugurated by Shri M.S. Balakeshavan, Commandant. 92 Bn. 151 children upto the age of 5 years were given Polio drops. To motivate the public they organised screening of Video films and distributed sweets to the children. Similarly the sub-units at Gamai Bari, Jeolchera, Athramora, Nalkata and Chakmaghat extended all help in Polio immunisation programme.

On January 18, '97 Polio immunisation camp was set up again at T.E. College, Jirania. Shri Mahendra Prasad, DIGP, CRPF, *Agartala* inaugurated the Immunisation camp and administered the first drop to Kum. Sugandha Das. About 192 children were provided oral Polio vaccine drops by the evening.

The Director of Health Services, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala in his letter has praised the role of 92 Bn, CRPF in the Polio Immunisation programme. The text of the letter says, "I am extremely happy to see that 92 Bn, CRPF stationed at Tripura Engineering College under Jirania rural Hospital took active part in Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme on 7th December, '96 and 18th January '97 under active leadership of Shri Balakeshavan, Commandant, assisted by Dr. P.N. Solanki, Medical Officer, 92 Bn, CRPF. They also took active part in motivation of the parents and the guardians to bring the children into the immunisation centre. This type of health activities of 92 Bn, CRPF is praiseworthy. This type of co-operation in future will be highly appreciated."

122 Bn, CRPF assisted the Tripura State Health Department in Khawal Sub-division of West district in the area of Gopalnagar, Kathiabari, Ampura, Dhalabil and Padmabil. The unit carried out intensive patrolling in all

sensitive areas and dominated the area. The troops assisted the local population and tribals to reach the immunisation camps and provided all other required assistance on January 18, 1997.

356 ULTRAS APPREHENDED

The CRPF personnel have apprehended 356 extremists while 12 got killed in as many as 41 encounters and search operations conducted during the month from Nov '96 to Jan '97 all over the country. The apprehended militants in J&K included 13 militants of Hizbul Muzahideen outfit, 2 each of Al-Jehad and JKLF outfits.

The Force personnel recovered 73 major weapons which included 15 AK-47, 7 AK-56, 25 Pistols/Revolvers, one rocket launcher, one .303 rifle and huge quantity of ammunitions.

The Force lost 10 of its brave jawans while 72 others sustained injuries in ambushes and encounters with terrorists during this period.

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total amount of Rs. 9,08,000 has been paid to the next of kin of 13 personnel who died during the month of December '96 from Risk (Premia) Fund. This included Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 12,500 from Central Welfare and Benevolent Fund in each case. A sum of Rs. 1,40,000 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 December '96.

AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME BY 70 BN



Shri R.P. Singh, IGP CRPF addressing a programme on AIDS Awareness

A programme on “AIDS Awareness” was organised by 70 Bn CRPF at its HQ in Varanasi on December 20, 1996. It was inaugurated by Shri R.P. Singh, IPS, IGP, Eastern Sector, CRPF Calcutta. Speaking on the occasion Shri R.P. Singh expressed his deep satisfaction for organising such important programme. He advised force members to understand in detail about this killer disease from such eminent doctors, so that every one may take proper precautionary measures. He thanked Commandant 70 Bn for organising this educative programme which will not only help force personnel but also their family and members of society at large.

The Chief guest Dr. A.K. Dwivedi, CMO, Varanasi expressed his happiness for a force like CRPF undertaking responsibility to spread the message of AIDS throughout the country. Such important social work, he said, on the part of CRPF will have very long and sustained efforts towards eradication of this disease.

Dr. A.K. Gulati, Prof. and Head of Department of Microbiology and Incharge of AIDS cell of Banaras Hindu University described in detail through audio visual aids about various aspects of the disease and its preventive aspect. He cautioned the members of CRPF to remain vigilant and not to contract this disease through different modes, like drug abuse, blood transfusion, unsafe sex etc.

Other prominent doctors of the city Dr.O.P. Tiwary of SSPG hospital

also spoke about the disease. Dr. Dixit, Dr. K.N. Sharma, both from SSPG hospital highlighted co-relationship of AIDS with sexually transmitted diseases and Tuberculosis respectively.

Earlier, Shri N.G. Subramania, Commandant 70 Bn, CRPF welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance and benefits of organising such programme in CRPF. He stressed on self discipline in sex which is the only answer to avoid this disease.

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 December '96.

L/NK Bircha Ram (82 Bn), Insp. Bikram Singh (16 Bn), B/ B Gopi Lal (99 Bn), NK M.S. Anil (27 Bn), NK Joginder Nath Singh (120 Bn)), Shri R.N. Saxena, Addl. DIGP (GC Rampur), Ct Tapan Pal (106 Bn), SI Pallab Dey (41 Bn), Ct Jayant Kumar Mitra (115 Bn), Ct. Rajender Babu (113 Bn), L/NK Raman Bhai (10 Bn), Ward Sister C.L. Danial, (BH. III, Guwahaty), L/ NK Har Naik Singh (133 Bn), Ct Devasis Dey (133 Bn), Ct Anant Arali Kati (2 Bn), NK/RO Bhagirath Lal (I Signal Bn), Ct Barkat Hussain (8 Bn), Ct Ahsan Ullah Khan (GC-II Ajmer), Ct Rajesh Singh (33 Bn), HC Hira Lal (48 Bn), Ct Ramnath Thakur (16 Bn), HC M.D. Siddique (79 Bn), HC C.B. Shukla (21 Bn), L/ NK Kundulana (22 Bn), NK/Dvr S. Goverdhanan (13 Bn).

CRPF WOMEN'S RAFTING EXPEDITION

An all woman river rafting expedition was organised by CRPF from Srinagar (UP) to Rishikesh under adventure sports. The 5-day expedition

was flagged off by IG Provision and Training Shri S.M. Cairae on November 30 and was concluded at Rishikesh on December 4, 1996. Smt. Annie R. Thomas, Dy. Commandant was the leader of the expedition.

Flagging off the expedition, Shri S.M. Cairae said, it was the fourth adventure expedition undertaken by CRPF during last three years. Adventure sports were introduced in CRPF with the successful completion of Abhiyan Ganga Sagar in 1994. The expedition consisting of four rowing boats with 32 rovers was flagged off from Haridwar and reached Calcutta in 60 days after covering a distance of 2151 kms. CRPF mountaineering team successfully scaled Mount Jogin I and III peaks and participated in HIMEX car rally organised by army. The objective of Women's rafting expedition was to build up morale of CRPF personnel, to instill in them risk taking capabilities and courage to face new challenges, he added.

IG, Central Sector Shri Tilak Kak earlier welcomed the Chief Guest and Dy. Director (Training) Shri M. Mohan Raj told in detail the five-day expedition schedule. A free medical camp was organised at Srinagar on the flagging off day for the benefit of local people.



CRPF Mahila rafting expedition team members being introduced to IGP (Trg and Prov.) Shri S.M Cairae at Srinagar (U.P.)

The rafting expedition covered a distance of 105 kms from Srinagar to Rishikesh, rafting through Alaknanda and Ganga rivers. The members covered 17 kms in the first leg on November 30 from Srinagar to Bagwan,

18 Kms from Bagwan to Dev Prayag on December 1, '96, 31 Kms from Dev Prayag to Kudiyala in the third leg on December 2, 20 Kms from Kudiyala to Shivpuri in fourth leg and 18 kms from Shivpuri to Rishikesh in the last leg.

An women's rafting expedition consisting of Mahila Battalion girls was organised by Central Reserve Police Force for the first time in the country. The 16-member rafting expedition included two rafts with 8 rafters in each.

Months of labour and hard work had gone into the preparation for this event. A month long coaching camp was held at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh where the team was put through rigorous training. Later they were trained on river Yamuna. A week long on-the-spot training was held at Kudiyala (UP). The expedition was a test of their endurance, determination, stamina and skill.

Looking to the interest and expertise gained by the CRPF girls during training, the Chandigarh Rowing Association and Chandigarh Sports Council requested CRPF authorities to permit the team to represent the Union Territory of Chandigarh in the forthcoming National Rowing Championship at Hyderabad during January, 1997.

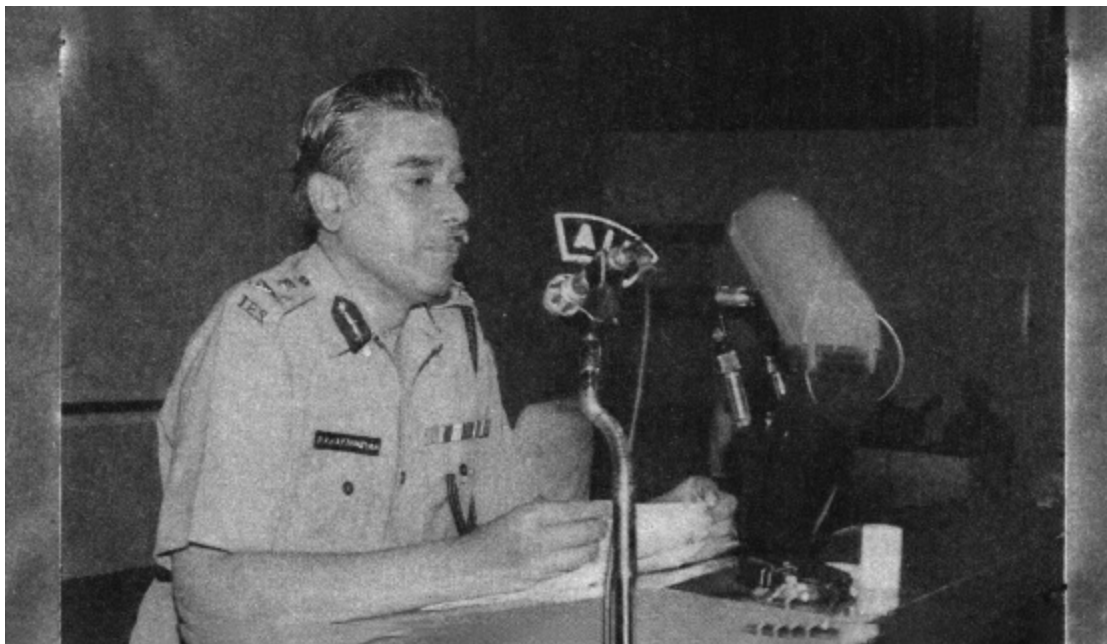
A DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A sector level debate competition on the subject 'it is no responsibility or duty of Para-Military Forces to observe Human Rights' was organised by Southern Sector, CRPF at Avadi on December 11, 1996. The function was presided over by the Special DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan. Presentations of two participants ASI(M) M. Srinivas of GC Avadi and ASI(M) P.Uma Menon of GC Pallipuram, who spoke in favour of the subject, were adjudged first and second in the debate.

Speaking in favour of the subject M. Srinivas said, I would say it is not the duty of the Paramilitary force to observe human rights. Let us take the Para military forces as such, their role and nature of their duties. The Force is deployed into a state or a place when the State machinery had completely

failed to control the situation. Thus a Force devoid of proper logistics, ignorant of the local language, the general mood or the prevalent mood of the public, ill equipped, lacking training on modern scientific techniques are ordered into a particular state, to bring back normalcy within 24 hours of its deployment. What the course of action is then expected by the Para Military Forces?

I would like to say to my colleagues in this Force that duty comes first. Duty is Worship. What is important is to understand the community's expectation and balance them against the requirement of criminal law and legal procedures, civil law and development programmes and legal procedures and capacity to implement policies and programmes for common good. To be effective let us have policies and procedures which can effectively respond to the need of the public and of this nation, India. In the process if we are violating the rights and privileges of a section or a group of the society it can be forgotten and we need not observe any human rights which will harm the secularity, integrity of this nation Bharat.



Spl. DG, CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan addressing the debate competition on "Human Rights" at Avadi.

Uma Menon too speaking in favour of the subject said, as and when we talk about Human Rights, the first thing that comes to our mind is the brutality committed by the Police Force and their negligence in upholding the principles of Human Rights. Police brutality is only a symptom and not

a disease. It goes without contradiction that the present social scene in the country is pregnant with violence of different varieties. With so much violence around, and this does not exclude even our political, religious and social leaders, the forces which are but a small section of the same society, cannot be any different. They are violent because the society permits it and even wants the Police to suppress violence with equal violence. What is the meaning of Rights ? Rights are the political, social and other advantages to which one has a just claim, morally or legally. Similarly rights are not the power to satisfy ones reputation strictly in conformity with the prevailing conditions of the society.

The problems of crime control and observation of human rights in Para Military Forces do not concern the police alone, they are matters of community concern. This job could be easier if at the height of erroneous charges and unwarranted attacks against the profession, citizens remember the manifold aspects of their work which they have come to expect and depend upon.

FROM FLAGS TO SATELLITE COMMUNICATION

— *M.S.Agarwal*

While Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was raised at Neemuch on July 27, 1939 as Crown Representative's Police, the first Signal contingent of 51 men was added to the force in 1942. Initially, in the absence of wireless equipment the communication was achieved with flags and helio lights. Subsequently in 1944, high frequency wireless sets acquired from army disposal were used to establish CRPF's first wireless net for communication between Neemuch and out stations at detachments deployed in Khairpur State of Sind Province to assist it in dealing with

‘HUR’ menace. Wireless communication also played vital role during anti-dacoity campaign in Rajputana and during integration of small states in Marwar.

In 1948, 2nd CRPF Bn with another signal platoon having 58 personnel was sanctioned. The ambit of deployment of the force by this time had changed from the confines of petty princely states to the national frontier and nascent states. To co-ordinate communication activities of the two signal platoons Shri Karam Singh, Dy. SP of Ajmer-Merwara state Police on deputation to CRPF was designated Police Radio Officer of CRP with office at Neemuch. By 1949, the force had already established its regular communication network with Neemuch as control. In the same year, three civil technicians namely Naurang Singh, Gurcharan Singh & Prithi Singh after their training at Georges ‘Telegraph Institute, Clacutta established first radio workshop of CRPF at Neemuch.

Wireless communication became the mainstay of successful operations during campaign against activities of antisocial elements and outlaws in Nabha & Bhatinda of Pepsu state and to liquidate dreaded Janga in 1952. During the same year, direct HF communication link was established between Neemuch-Jammu-Srinagar when four CRP companies were deployed in the state on I.S. duties & on guarding Pakistan frontier in collaboration with the local militia and Police.



A satellite Telephone - latest communication equipment. (Inset) An old timer transmitter

In 1953, CRPF appeared on ISPW (Inter-State Police Wireless) HF net by opening a wireless station at the historical Neemuch fort. This facilitated direct Communication with IGP Delhi who was ex officio IG CRPF. During 1954-55 same wireless stations were loaned to MP Police during which were deployed in Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Dhaulpur and Bharatpur areas of Chambal ravines where the depredations of dacoit Man Singh and his son Subedar Singh had struck terror. By this time CRPF had inducted latest transmitters. Batteries for operation of the wireless sets were charged by 'Iron horse charging Engines' as Neemuch did not have any electricity till 1955.

Major transformation and restructuring in the functioning of CRPF Signal was carried out during 1965 when Ist Signal Bn was sanctioned and raised at Neemuch on December 1, 1965 by amalgamating existing seventeen Signal Platoons. Later Ist Signal Bn was shifted to its present location at Jharoda. An advance Workshop-cum-Signal Centre was established at Dimapur in 1966 to sub control the CRPF deployment in North East. Later this Signal Centre was shifted to Kohima. Subsequently Mokamehghat Signal Centre was created to act as a Relay Station between north-east deployment and various HQrs in north & south. Meanwhile, in 1966 first VHF set was introduced in CRPF.

With the expansion of force due to merger of India Reserve Bns, 2nd and 3rd Signal Bns were raised at Rampur in August, '68. Post of Wireless Advisor to DG was sanctioned in April '69 for centralised control. Keeping Signal in line with the over all transformation of the force, Signal Group Centre was raised at Neemuch in June, '70. The adhoc Signal Training Centre was also regularised now and called Central Training College (Telecommunications). The CTC (T) formed as a part of SGC was now running regular basic and upgrading course for NGOs in radio, crypto & technical categories. GOs tech course was introduced during December, 1975 with a view to upgrade the technical knowledge of Officers of Signal Range. The SGC cum CTC (T) was later shifted to its present location at Ranchi during December '86.

In 1970-71 'Telefunken' high power transmitters were acquired through BEL and the force established its first RTTY network with links between Delhi-Neemuch, Delhi-Hyderabad and Delhi-Calcutta.

With changing law and order scenario in the country, the force expanded. To meet increased communication responsibilities and remove bottlenecks from radio channels, dedicated teleprinter circuits were leased from DOT. Delhi-Calcutta TP circuit established on March 14, 1970 was the first TP circuit the force ever acquired. New TP circuits were added with further expansion of the force and to meet growing operational requirements. As on date there is a network of TP circuits connecting all nodal signal centres with force HQ directly or indirectly.

With the advent of semiconductor and IC technology compact and ruggedised wireless sets were introduced to phase out valve version bulky sets during 1970-71. Similarly semi-valve version of bulky VHF sets was replaced by fully transistorised and handy sets. Electronic exchanges and electronic TPs replaced slow speed electro-mechanical exchanges and teleprinters. With the advent of micro processor chip new horizons in communication technology were achieved. Keeping abreast with technological changes, modernisation of communications within the allotted funds was taken up. Synthesised radio sets in HF and VHF Range were acquired.

An Automatic Message Switching System was acquired for Force HQrs. Burst Error Control System for Teleprinter (BEST) ensured faster clearance of messages with absolute accuracy on radio. Today all static institutions are connected on BEST network. Morse working has mostly been confined to the field units only. Repeaters are being vastly used to enhance VHF Range. VHF repeater established at Chintpurni (H.P.) in 1989 extended the VHF range over whole of Punjab and became very useful during campaign against militancy in Punjab. Wireless sets based on surface mounted Device technology (SMD) have already been introduced in the force. These sets have reduced the fault liability and cover wider frequency band giving larger number of speech channels. A land mark in modernisation has been the computerisation of inventory control in Signal units and acquisition of INMARSAT-M mobile satellite telephones for communication for inhospitable terrains where terrestrial communication is either not available or not reliable.

The technological developments in the field of electronics & communication are taking place so rapidly that by the time proposal to acquire any new equipment gets through, it becomes out-dated.

Notwithstanding with such delays, our relentless efforts to achieve further modernisation of communication are on and the force shall very soon acquire V-Satellite Communication network in the form of POLNET for which a consolidated proposal is under active consideration.



The first 5-day CRPF Mahila Rafting expedition which covered 105 kms from Srinagar (UP) to Rishikesh concluded on December 4 '96

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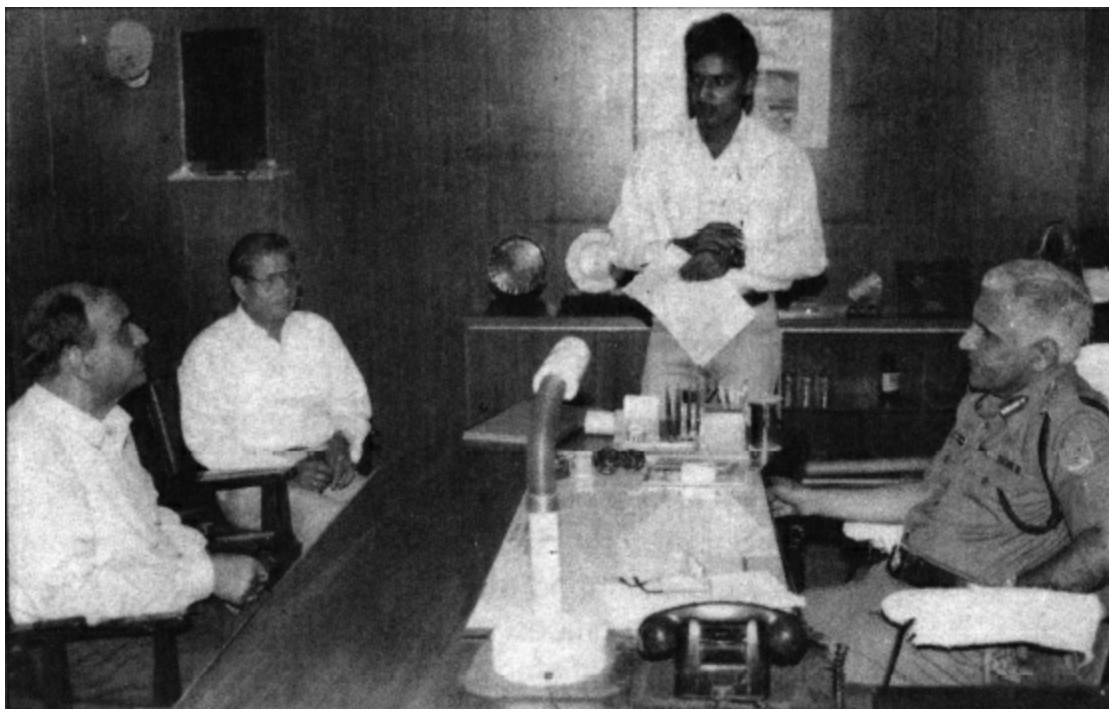
SETHI NEW ADDL DG CRPF

Shri S.K. Sethi, an IPS Officer of 1965 batch of Haryana Cadre took over the charge of Addl. Director General, CRPF on March 18, 1997. Earlier, he was Dy. Managing Director (Vigilance) in Indian Airlines, New Delhi.

In his long career in Police, Shri Sethi has held many important administrative and operational posts. Early in his career, he was Asstt. Commandant in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for four years at Leh and Kulu from 1968 to 1972 and then for almost twenty one years he held many assignments under the state Government till he joined Indian Airlines as Director (Vigilance) in 1993. During this period he was Superintendent of Police in six districts including Gurgaon, Asstt. IG (Admn), Director Prosecution, Director PTC Madhuban, DIG Ambala Range, DIG Operations, IGP Madhuban Police Complex and IGP (Operations) & zonal IG Ambala & Hissar Ranges.



Shri S.K. Sethi



Shri S.K. Sethi taking over the charge of Addl. DG CRPF

Shri Sethi was awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 1988, Police (Special Duty) Medal with Bar - J&K and Sangram Medal in 1971.

His hobbies are reading, writing and gardening. He got first prize in Prime Minister's Silver Cup essay competition in 1983.

MESS MEMBERSHIP TO RETIRED CRPF OFFICERS

It has been decided to extend the facilities of membership of CRPF Officers' Messes to retired CRPF Officers also who desire to become I members at par with the serving CRPF Officers. Such retired CRPF Officers, on becoming members of the Officers' Mess, will be required to pay monthly mess subscription as applicable to the serving | CRPF Officers.

CRPF HEALTH CAMP AT BARAHAMPUR



Chief Minister of Assam Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta going round Barahampur Health Camp

A health camp for the public was organised by 63 Bn, CRPF and Base Hospital-3, Guwahati at Barahampur (Nagaon) on March 30, 1997 under civic action programme. The camp was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Assam Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta. Health Minister of Assam Dr. Kamla Kalita presided over the function. Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development Shri Muhiram Saikia, Minister of Civil Supply, Govt. of Assam and three MLAs also graced the occasion. Dy. Commissioner of Nagaon Shri Syed Abbasi and senior officers of district administration were also present.

Speaking on this occasion the Chief Minister Shri Mahanta said, the security forces in the state have been playing a key role in offering health services to the public, extending medical assistance to the people of the rural

and remote areas through their dedicated band of health care personnel and specialists belonging to various medical discipline.

Shri Mahanta expressed the hope that the camp will help people of the area to get better health services. The Government was committed to develop the infrastructure facilities of the rural based hospitals to achieve the goal 'health for all by 2000 A.D.', he added.

The Union Minister of State for HRD Shri Muhiram Saikia appealed to all the officials of the state to work hard for peace and progress of the state.

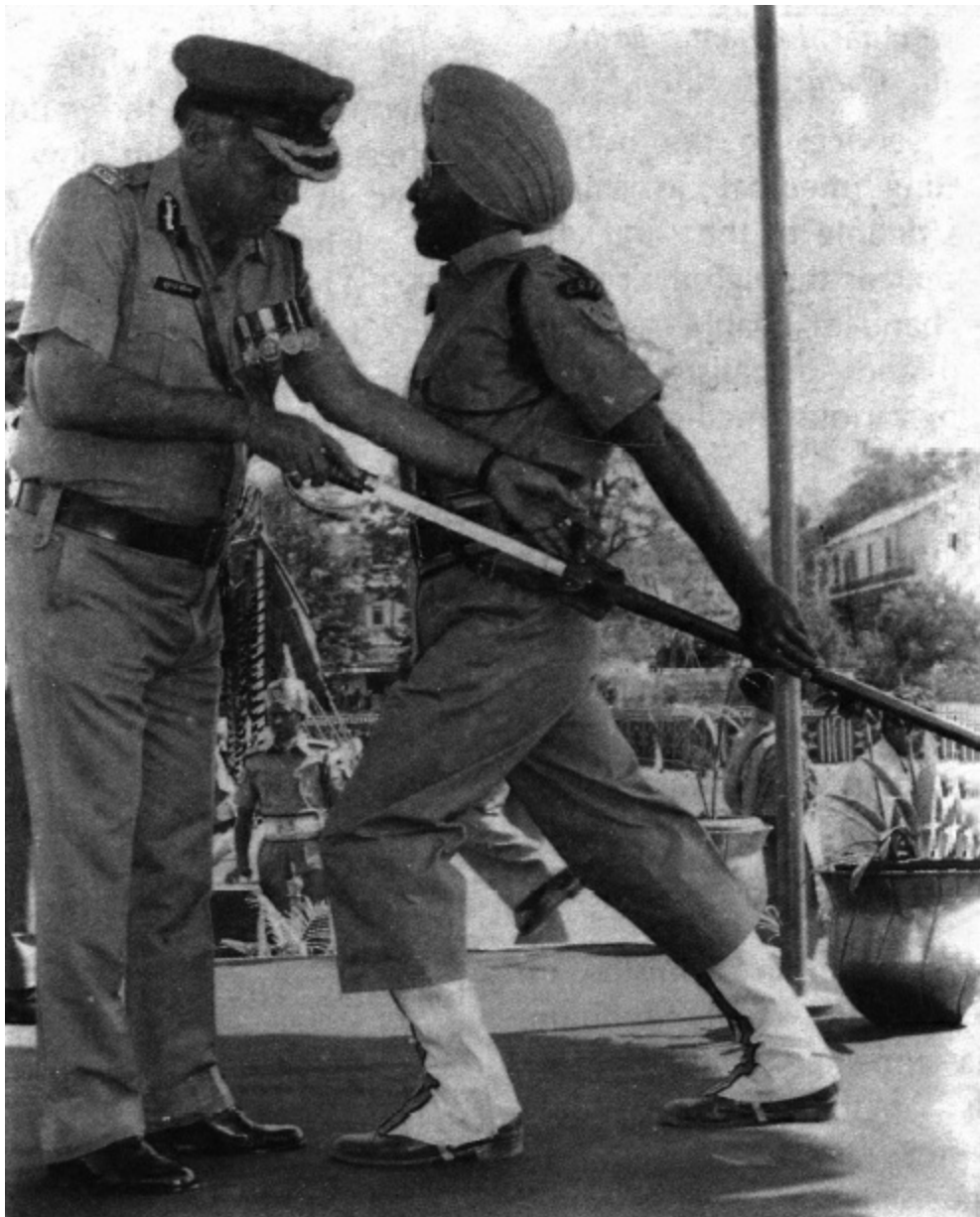
Earlier, the DIG CRPF Shri M.M. Khan welcomed the guests and said that several health care camps have been organised by CRPF as part of their civic action programme. He expressed the hope that such camps will deliver the health care at the very door step of the people of the rural and remote areas. Shri Khan said that CRPF owing to its perpetual presence in the northeastern region, have integrated with the joys and sorrows of the people of the region. They have risen to occasion during natural calamities for timely relief operations, while simultaneously doing their normal duties to maintain law and order in the state.

Chief Medical Officer, BH-3 Dr. K. Mahapatra highlighted the role of the Base Hospital in several health projects in the state and extended the vote of thanks in the end.

The free medical camp catered for specialised clinics for diseases of women, children, TB & Chest, Diabetes, Hypertension, ENT, Orthopedics, dental and for other common diseases. A separate laboratory was established to conduct various investigations including Blood sugar, HIV for AIDS, HB Ag for Hepatitis besides routine stool, urine, sputum and blood examinations etc. A team of eight specialists and 17 para-medical staff relentlessly worked to ensure success of the health camp.

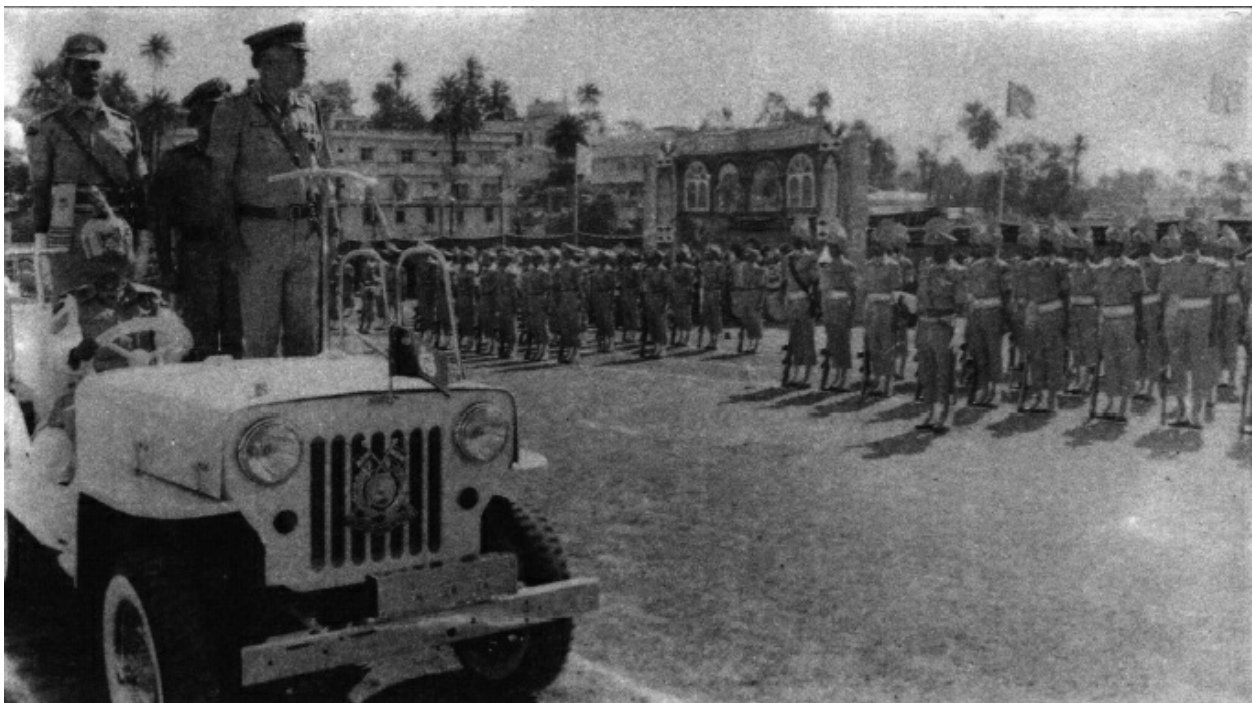
46 CRPF OFFICERS PASS OUT OF ACADEMY

46 Directly appointed Gazetted Officers (DAGOs) of 26th batch of CRPF passed out in an impressive parade held at the Internal Security Academy (ISA), Mount Abu on April 9, 1997. The Director General, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal took the salute of their passing out Parade. Asstt. Commandant Harjinder Singh Ghuman was awarded the “Sword of Honour” for being the best all round trainee. He also won three trophies for being the best in foot drill, out door and in weapon performance. Asstt. Commandant Sandeep Chaubey received Director’s Baton for commanding the Passing out Parade.



DG CRPF awarding 'Sword of Honour' to best all round trainee officer Harjinder Singh Ghuman

Speaking on the occasion the DG Shri M.B. Kaushal congratulated the young trainee officers for their excellent parade and gave them good wishes for a bright and rewarding future. He called upon them to protect sovereignty and integrity of the country with fortitude and courage. He said, it was specially important because the country was passing through a critical period. The problems of our multi-ethnic and multi-racial society were escalating to critical levels, sometimes threatening the very integrity and social fabric of the nation. The strains of sub-nationalism have surfaced in many areas of the country resulting into extremism and terrorism. The young officers have to fight to contain the violence unleashed by these forces. He advised officers to deal with them firmly, strictly as per law but with humane approach since they were our own misguided brothers. For this each police officer has to inculcate high degree of discipline and commitment to constitutional norms, Shri Kaushal added.



DG CRPF Shri Mukund Kaushal inspecting the parade of 26th batch of DAGOs

The DG said, you will be expected to set a high example of professionalism and courage. An officer must strive to achieve mastery over his span of duties and responsibilities. And a young officer should excel in all that he expects from his men. Courage is of two kinds - Moral to stand

up for what is right and just, and physical to lead from the front. Remember that you are always responsible for the care and well being of the men you command, in field their lives will often depend upon your orders and actions, you will have to earn the respect and unstinted devotion of your men by your performance. The mere fact of being an officer is not enough. The respect is commanded and not demanded.



DG CRPF awarding trophy to one of the best trainee officer

As officers you will have tremendous authority and responsibility. You should exercise this authority with fairness, justice, patience and restraint, respecting the dignity of those under your command. In justifying and fulfilling the trust placed in you, you must conduct your private and public life so that it is transparently free from impropriety or any appearance of impropriety. You must conduct yourself with honesty and integrity to earn the unquestioned trust of your juniors, seniors and colleagues. To my mind, without probity, there is no efficiency. Efficiency and integrity must go side by side.



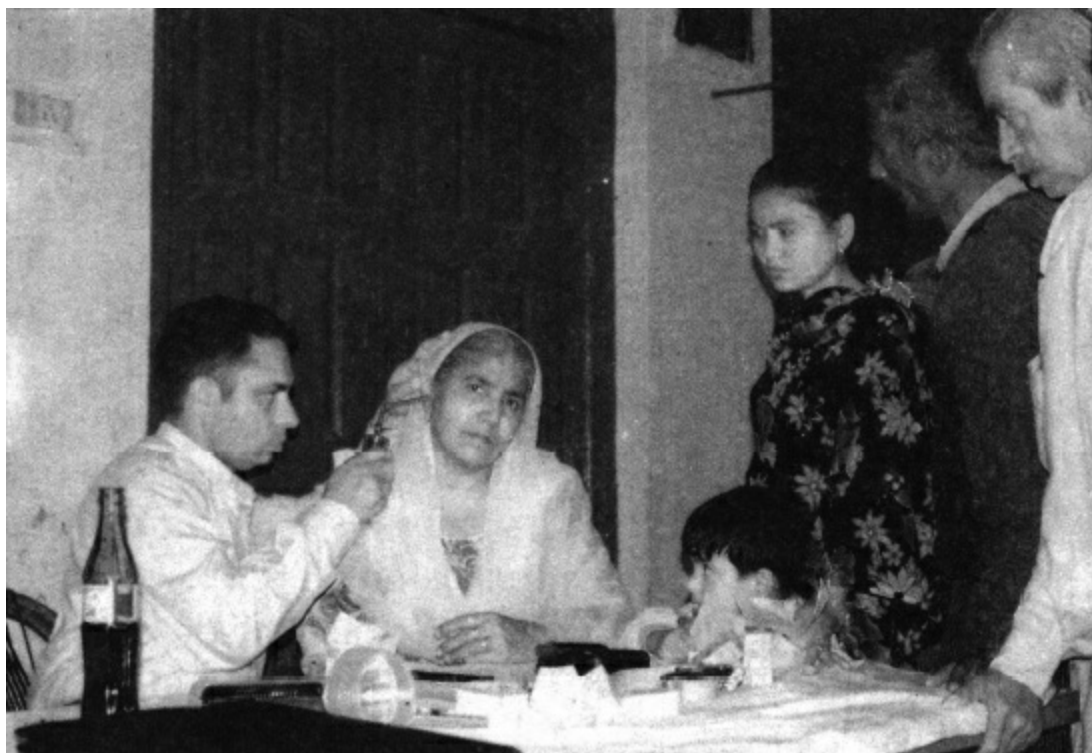
26th Batch of DACOs with DG Shri Kaushal and other senior officers of CKPF

Earlier, Director ISA Dr. K.M. Mathur welcomed the Director General and congratulated the young officers for successfully completing the 56-week training. He wished them a bright future and said that they should work for peace and security of the country with full dedication and integrity.

The DG Shri Kaushal in the beginning took the general salute and inspected the parade. An impressive march-past was presented by DAGOs and other CRPF contingents of Bihar and Western Sectors of the force under Parade Commander Sandeep Chaubey.

The Director General gave away awards to the best trainee officers. Besides Ghuman, five other trainee officers were awarded trophies for excellence. Asstt. Commandant Binod Toppo received three trophies for being best in sports, unarmed combat and rock climbing. Amit Kumar Singh was awarded for being best in indoor subjects, Kumar Jai Singh in public speaking, Vikas Sodai for firing and Suresh S. Hailing in Physical Training.

FREE EYE CAMP AT CHANDIGARH



Patients being examined in the eye camp by ENT specialist

CRPF extended an all out assistance to voluntary non-governmental agencies Azad Welfare Society, Manimajra and Lions Club Chandigarh, Shivalik in organising a six-day eye camp at Chandigarh in the third week of March 1997 under its social service work. The North West Zone HQ and local Battalion personnel of Chandigarh made whole-hearted participation in making the camp a success and provided transport, man-power for smooth functioning of the camp and free medicines to the patients.

A total of 130 persons were operated upon which included 11 lens transplantations and rest of 119 were for cataract. Three doctors Dr. J.P. Singh, Dr (Mrs) Sunita Sharma and Dr. Pawan Sharma conducted the operations. All these operations were successful and the patients were discharged on March 19, '97 after giving necessary medicines. One ENT specialist volunteered his services during the camp and he checked 100

patients and prescribed medicines.

An advance publicity of the free eye camp was made in the villages around Chandigarh three days before the camp by 127 Bn. On March 14 and 15, 1997. Force vehicles were mobilised to bring patients for their registration. The registration of patients were exclusively done by NWZ HQ personnel. Approximately 550 patients were registered and out of them 130 were selected for operations.

Pharmacist Satish Kumar Goel of 127 Bn assisted the doctors during and after the operations. Medicines were provided free of cost to the patients and these were made available by 118 and 121 Bns of CRPF. All those who came for registration were provided breakfast and lunch. The indoor patients were given meals, tea and refreshments etc. free of cost till they were discharged. Wheat and rice was provided by N.W. Zone, Hallomajra.

PRIME MINISTER'S SILVER CUP ESSAY COMPETITION

Like every year in the past, Prime Minister's Silver Cup essay competition will be held this year also by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, (SVPNPA) Hyderabad. The subject selected for 1997 is "Liberalisation of Economy and its Impact on Urban Policing" and the last date for the receipt of entries at the Academy is October 30, 1997.

The essay competition is open to all serving police officers & men of India including those serving in Central Police Organisations in India or abroad. As provided under the rules the essay must be the original work of the competitor and should be submitted in English. It should not have more than 5000 words, be type written (in double space) on one side of the paper and seven copies of the essay are required to be submitted.

The first prize carries a cash reward of Rs. 5000/- a certificate of distinction and a replica of the Silver Cup and the second and third prizes carry a cash reward of Rs. 3000/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively alongwith certificates of distinction. The Cup and the award of the first prize winner is

given on the occasion of the annual Passing out Parade of I.P.S. Probationers at SVP Academy.

POLICE FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

A Police Fellowship Scheme has been set - up in SVP National Police Academy, Hyderabad in memory of IPS officers who laid down their lives in line of duty. The objective of the scheme is to enable the police officers conduct research in various fields of police work and to facilitate systematic handling of such problems, evaluation of the current practices and formulation of alternative methods of handling such situations.

All serving IPS officers with minimum 10 years of service with three years of field experience in the topic of research, are eligible for the award of the Fellowship. Under the scheme, the Fellow is required to take up a research project individually or in association with another officer where the field of study is wide.

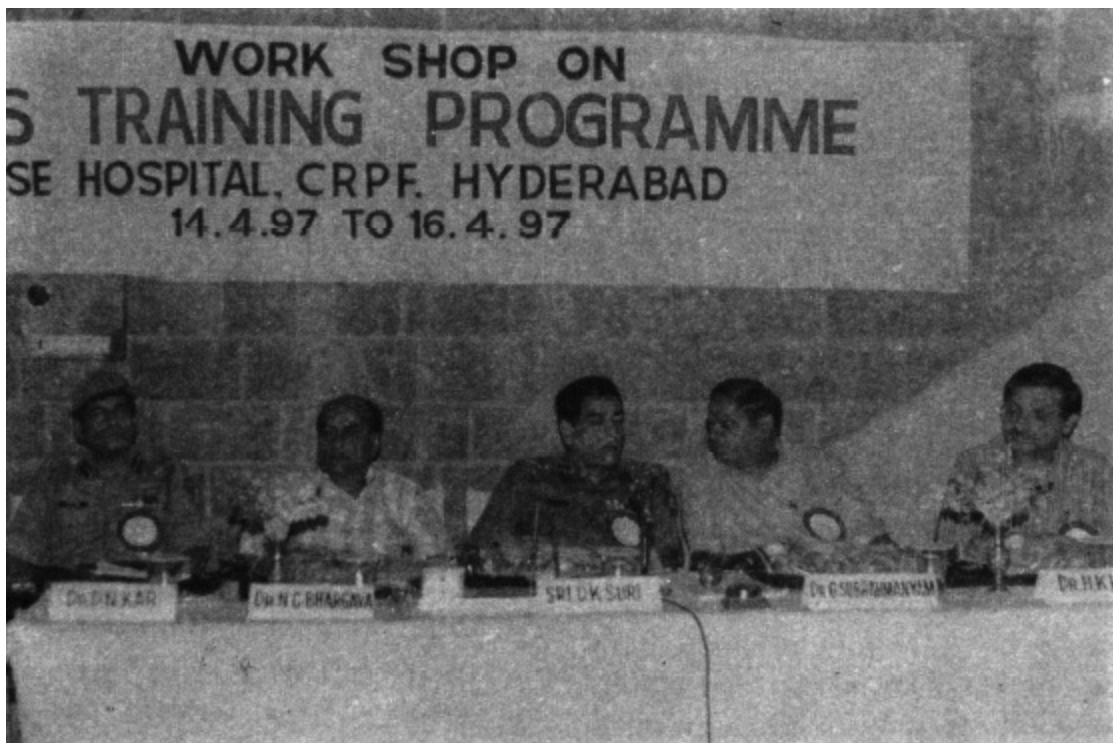
The duration of the Fellowship is one year and the officers will be treated as on duty/study leave and draw their pay and allowances from their departments for the duration of the Fellowship. The amount of grant will be decided by the Selection Committee. The last date for the submission of proposals in the prescribed proforma is 15th June, 1997.

There has been an increasing pressure on the police forces because of the new and complicated problems like terrorism, ethnic violence, drug abuse etc. The police response in most of these cases is generally on an ad-hoc basis depending on the capabilities of individual officers who happen to face these situations at a particular place and time. In order to facilitate systematic handling of such problems, evaluate current practices and to devise alternative methods of handling such situations, the Police Fellowship is intended to encourage research on organised crimes and violent movements and other problem areas related to police working.

WORKSHOP ON AIDS

Base Hospital, CRPF, Hyderabad organised a workshop on AIDS from April 14 to 16, 1997 at CRPF campus, Chandra-yangutta, Hyderabad in collaboration with National AIDS control organisation, Ministry of Health, New Delhi and National AIDS control project, Andhra Pradesh to sensitise the medical officers and senior paramedics of Southern Sector. Shri D.K. Suri, DIG CRPF Hyderabad inaugurated it.

The 3-day workshop discussed how to combat spread of AIDS & HIV positive cases, how to deal and manage the HIV positive cases in CRPF and in civilian population. The workshop was attended by 35 delegates comprising of medical officers and paramedics of Southern Sector.



The Workshop on AIDS being addressed by DIG Hyderabad Shri D.K. Suri



Workshop on AIDS being inaugurated by DIG, Hyderabad Shri D.K. Suri

Eminent luminaries working in the field of AIDS Dr. N.C. Bhargava, Chief-Coordinator, AIDS control project, New Delhi; Dr. H.K. Kar, professor & Head of the Department of Skin & STD, RML Hospital, New Delhi; Dr. Nandan Singh, Ex-Principal, Kurnool Medical College; Dr. D.N. Kar, Chief Medical Officer, Base Hospital-II, CRPF, Hyderabad gave their deliberations on different aspects of HIV & AIDS. Dr. M. Venkateshan of Hyderabad gave his deliberations on the role of Ayurveda in control of AIDS.

RECORD BLOOD DONATIONS IN AVADI CAMP



Special DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan donating blood at the blood donation camp held at G.C. Avadi

To tide over the acute short-age of blood in Blood Bank, Channai, a blood donation camp Was envisaged by the Special DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan to Create awareness among people or blood donations. He was informed by Chennai Blood Bank that when there was tremendous demand of blood, they have nil stock and not many were willing to give blood due to ignorance and superstition that they would become weak if they donated blood

A blood donation camp was, hence, organised at CRPF campus Avadi in collaboration with the Lions Club, Madras and Red Cross Society of India on April 17, 1997, The Camp was inaugurated by the Spl. DG Shri D.R. Karthikeyan. A colourful function was held on this occasion which was attended by Lion Natesan, Governor Lions Club International, Madras, Lion L. Narasimbhulu, President Lions Club and senior functionaries of Blood Bank, Madras.

Speaking on the occasion Shri D.R. Karthikeyan exhorted Force personnel to donate blood and said, just as CRPF has always shed blood in every part of the country fighting against anti-national forces, at peace times they were always willing to donate blood and undertake such activities which can help the society. Blood was the only commodity, he said, which

can not be produced by man and it was produced by nature in every one's body. Only 17 out of 100 who need blood are able to get it to save their lives. Even if one out of 100 persons donated blood once a year, demand of blood would be fully met in the country. Shri Karthikeyan discredited blood donation as one of greatest gifts that a man can give to another human being while being alive as the donation of all other human organs can be made only after death.

Shri Karthikeyan said that the blood donation camp was organised to remove certain wrong notions prevailing among people regarding blood donation and develop a healthy attitude. He suggested that the blood bank need not have large stock of blood in storage for a long time. Instead, it should have a list of voluntary donors with complete medical data and could contact them at the time of need.

Shri R. Natesan, district governor, Lions Club commended the CRPF for organising the camp which, he said, was timely as there was acute shortage of blood in the Blood Bank. Shri S.K. Sankaran, ADIG, GC, Avadi earlier welcomed the guests and Lion L. Narasimbhulu, President of the Lions Club, Madras proposed a vote of thanks.

Seeing the response of blood donations lukewarm in the early stage on April 17, the special DG Shri Karthikeyan offered to be the first donor though he was not supposed to donate blood for six months since his earlier donation at Hyderabad. This step enthused a lot of CRPF officers and other ranks to come forward to donate. The blood donation camp was extended to April 18 as well and by close of the next day as many as 1003 officers, men and women of CRPF donated blood which was a record. According to the Governor Lions International, Chennai it was a record of blood donations in a camp anywhere in the country.

ULTRA SONOGRAPHY SYSTEM IN BH-2



CRPF personnel donating blood in camp

Ultra -sonography system, a high tech medical gadget has started functioning in Base Hospital-2, CRPF, Hyderabad. The new system will be of immense help for treatment of force personnel and their families.

The sonography system was inaugurated by the Special Director General, CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan on February 23, 1997. A blood donation camp was organised on this occasion in the Base Hospital-II. A total of 117 voluntary donors including 14 officers and seven ladies donated blood. Spl. DG Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, DIG Hyderabad Shri D.K. Suri, Addl. DIG GC Ranga Reddy Shri S.S. Soni, ADIG (Adm) Shri K. Kesavan, Commandant 2nd Signal Bn Shri R. Tarar, Commandant 19 Bn Shri Laxminarayan, Commandant 99 RAF Bn Shri Ponnuswamy and Dr (Mrs) S. Sujatha also donated blood.

The new sonography system costing approximately Rs. 35 lakh has been imported from Netherland.

CRPF WEIGHTLIFTERS WIN GOLD



Kunjarani - Three Gold Medals in National Weightlifting

CRPF weightlifters have won many gold, silver and bronze medals in the national Weightlifting Championship held in Chennai. The 49th men and 12th women Weightlifting Championship was held there from March 14 to 20, 1997. CRPF weightlifters participated in it representing combined police team and states.

The Director General CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal conveyed his heartiest congratulations to the weightlifters at Chennai after knowing their achievements on March 17, 1997. The message of the DG said “Cerepol conveys his heartiest congratulations on the excellent performance of Elephant Kunjarani Devi, Naiks Nandini Devi, Protima Kumari and HC Lallu Sahoo in winning medals in the National Weightlifting Championship at Chennai. Please convey this message to all the team members and coach”.

Asstt. Commandant N. Kunjarani won three gold medals in women’s 46 kg category. Her performance was more creditable looking to her knee

surgery which she underwent recently. Apart from Kunjarani, five other CRPF girls won three gold medals each in different weight categories of the Weightlifting Championship. They included Insp. N. Laxmi, Insp. Jeevan Jyoti, HC Romi Devi, HC Protima Kumari and NK Nandini Devi.

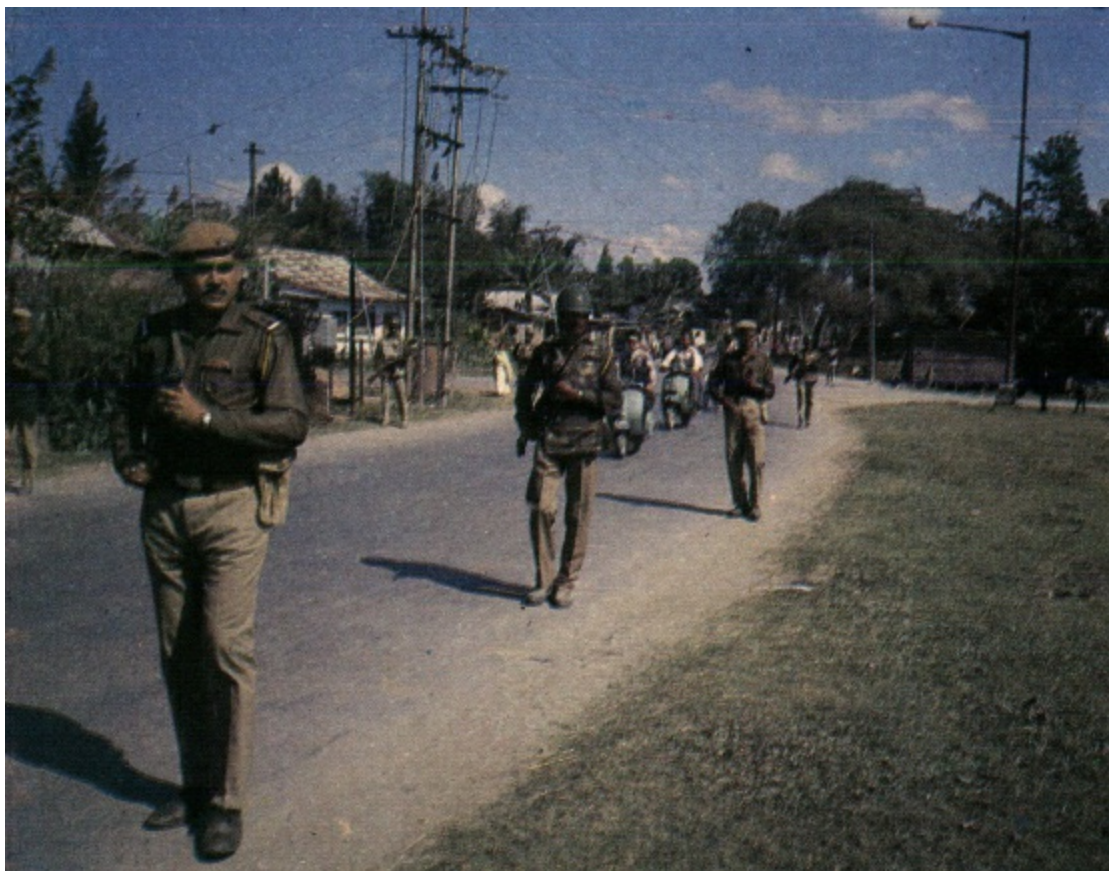
Eight other men and woman weightlifters of CRPF have also won silver and bronze medals in the national championship. HC Rajender Singh secured one gold and two silver medals. HC Lallu Sahu won 1 bronze, HC Rajesh Kumar Tyagi won 1 silver, HC Ujawala U. Mane won 2 silver & 1 bronze, HC Nansita Devi won 1 silver & 2 bronze, HC Geetanjali Devi won 1 silver & 2 bronze, HC Sukhbir Bal won 1 silver and HC Seema Thapar won 3 bronze medals in the above championship.

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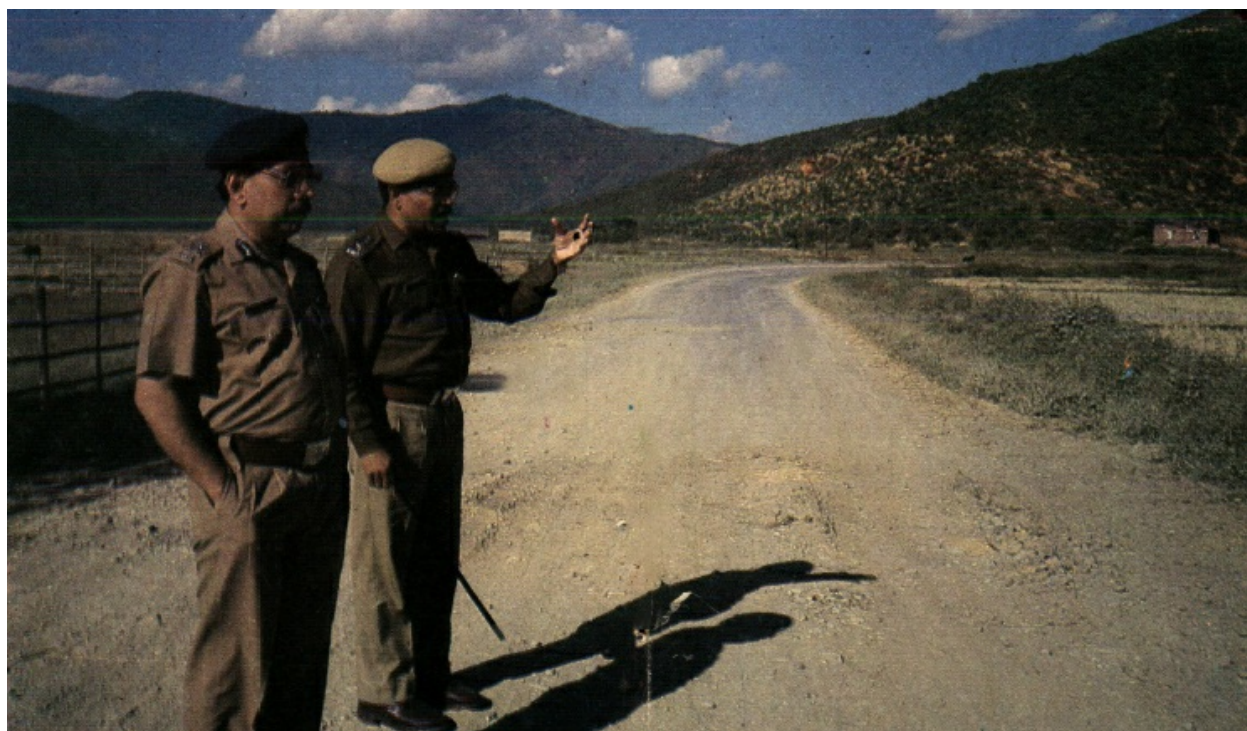
CRPF IN NORTH EAST



A CRPF guard post in a Bn. HQ near Imphal

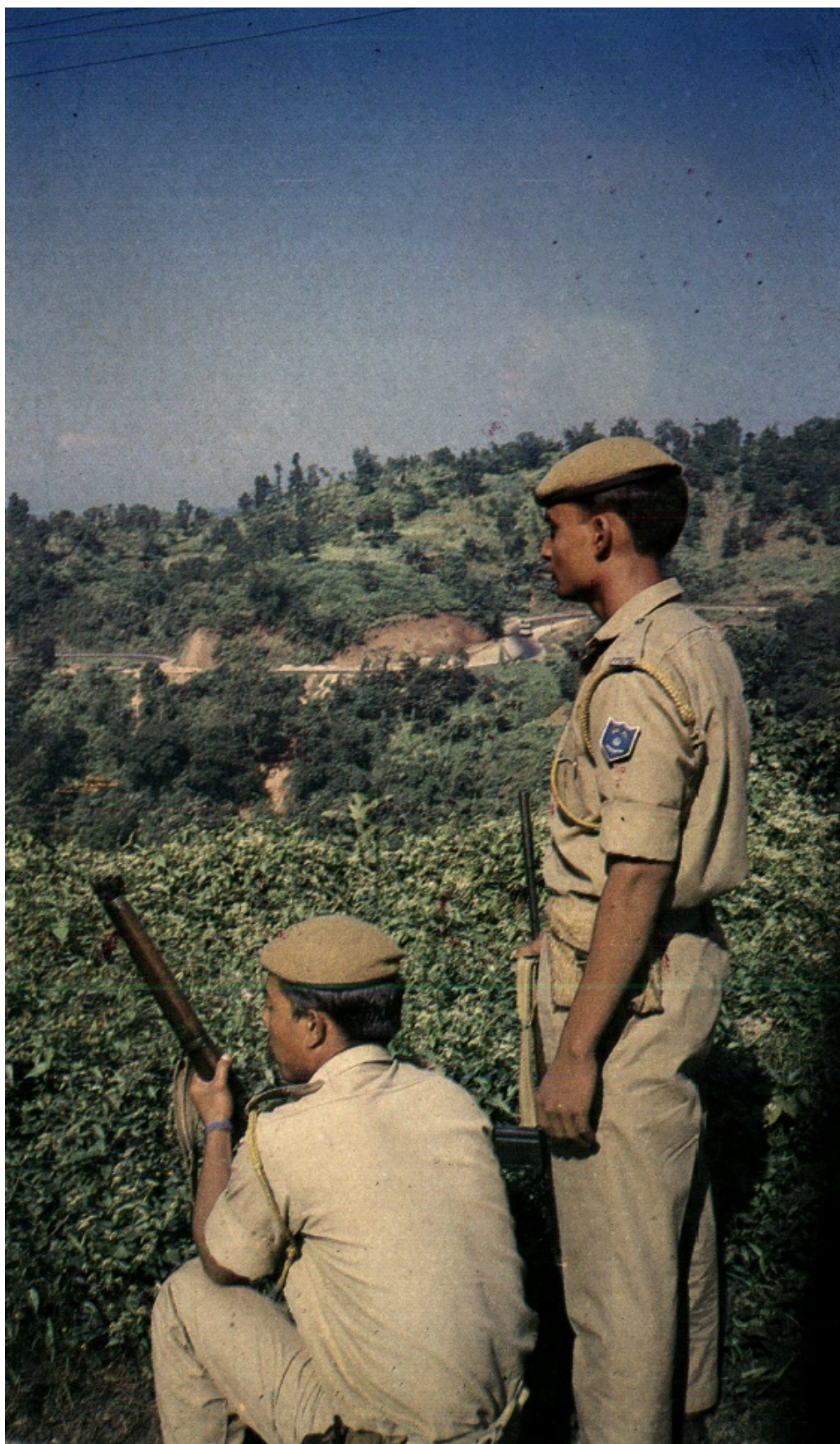


CRPF personnel patrolling in Imphal city



IG (Ops) Manipur & Nagaland Shri Narain Mishra inspecting a landmine explosion site near

Imphal.



CRPF WELFARE EXHIBITION - 1997

A 6-day welfare exhibition-cum-fete was organised by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at East Kidwai Nagar Ground in New Delhi from March 4 to March 9, 1997. All the Group Centres of CRPF put-up stalls consisting of popular items of their area and items prepared at Family Welfare Centres. Sale of these items was made to the consumers at reasonable rates.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Delhi Shri Sahib Singh Verma on March 4, '97 and Mrs. Asha Kaushal, President, CRPF Wives' Welfare Association (CWWA) gave away prizes to winner Group Centres at the concluding function on March 9, 1997.

The stalls put-up by GC-II Ajmer, GC-I Ajmer & Neemuch (jointly) and GC New Delhi obtained the first, second and third prizes respectively for being adjudged the best in this year's exhibition on the basis of their get-up, display and sales. GC Neemuch and GC Hyderabad bagged the first and second prizes respectively for their Family Welfare Centres (FWC) adjudged the best on the basis of their work of production.

Speaking on this occasion the DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal congratulated the winner Group-Centres for their success and thanked the Officers and personnel for their hard work in making the exhibition a success. CRPF, he said, was a big force and this should be reflected in such celebrations. This will enable larger participation of each segment of the Force.



Chief Minister of Delhi Shri Sahib Singh Verma inaugurating CRPF welfare exhibition



Rajasthani folk dance in front of one of the stalls in the exhibition

The IG Northern Sector Shri D.P. Sinha earlier welcomed the Chief guest and said that Group Centres have put up stalls instead of Sectors this

year and the exhibition has made sales worth over Rs. 30 lakh which is the highest so far. This was for the third time that CRPF welfare exhibition was held in Delhi. The first exhibition held in the first week of January '95 had sales worth over Rs. 7 lakh and second held in the first week of January '96 had sales worth over Rs. 13 lakh.

Group Centres of CRPF from all over the country put-up their stalls consisting of articles of their areas like handicrafts, pottery, textiles and furniture etc. and products of their Family Welfare Centres for sale. In all there were over 40 stalls in the exhibition including 19 of CRPF, some private ones, of ready-to-eat stuff and others.

The income from such exhibitions is spent by Family Welfare Centres of CRPF in the welfare of disabled personnel, children, widows of the deceased personnel and families of Force personnel. The objective of these exhibitions is to raise funds for the welfare activities of the families of the force personnel.

PENSIONERS TO GET MEDICAL FACILITIES IN CPMF HOSPITALS

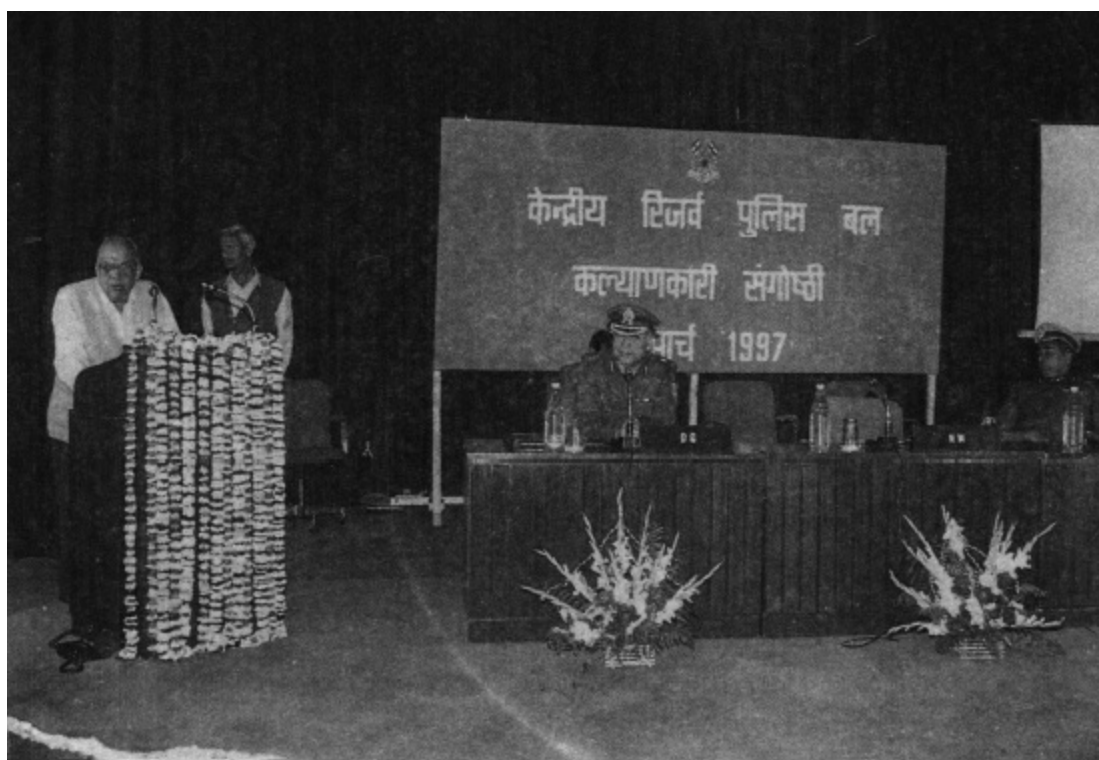
The Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has decided that retired CRPF personnel will be able to avail medical facilities in any Central Para Military Force (CPMF) hospital at places where CGHS facilities do not exist. This facility has been extended to the pensioners of all CPMFs, irrespective of the Force they belong.

The CPMF medical facilities, however, will be extended only if opted by an ex-CPMF personnel and will be available to those pensioners only who are not availing CGHS facilities.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTED

FOR THE WELFARE OF FORCE PERSONNEL

-Home Minister



Union Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta addressing welfare seminar

Union Home Minister Shri Indrajit Gupta has said that the Government was aware of the problems of CRPF personnel and was committed for their welfare. All efforts, he said will be made to mitigate their sufferings.

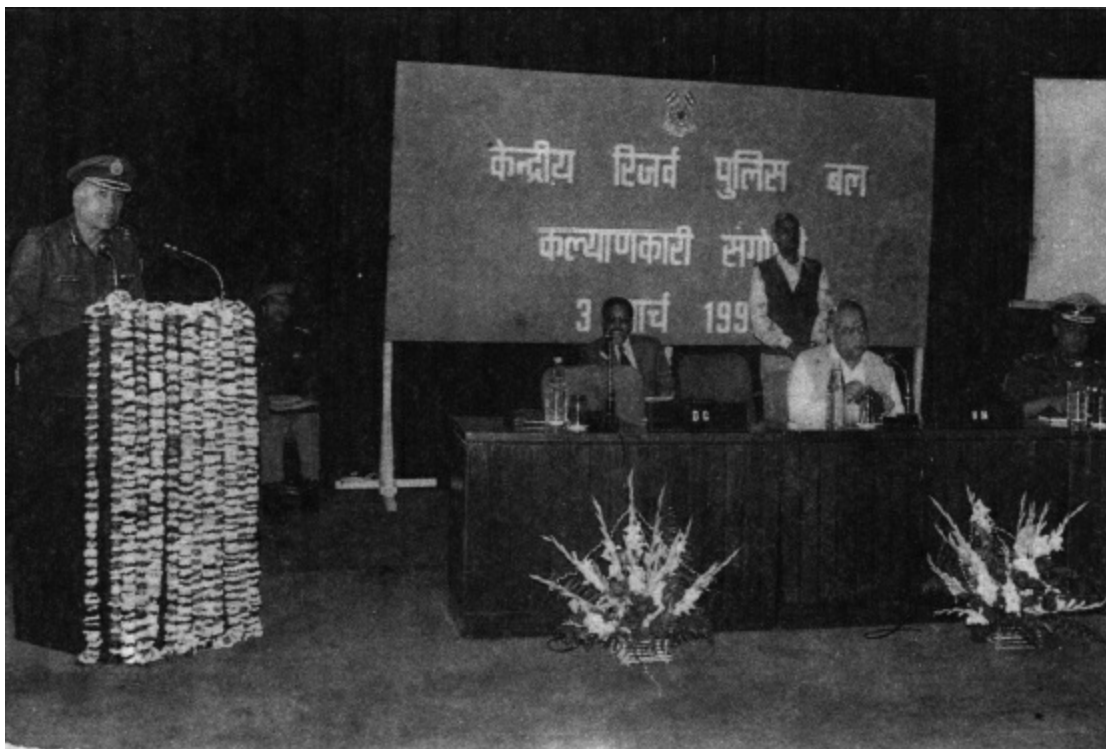
The Home Minister was inaugurating the annual welfare seminar organised by CRPF in New Delhi on March 3, 1997. He said, various matters relating to housing and medical benefits etc. were under consideration of the Home Ministry for the welfare of CRPF personnel.

Home Minister Shri Gupta expressed concern over lack of rest to the force personnel due to continuous deployment. It, he said may affect their performance, discipline and morale adversely. Concrete steps, he said, should be taken to reduce level of movement of CRPF so that Force

personnel are able to get adequate time for training, rest and lead a normal family life. It was creditable that in spite of arduous duties and high risk involved, they were doing an excellent job even in most difficult areas and upholding public confidence.



DG CRPF Shri Kaushal presenting memento to the Home Minister



DG CRPF Shri Mukund Kaushal speaking in welfare seminar

Shri Gupta assured that the anomalies in pay scales of CRPF personnel as per recommendations of 5th pay commission would be looked into sympathetically.

The Home Minister expressed happiness that a seminar with such a wide representation has been organised where in rank and file will get an opportunity to express their views about various welfare issues and take policy decisions about it. He said that both the discussions and the recommendations of the seminar should be sent to him so that prompt action may be taken to ensure proper welfare of the Force personnel -serving, retired, disabled and those killed in action.

The DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal, earlier welcomed the Home Minister and said that we have to see welfare in its wider perspective. Welfare of Force personnel is to be expanded beyond some welfare activity at GC level and management of welfare fund, so that service and living conditions of serving and retired personnel may improve qualitatively. It, I am confident, will improve operational efficiency of the Force. I am of the belief, he said, that improvement in welfare of CRPF personnel is directly related to operational efficiency.

Shri Kaushal said that manifold increase in deployment and continuous

movement of CRPF personnel specially on account of their increasing demand by states has disturbed their family life and they have become physically and mentally overstretched. In these circumstances, the welfare of personnel and their families has become all the more important.

Keeping these factors in view the seminar, the apex body for taking policy decisions, will take up discussion on many welfare related aspects. It includes developing a transparent transfer policy, extending quality education to the wards of lower ranks, review of existing pay disbursement system so that the personnel may get their salary on due date irrespective of their mobility, welfare of retired Force personnel specially health care facilities and ensuring timely payment of retirement dues and to ensure immediate action on the grievances of the Force personnel etc. He voiced the strong feelings of the force personnel about the discrimination meted out to them in the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission mainly with regard to pay scale of constable and other ranks, ration allowance, risk allowance and retirement age.

Two presentations on ‘deprivation factors in CRPF’ and re-settlement of widows and disabled were also given by IG Shri P.V. Subba Roa and DIG Shri M.S. Farooqui respectively in the presence of Home Minister.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CRPF HOLIDAY HOMES AT SHIMLA & OOTY

Holiday homes have been set-up at Shimla and Ooty as a welfare measure for CRPF officers and personnel. These will provide some respite from monotony of their deployment duties, separation from families and hazards of climate, terrain and insurgency.

Accommodation in Shimla (for both GOs and NGOs) and Ooty (GOs only) holiday homes will be available from April 15 to July 15, 1997 for a maximum period of seven days on booking (subject to availability) through DIGP Chandigarh and DIGP Chennai respectively. Rent for GOs will be Rs. 40/-, Rs. 30/-, Rs. 20/- per day depending on the size of rooms and for all Non-Gazetted personnel will be Rs. 10/- per day. Skeleton canteen facilities will be available at both holiday homes to cater for light refreshment etc.

These holiday homes, though with limited capacity, will afford opportunity to the CRPF personnel to visit places of tourist importance on leave and relax with families.

Facility of these holiday homes will also be available to the Force personnel of BSF, ITBP and CISF. However, tariff for GOs of these Forces will be Rs. 200/- per day and for NGOs Rs. 30/- per day at Shimla and Rs. 100/- per day for GOs at Ooty.

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 March 1997.

Insp Ram Chander Yadav (2 Bn), Ct/TIr Gautham Kumar Deshmukh (119 Bn), NK N. Kumara Swamy (77 Bn), NK/Dvr Tehal . Singh (IGP RAF HQr), SI/RO Om Prakash (4th Sig Bn), W/C Kishan Singh (22 Bn), SI Nand Lal Ram (118 Bn), Ct Dharambir Singh (63 Bn), Ct Mahinder Dharwa (63 Bn), HC Bageshwar Singh (62 Bn), NK Khama Thomping (72 Bn), Ct/Dvr Banwari Lal, (GC N/DIi), Ct Mukhtiar Singh (6 Bn), Ct M. Krishnaiah (65 Bn), Ct G. Paramasivam (25 Bn), Ct Raj Pal (GC Lucknow), NK Ramesh Kumar (63 Bn), Ct/Bug Kanak Deka (35 Bn), W/C Kushal Kantore (10 Bn), Ct U. Narayanan (6 Bn), Ct/Dvr Braj Bhushan Pandey (11 Bn) and S/K Babu Lal (I Bn).

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total of Rs. 28,65,500/- has been paid to the next of kin of 41 personnel who died during the month of March '97 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. 30,000/- was paid to 2 personnel of CRPF who proceeded on invalidation during the month of March, 1997 from Risk (Premia) Fund.

BARBERA FOREST - A NOVEL VENTURE

-RJagadish Chandran Addl DIGP, E.S., Calcutta

An epoch making event was heralded in the annals of the Indian Para Military Forces, when the Central Reserve Police Force, one the most illustrious, articulate and gallant Force of the country, was assigned with the unique responsibility, quite out of their hackneyed role of custodian of law and order, wielding guns to quell riots and insurgencies, for upkeep and maintenance of vast Barbera reserve forest covering an area of almost 23,500 acres of Balugaon Range under Puri Forest Division. In a colourful function held on 27th November, 1993 the formal permission for adoption of the huge reserve forest of Barbera, was accorded by the then Chief Minister of Orissa, Shri Biju Patnaik personally to the then DG, CRPF, Shri D.P.N. Singh, at Group Centre, CRPF, Bhubaneswar.

The sole objective in adopting the lush green, dense forest of Barbera for a period of three years, is to protect its exquisite flora and preserve its various rare species of fauna and manage it for the achievement of the shared objective of ecological protection which is today the crying need for the survival of Mother Earth to get rid of the endangered and insensate human avarice, camouflaged in the guise of anti-social elements, involved

in illicit felling and smuggling of expensive timber and rare wood for thriving in to a highly lucrative profession. To eliminate such large scale poaching and smuggling of forest produce, the CRPF could not have chosen a better venture and objective for the members of its prestigious Force.

The Barbera forest, creation of which dates back to the 19th Century, is part of the Puri Forest division and is comprised of five reserved forest blocks and ten demarcated protected forests. It is an interesting configuration of hills and valleys traversed with Salia river and two nallahs known as Tava and Ashoka. The forest has a rich flora of young teaks, old sal, asan, arjun, sisso, harida, bahada and many rich varieties of shrubs and bushes. There is also a sizeable habitation of tigers, leopards, bears, bison, nilgais, elephants, sambar and deer. There are two forest rest houses, each at Barbera and Dhaunali, and another at top of a picturesque hill called Rajin besides a beautiful lake nearby as well as deep valleys containing perennial streams. A good network of forest roads exist in these blocks which facilitates adequate communication. The terrain is also suitable for trekking and mountaineering and it possesses all the requisites for being declared a sanctuary.

The para police Force (one company of 41 Bn CRPF) was moved into Barbera forest on 10th Feb, 1994 for environmental protection, vide notification No. 1606 dated January 24, '94 of Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Orissa. The Force was stationed at three different places namely Baguda, Dhaunali and Barbera -Barbera being the base camp. The company of 41 Bn was replaced by one company of 64 Bn CRPF on May 12, '95 and since then 64 Bn is entrusted with the job of the protection of the environment as well as the tribals of the land and ecological development. Its role is not confined only to the guarding the boundaries of the forest against man's depredations but extends, their candid help to the forest department in handling seed collection, storage, methods of germination, preparation of seed beds, soil mixing for poly pot nurseries, replacing dead sapplings, fostering growth of afforestation and reclaiming mined areas in the region.

Our personnel, with highest sense of discipline and combating powers, started creating a positive impact from the date of their deployment. Not only they have successfully foiled the intermittent depredations of the smugglers of the adjoining areas to smuggle out valuable forest reserves of

Sal and teak wood but also succeeded in catching a rich haul of forest goods worth Rs.6,43,410/-. On all such occasions, the carts, bicycles, cutting instruments, buffaloes were seized and the smugglers were arrested and produced before the Court of Law thereby bringing back the peace and solitude of the forest. The area being malaria prone, the inhabitants of the forest used to become susceptible to the disease. However, with launching of general awareness and special anti-malaria drive and frequent camping of the CRPF doctors at regular intervals, the scenario has taken a positive turn inculcating a new ray of hope amongst the inhabitants of the forest. With the deployment of CRPF, they are no more subjected to exploitations at the hands of the influential smugglers and get wide opportunity to sell out non-timber products at right price which helps to earn their daily bread.

With the adoption of Barbera forest, an elite Force like CRPF, has taken a novel and desperate challenge to establish its credentials in an entirely different spectrum of understanding of human beings with the plants and animals to prove the universal and axiomatic truth that the existence and prosperity of the entire universe solely depends upon the survival of the nature for which afforestation and plantation should be the paramount priority for mankind. It is fervently believed that the constructive and pivotal role being played by the CRPF will definitely turn the dense Barbera forest into a tourist's paradise one day and would be instrumental in changing the pre-conceived notion about CRPF from that of a ruthless guardian of the law and order into a saviour of the tenets of humanity and dwindling treasures of nature.

TO STUDY AN OFFICER

- ❖ Distrust any officer with a perfect or near perfect record of efficiency reports. He is confirming to the existing value system and will have no interest in changing it.
- ❖ Look carefully at a man who gets low marks on 'tact' and who 'deviates from accepted doctrine'. He may be creative.
- ❖ An officer, who gets low marks on loyalty is especially valuable, for he

is unwilling to acquiesce in his superior policies without debate. He is likely to have an independent mind.

- ❖ Be suspicious of any officer, who has accumulated awards for valour without having sustained any physical injury. Trust a purple heart wearer.
- ❖ Distrust any Officer, who has had 'all his tickets punched' and who sports array of staff awards on his chest. He is likely to be a manager playing the system.
- ❖ Distrust all Officers, who use 'buzd words' and have a poor vocabulary. They tend to be managers of the most obsequious type. True leadership is likely to be foreign to them.
- ❖ Trust a man, who heads for sounds of the gun and has repeated tours of combat and command duty at all unit levels; it is preferable that he has only minimal exposure to staff work.
- ❖ Trust an officer, who was seen by his men in combat and whose command performed well and showed low rates of drug use, fragging, body counting, etc.
- ❖ Search for the Officer, whose readiness reports indicate a high percentage of equipment, which is deficient. He is a man addicted to the truth.

*Compiled by Shri R.K. Vats,
Commandant, CWS, CRPF*

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Are you really happy with what you are ? One way to find out is to check yourself when someone pays you a compliment. Supposing someone says that you are handsome, beautiful, ravishing, go and look at the mirror. May be that you are really appealing; may be that you hold a special appeal

to the person who paid the compliment. Again suppose that you don't look like Kamalahasan or can't act like him. Does that matter? Afterall you can put on a small act before your home people like you have enough money when you don't have a rupee in the bank ! You want to be like somebody else ? Right But why ? You may not be able to sing like Michael Jackson but you can sing in the bathroom one of those popular tunes ! Be happy with what you have got ! Be at peace with what you are not !

Like the husband and wife who had problems at home. They both began to think seriously about it. They wondered that they could be incompatible and should separate. So they went to a marriage counsellor and they talked about their troubles to him. Do you know what was the core of their trouble? You may laugh and fall down unconscious. He squeezed the tooth-paste carefully each time he used it. He rolled the end neatly while pushing the paste. She liked to squeeze it from the MIDDLE leaving both ends to bulge ! The counsellor, obviously a wiseman, whose name should have been Solomon told them a secret that saved the marriage. Guess what was his solution ? He told them simply "Buy two tubes of toothpaste". The marriage instead of floundering in deep waters started cruising along calm waters. The formula is 'agree to disagree here and there'.

We all feel lonely sometimes, because we don't build bridges, reaching out to the other person. How can one be Happy on a lonely island with not even coconut trees to look up, hope and bring the coconuts down ? Of course, loneliness and silence can help if you are a Mozart or Beethoven. Then you might be able to put together a symphony. Instead, through your singing, you curdle milk and scare away crows ! In fact, a human being is not that simple. They are complicated. Once a person was telling a group about his father during a therapy session. The Therapist stopped him and asked "What are your feelings while you are narrating the episode ?" The patient said "I feel nothing The Therapist continued to ask If you feel nothing, why are your fists clenched and the shoulders hunched The patient looked at them and it was true. He said with surprise "Yes I am angry".

We are all responsible for our feelings, emotions, passions and behaviour. A little adjustment here and there can make us natural. Thereafter we can dig down and discover our real talents, skill and potential. We may also discover that we are using a negligible portion of our potential instead of using all of them. Like the unharnessed river which carries all the

waters to the sea, we carry all these talents and empty them in the graveyard. Why not start using them to make life fulfilled ?.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND LOW INTENSITY CONFLICTS

Dr. S. Subramanian, IPS (Retd.)

Human Rights movement has come a long way from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 to the stage where the Nation States collectively enforce these ideals through multilateral action. The Tehran Declaration emphasizes on this. None can dispute the fact that Human Rights movements have made Nation States to behave with restraint, be accountable and exhibit responsible conduct while faced with threats to internal order.

There are well laid out internationally accepted procedures to deal with international armed conflicts and internal armed conflicts in the four Geneva Conventions and the Hague Protocols. Over the years, these have been accepted as standards to be followed by the parties to the disputes. They are assisted by the International Committee of the Red Cross in their observance.

Today we are facing a new situation - the low intensity conflicts, also known as proxy wars. Collapse of bi-polar international power structure has given rise to emergence of regional and smaller conflicts. Sub-national groups are being encouraged and abetted by interested powers to take up arms against nation states with the sole aim of destabilising the target nation. Sub-national groups are supported with funds, weapons and mercenaries. From international wars, conflicts have become intra state, intra society and local. This situation has forced emerging nations to divert much of their scarce resources on order maintenance and management of

conflict than on economic development and ensuring basic rights to the people.

In low intensity conflict there are no neutral citizens. Fear of gun makes people to take sides. Human Rights become the first casualty. Citizens are forced to accept some curtailment of their rights. Freedom of movement, privacy, access to information etc. become incompatible with the State's efforts to contain and bring the conflict to an end. Citizens often complain about curfews, searches and detentions resorted to by the State without realising that these are being resorted to save their lives and properties.

Since the base of low intensity conflicts is the discontentment existing among the affected people, the State should take steps to remove the genuine political, economic, social and cultural problems of the affected. Neglect and inattention would only aggravate the situation.

The State should also realise that over reaction by the security forces create an atmosphere of oppressive security and lead to further alienation of the people. Order should be maintained within the ambit of law and at all times Rule of Law should prevail. Democracy can be defended only within the law and the minute the law is violated, democracy disappears. Thus, the need for security forces to observe Human Rights and restraint at all times.

While it may be fashionable to condemn the State and the security forces for alleged violation of Human Rights, activists and Human Rights watch dog organisations should raise their voice equally forcefully against violation of Human Rights by the terrorists and their ilk.

Human Rights are aimed to preserve democracy and the rights of the people to govern themselves. They were used with great effect against totalitarian regimes to liberate the people. They are found inadequate to solve the dilemma faced by democracies fighting a low intensity conflict. The Common Article 3 in the four Geneva Conventions and Article 4 of the Covenant on Civil and Political rights dealing with derogation do not deal with basic problems created by the proxy wars. As an eminent U.S. Supreme Court judge observed - Bill of rights is not a suicide pact entered into by the nation for its self destruction. It is time Human Rights parameters in low intensity conflicts are clearly spelt out in a new Instrument. It is not an issue of semantics but also substance. If a democratic state is allowed to be destroyed in a low intensity conflict, who can ensure the human rights of the silent majority? Are the human rights of the people

waging a law intensity conflict more important than those of low abiding citizens ? What action can and should be taken against powers aiding and abetting low intensity conflicts.

It is time that the international community addressed itself to the task of defining the parameters to be followed in Low Intensity conflicts. The International Committee of the Red Cross may also consider taking steps to evolve a convention on behaviour of parties to a low intensity conflict and the role of ICRC in such situations.



*An Ultra Sonography system was started in Base Hospital-II, Hyderabad in February 1997.
Special DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan inaugurated it.*



Record blood donations in the blood donation camp held at GC CRPF Avadi on April 17 & 18, 1997. Special DG CRPF Shri DR. Knrthikeyan donating blood along with his wife Smt Kala Karthikeyan

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Chief Minister of Delhi Shri Sahib Singh Verma enjoying Rajasthani folk dance in front of GC Ajmer stall in the CRPF welfare exhibition on March 3, '97

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DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal accompanying the Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral during his visit to the exhibition of weapons (in Srinagar) captured by CRPF from militants in Jammu & Kashmir



DG CRPF Shri MB. Kaushal delivering valedictory address in the Re-Union Seminar of 11th batch DAGOs at Neemuch on July 27, 1997

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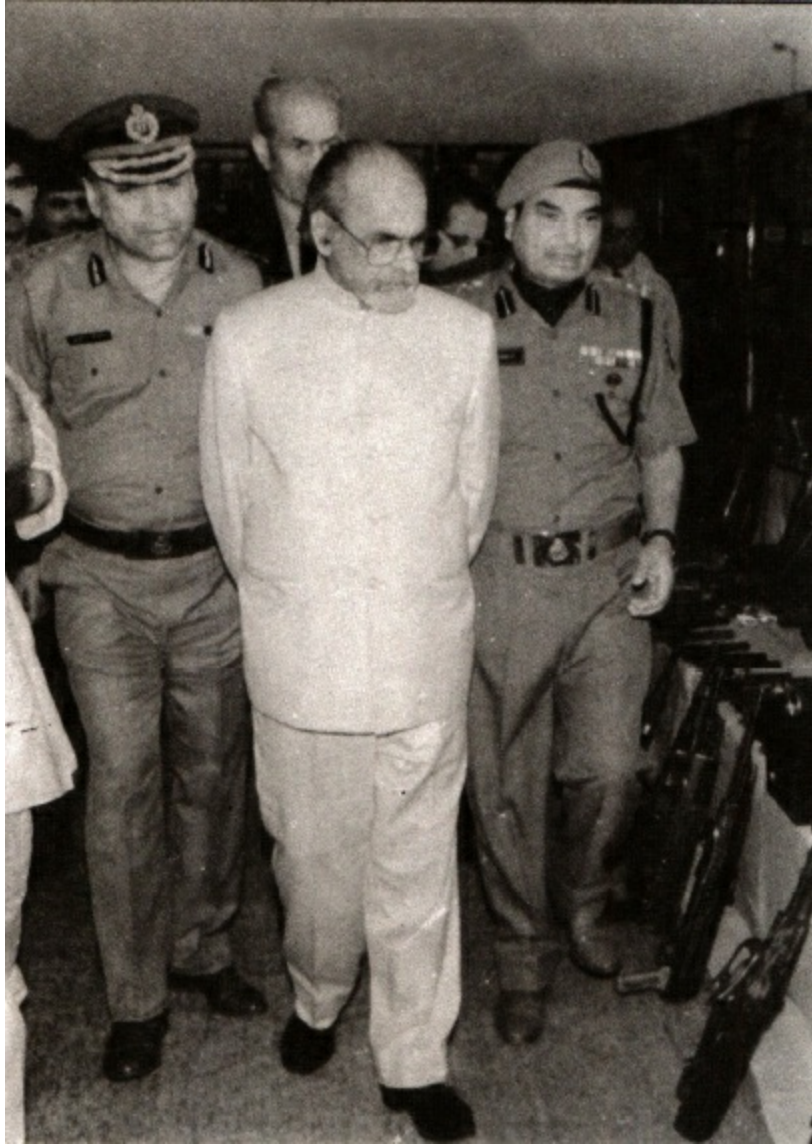
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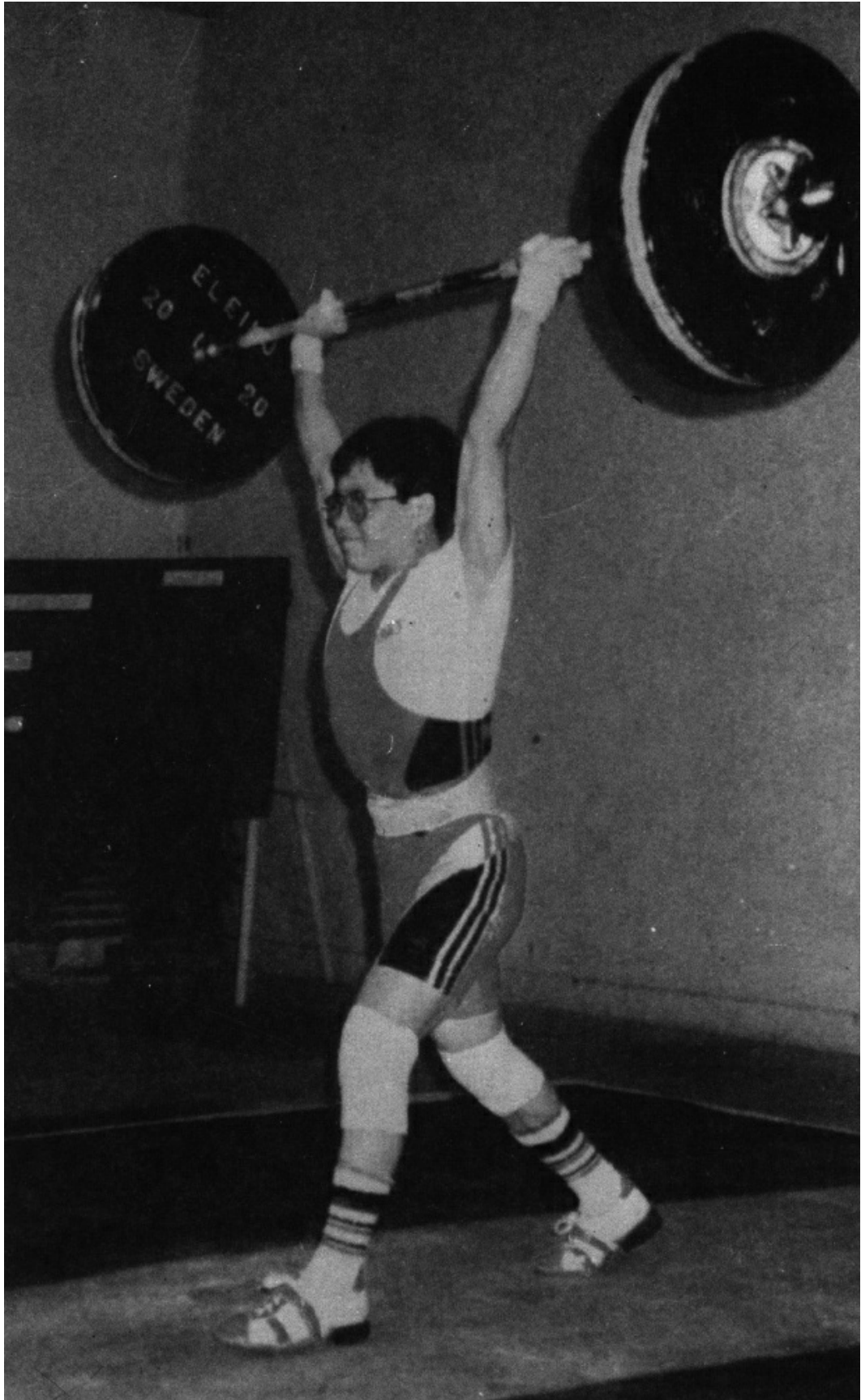
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—Editor



Weightlifter N. Kunjarani Devi has earned a unique distinction of being listed among the greatest 100 weightlifters of the century in World by International Weightlifting Federation.

SH. GAUTAM KAUL JOINS CRPF AS ADDL DG



Gautam Kaul

Well known police officer Sh. Gautam Kaul of the IPS on promotion joined CRPF as Addl. Director General of Police on July 21, 1997. He moved here from CISF where he was IG, Northern Sector.

While in CISF, Sh. Gautam Kaul recorded a large number of professional achievements. His long stay of eight years and more, saw this para military organisation undergo many innovative changes and developments.

Earlier Sh. Gautam Kaul had served in Delhi Police in various professional capacities including its chief PRO and started many well-

known Police practices like the familiar Police assistance booth and the introduction of wearing of the safety helmet by two wheelers. He has also served in Chandigarh Police as its Chief and put in a long innings in the Bureau of Police Research & Development, MHA.

Awarded the 'Asiad Jyoti' in 1982 for the Asian Games and Swaran Kamal' award in 1992 for film journalism, Sh. Gautam Kaul is a familiar personality in professional and social circles in Delhi. He is a well known contributor in film journalism and promoted sports as the Senior Vice President of the Delhi Olympic Association.

Sh. Gautam Kaul also heads many social organisations in Delhi. He was the Vice-Chairman of Governing Council of the Film & Television Institute, Pune in 1993-95.

Recently, he was mentioned in press reports taking up the cause of the police to allow them the use of the National Flag through a petition given to the Prime Minister for consideration.

IDENTITY CARD TO RETIRED FORCE PERSONNEL

Intity cards will be issued to the CRPF retiring personnel including those who sought voluntary retirement, if they apply for it. Cost of photographs shall be borne by the individual concerned. Service Identity Card is required to be surrendered by the retiring personnel to the issuing authority before proceeding on retirement. Separate Identity Card forms for retired personnel will be available at all formations of CRPF.

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total amount of Rs. 21,75,000/- has been paid to the next of kin of 30 personnel who died during the month of July '97 from Risk (Premia) Fund.

A total sum of Rs. 15,000 has been paid to an individual who has proceeded on invalidation during this month from Risk (Premia) Fund.

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

TRAINING SEMINAR OF CRPF

A two-day Training seminar of CRPF was organised for the first time this year in the Dte. General, New Delhi on July 3 and 4, 1997. The purpose of the seminar was to create a dialogue between the trainers and users and find out solutions of issues to make training relevant to the present requirement, more effective and meaningful. Heads of all CRPF training institutes and senior field commanders from all over the country participated in it.

Presiding over the opening session on July 3, 1997, the DG Shri M.B. Kaushal stressed the need for periodic training of the Force personnel of all levels at intervals so that their mental attitude and skills may be oriented to the changing operational requirements. In the present internal security scenario, he said, anti-insurgency duties formed the major part. The training syllabus, should therefore, be commensurate to that. Periodic 'on the spot' training of Force personnel during deployment, he observed, was useful to correct tactical errors. But it was no substitute to rotational training. Various aspects of training of the Force personnel should, therefore, be discussed in the seminar and training plans be formulated with positive, pragmatic and practical approach.

Various aspects of the training of Force personnel like revision of syllabus, methodology, inservice training, requirement of instructors, creation of Research & Development cell for training and rotational training etc. were discussed at length in the seminar. Heads of various training institutes gave their presentations. On the second day, the Dy. Director

(Communications) Brig. J.S. Sawhney delivered his presentation on Central Training College (Telecommunication). The principal CTC.I, Neemuch Brig. Govind Ji Mishra gave his presentation on Training Institutions in CRPF.



DG CRPF Shri Kaushal welcoming union Home Secretary Shri K. Padmanabhaiah during the valedictory session of training seminar

The concluding session was addressed by the Union Home Secretary Shri K. Padmanabhaiah. Speaking on the occasion, he said that as the nature of duties of CRPF were changing from law and order to counter-insurgency the training of the Force personnel should be tailored to the requirement. Since counter-insurgency duties need different type of weapons, change in the weaponry of CRPF should be looked into.

Laying emphasis on repeated periodic training of CRPF personnel, the Home Secretary said that matter may be discussed with the State Governments and part of the personnel may be withdrawn for rotational training leaving behind minimum required strength under deployment. Shri Padmanabhaiah said that causes behind losses of CRPF personnel in ambushes etc. may be analysed in detail and corrective measures be taken accordingly. He advised to have a secure communication network and said that the Force must ensure secrecy of communications when its personnel were moving in operational areas under deployment. It was important for

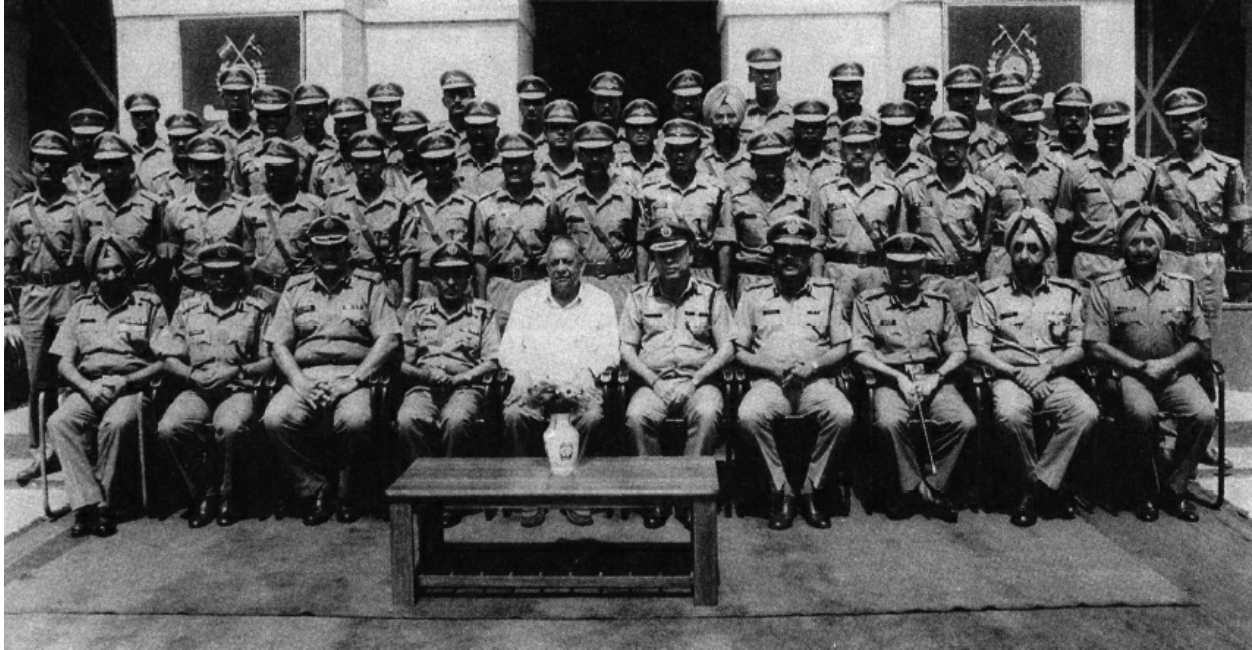
operational success, he added. The Home Secretary praised the role of CRPF specially in Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and during elections and said, there was a need of reorientation and modernisation in the training pattern now. The training modernisation schemes of other Central Para Military Forces will also be invited and all proposals including that of CRPF will be examined in the Home Ministry quickly.

The DG CRPT Shri M.B. Kaushal earlier welcomed the Home Secretary and said that various issues relating to training were discussed in the seminar and decisions like constitution of R&D Cell, emphasising exercises rather than class room training, computer training to DAGOs, SOs and ministerial staff have been taken. However, for upgrading training requirements of the Force, he said, both short term and long term strategies have been chalked out in the form of action plan to be taken up in phases. These included imparting tactical training, implementing rotational training, one-month pre-induction training before deployment, improving the quality of training inputs, setting up of R&D Cell, incentive to trainers and improvement in infrastructural facilities.

Another dimension will be to improve infrastructural facilities and training aids by provision of firing ranges, simulators, setting up of a counter-insurgency jungle warfare school and opening another motor transport training school to meet the changing operational needs of the Force. The DG solicited Home Secretary's support in ensuring quantitative and qualitative upgradation of the Force training inputs so that the CRPF is fully equipped professionally to meet the emerging internal security scenario in times to come.

OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH JAWANS

—Home Minister



DAGOs of 26th Batch of CRPF with Union Home Minister

Union Home Minister, Shri Indrajit Gupta has advised the Directly Appointed Gazetted Officer (DAGO) probationers of CRPF to spend maximum time with the Jawans. Addressing the 26th batch probationers after they called on the Home Minister in New Delhi on June 10, 1997, he said, the image of the Force depended on the performance of the Jawans. They need to be motivated by the officers which is possible only when the Jawans share close relationship with their superiors. The Minister advised the probationers to keep up the high traditions of the Force and work with dedication for unity, integrity and peace of the country.

Shri Gupta praised the CRPF for discharging multiple duties effectively and professionally. The Minister expressed dissatisfaction for over-deployment of the force and said that efforts are on to work out new methods to check over-deployment so that the CRPF personnel could get time for rest and training. He also called upon them to be vigilant during deployment at the border, so that the insurgent activities could be checked.

Shri M.B. Kaushal, DG CRPF assured the Home Minister on behalf of the probationers that his advice would be kept in mind by the CRPF personnel while discharging their duties. The Minister was presented a memento by the DG, CRPF.

MEGA HEALTH CAMP IN GORAIMARI

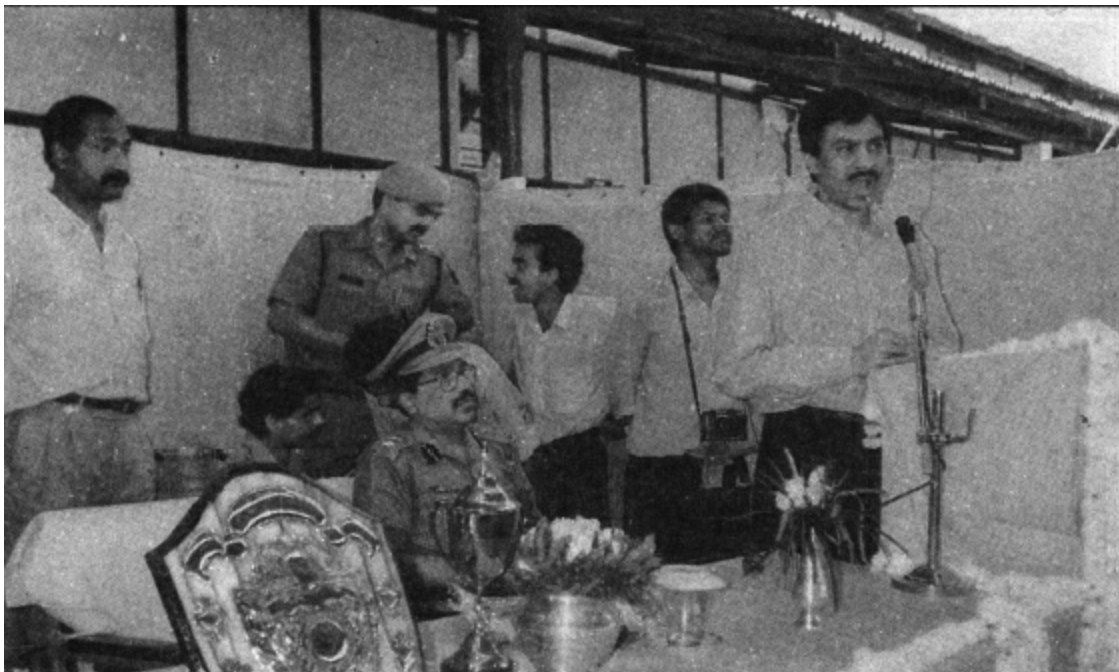
A multi-speciality health camp was organised by CRPF Base Hospital III with the help of 95 Bn and 3rd Bn at Goraimari (Chhayagaon) of Kamrup District of Assam as part of civic action programme of the Force on May 3, 1997. The camp was inaugurated by Health Minister of Assam Dr. Kamla Kalita and over 3000 persons were checked and given medicines free of cost after investigation by specialists. Shri M.M. Khan, DIG CRPF Guwahati presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kamla Kalita expressed his satisfaction for organising the camp for the benefit of the local people and said that the role of CRPF in civic action programmes by delivering health care in remote areas, conducting rescue and relief during natural calamities while at the same time maintaining law and order were praiseworthy. He advised to organise more such health camps in the rural areas of Assam.



Local people in the health camp

The health camp consisted of several clinics manned by specialists in areas like internal medicine, T.B. & Chest diseases, child health, obstetrics and Gynaecology, orthopedics, dental, eye and others. Apart from this, a laboratory for essential investigations of blood, urine, sputum, HIV and Hepatitis etc. was also set up to fulfill the immediate requirements. There were facilities to screen diabetes, hypertension, obesity, cataract, heart diseases, tuberculosis and other common maladies. Necessary medicines for all ailments were made available to patients free of cost. Eight specialists and 17 members of para-medical staff extended the required services in the camp.



Health Minister of Assam Dr. Kamla Kalita inaugurating health camp

District administration including the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup, Jt., Director Health, DFO and Executive Engineer (Electricity) extended all help and co-operation to make the camp successful.

THE UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT

–J.N. Koli

Sunday, 22 Dec. '96 will remain deeply etched in my memory for times to come. It was a slow moving Sunday morning at the CIVPOL Office in RHQ Saurimo, where I am presently posted. At about 0900H the routine activity in the RHQ at this time of the day was interrupted, when a seemingly perturbed group of locals came to the RHQ requesting for UNAVEM assistance. The CIVPOL office usually deals with such cases of local civilian assistance so as the representative of this Office, I went up to the group in a bid to enquire into their complaint. After the babble of apparently agitated and distressed voices was quelled with assurances of our full co-operation, we invited the group representatives to come to our Office in order to obtain details of their grievance.

Once in our Office, Mrs Dina Issabel, an elderly lady was quick to come out with her distress. Her fourteen year old daughter, Nomia Issabel had been abducted by some miscreants the day before. Amidst an emotionally surcharged situation, an inconsolable Mrs Issabel and an expectant group of locals waiting outside, we worked at getting the details of the alleged incident. The inquiry brought out that, on 21 Dec '96 while Mrs Issabel was travelling from Dala to Saurimo, at Naungwanza, which falls in the way, her daughter was abducted by a group of armed miscreants. There had been no further news of her and apparently she was still in their custody.

The CIVPOL regional cdr, Asst. Commissioner of Police Mr. A. Miti was informed of the incident and with his guidance a plan of action was formulated. The next morning (23 Dec. 96) at 0500H I left for Naungwanza. I was accompanied by Ms Mary who works for a NGO in Saurimo. It was conceived that her presence would prove beneficial since the matter concerned a young woman and beside, her fluency in Portuguese would be an asset. Our team first headed for Naungwanza where we met the local UNITA representative. Initially our negotiations here did not bear much fruit except refutations and denials. Nevertheless, by sustained deliberations we were able to elicit a response that we must continue our efforts in Dala (a village about 160 km south of Saurimo). On this cue, we headed for Dala which we reached by afternoon. There too we were confronted by strong refusals and negations. Anyway, it was the right time to use every bit of experience and acumen that I had gained in my last six months as a Police observer. To coerce them, every conceivable ploy had to be put to use in the

arbitrations which continued till late evening. They ranged from explaining the delicate poise of the peace process, flouting acquaintance with their Senior commanders to adding the angle of the grievance and suffering being caused. All coupled , they seemed to drive the point home. The Liaison Officer at Dala relented and from a stance of complete absolvment of responsibility, offered to extend his full help. The local command structure was activated on his orders and it was not long before Nomia Issabel was traced and brought before us. Fortunately she was unharmed and but for a state of shock, seemed in fine disposition. We headed back for Saurimo and were by nightfall were in Mrs Dina Issabel's house alongwith her daughter.

Some events defy description in words and the reception we got on our arrival at Mrs Issabels house, happens to be one of them. A throng of people quickly collected around us as our vehicle pulled up outside the house. At first, there was a hushed silence as the perceptibly anxious crowd looked on in eager anticipation. As NOMIA Issabel alighted from the vehicle, it gave way to a sudden and spontaneous cheer of joy. The joy and happiness of Mrs. Issabel, as she saw her daughter, knew no bounds. With tearful eyes she thanked UNAVEM for the best Christmas gift in the whole world. As I stood there watching the emotional reunion, amidst the cheers for UNAVEM from the onlook-ing crowd, I thought that actually for me too, this was the best Christmas gift in the whole world. The love and appreciation of these people.

(J.N. Koli, Dy. Commandant 94 Bn. CRPF is presently serving in United Nations Mission, Angola as a Police Observer.)

RE-UNION SEMINAR OF DAGOs : A VISION OF CRPF IN 2002

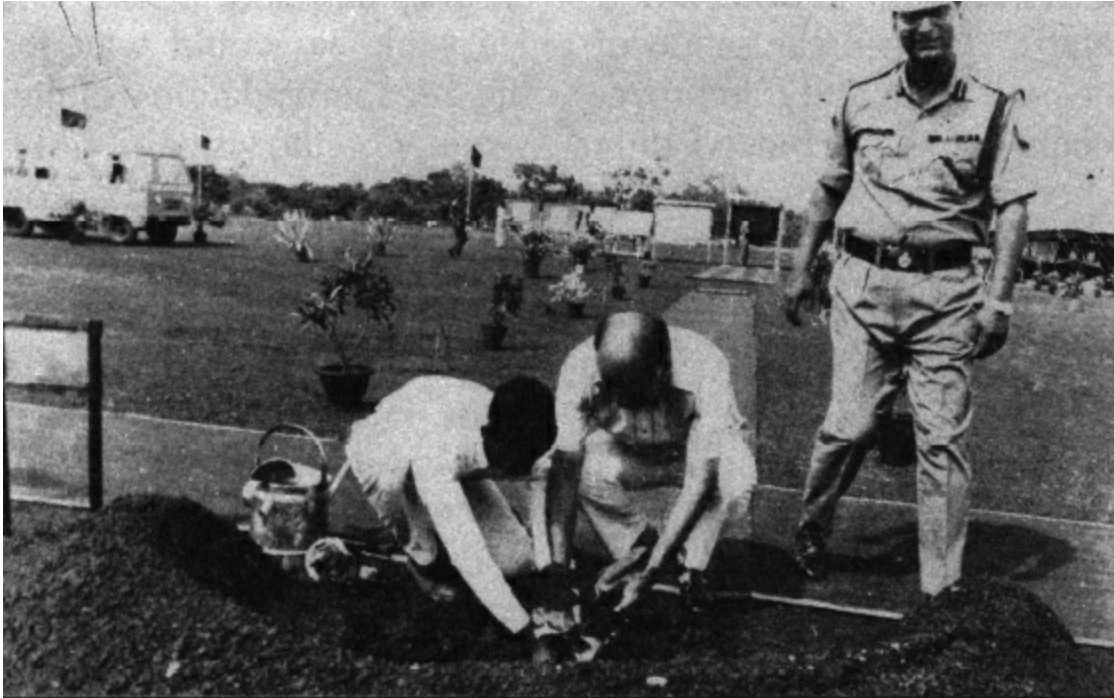


DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal inaugurating residential block of officers at Neemuch

A seminar on 'CRPF-2002' was organised at Neemuch on the occasion of 1st Re-union of 11th batch of Directly Appointed Gazetted Officers (DAGOs) of CRPF. The Addl. DG Shri Gautam Kaul inaugurated it on July 27, 97 and DG Shri M.B. Kaushal delivered valedictory address the next day. It is for the first time in the history of the Force that a re-union of DAGOs of 1971 batch of CRPF was held this year. Over 40 officers of this batch, who are now senior level commandants, participated in it.

While delivering his valedictory address the DG Shri M.B. Kaushal congratulated 1971 batch officers for making silver Jubilee land mark of their meritorious service and said that besides rejoicing it was also time for honest introspection. He said, 'I would like you to make a truthful appraisal of your contribution to the Force and whether it could have been better....With your seniority and experience, you can make an invaluable contribution in achieving all round excellence by the Force.....I can assure you that if you do your best, you are bound to get the best in your life in return.' In an organisation of the size of CRPF, improvements can be achieved only when officers of your level, who are now working on key positions, fully involve themselves with day to day functioning, ensure 100% implementation of instructions and keep on evolving means and ways

to upgrade professional efficiency. It would enable the Force to meet the emergency challenges of internal security and add to its glory. He said, he would wait for the recommendations of the seminar on the vision of CRPF in 2002 to initiate action on priority in this regard.



DG CRPF Shri Kaushal planting sapling



Adtl DG Shri Gautam Kaul inaugurating Seminar

Inaugurating the Seminar on the previous day the Addl. DG CRPF Shri Gautam Kaul- welcomed the senior officers of 1971 batch and said that it was a matter of happiness and pride that officers from all over the country with professional experience of over 25 years were meeting for the first time at Neemuch for exchange of ideas enriched by experience. It will be appropriate, he said, that indepth discussion is held among experienced officers on various aspects of the Force including its strength and weakness; so that its operational excellence is achieved to face the requirements and challenges till 2002. The Addl. DG Shri Kaul including other officers paid homage to the martyrs by laying wreath at Martyrs' Memorial at Neemuch in the morning.



DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal with the officers of 11th Batch of DAGOs

Papers on various topics were read by operational field commanders and points raised were discussed in detail. Shri C.B.S. Rathore, Principal, RTC-IV, Srinagar (J&K) read his paper on 'Improving Professional efficiency and Shri S.C. Sharma, Commandant read his paper on 'Infrastructural upgradation in CRPF for new role dimensions'. Shri V.P.S. Pawar concluded the discussions. The officers visited field firing range, Bawal and other training locations.

Speaking in a Sainik Sammelan, held on July 28, 1997, at Neemuch the DG Shri Kaushal said that it was a matter of pride that CRPF has made a very big contribution by maintaining peace and internal security in the country by assisting state police in Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and in North-Eastern states against terrorism. This is the only Force in the country which works with the state police. Steps for improving promotional prospects of Force personnel were being taken and will come into effect shortly.

The DG Shri Kaushal inaugurated a residential block for officers and started tree-plantation by planting a sapling in Central Training College area of Neemuch. The Addl. DG Shri Gautam Kaul and other officers also planted saplings.

PM's J&K VISIT

The Prime Minister Sh. I.K. Gujral visited Srinagar in the last week of July '97 where he addressed a Sainik Smmelan. He saw a photo exhibition on control of militancy in J&K and also saw weapons captured from militants by security forces including CRPF.



Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral being introduced to DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal along with other CPMF Chiefs



Prime Minister being introduced to senior officers of CRPF



Prime Minister seeing Photo exhibition of CRPF

BORN TO ACHIEVE

—J. Rangarajan



Inspector Taslima Khan with her baby

“Bangle and nose stud ... In direct contrast to this, A.K.-47 in hands.

Clear and confident looks. Determined heart as if prepared for any thing. Conversation with husband and children now and then, but only over telephone” -these are brief introduction to five women Inspectors from Delhi who have come to the training College of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Avadi, Chennai. Whenever, Kashmir or frequent disturbances in other parts of the country send calls, duty will separate them even from their infants. It is just for 60 days in a year that they, as husband, wife and children meet and see each other”.

Of the five, four are Post Graduates and all are 32 years of age. They were appointed as Sub-Inspectors in CRPF ten years ago. It is no wonder that they, who were born in ordinary families of rural Uttar Pradesh, were attracted towards service to the nation. Later, they went on to become Inspectors on promotion. Now a step ahead, they have come to Chennai to attend 3 months’ training for promotion as Assistant Commandants. Inspectors, Taslima Khan, Neeraja Tyagi, Neelam Bandiyal, Kavita Verma and Ravi Kala - the brave women of CRPF. Inspector Taslima Khan who is attending the training with her five months old baby boy on expiry of maternity leave, is one among them. A brave mother knowing the greatness of feeding from mother’s breast.

“We have already traversed numerous struggles in life including marriage and children. So we don’t intend at all to quit this service. We only want to achieve something” - they thunder in one single voice. It is about them ...

Taslima Khan - Place of Birth : Muzzafar Nagar in UP. Belongs to an agricultural family. Education : M.A. (Political Science) Joined CRPF in 1986 as Sub-Inspector and married in 1991 Husband Dhilwara Khan is a CRPF Clerk serving in Guwahati, Assam. First daughter’s name is Jubha Khan (5 years) is with her father. Only five months have passed after the birth of Sohail Khan the second child. When mother is busy attending training, the baby is looked after by a Security Aide.

“My service include three and a half year of stint with Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka and Rapid Action Force (RAF) during Meerut Riots. The reason for continuing in the job even after giving birth to children is the utmost co-operation of my husband”.-says Taslima Khan.

Neeraja Tyagi - Place of birth : Ghaziabad in UP. Her father is a Railway Signal Inspector. Education : M.A. (Political Science) Joined CRPF in 1986 as Sub-Inspector and married in 1988. Husband is also an Inspector in CRPF and serves in Special Protection Group, providing Security to the Prime Minister. Daughter Tirappi who was born in 1990 is presently in second std and is very smart.

“I went to Sri Lanka as part of IPKF”. in 1987. The job was to search women for possession of fire arms/explosives. Special Commendation Certificate was given for service in Sri Lanka. Only eight could get the certificate out of 125 women.”

Later silenced rioters in Meerut riots. During Babri Masjid demolition on 6th December, 1992. Sadly but silently discharged security duties as per orders.

Later in 1994 the job assignment was in Srinagar (J&K). One day I went in a bullet proof truck for supervision of security in a jail. I was sitting by the side of the driver. Two sepoy were standing guard on the rear side of the vehicle. There would always be three vehicles running in a convoy one behind the other, in view of attacks by militants. While negotiating a road turn, militants hurled a hand grenade, underneath the truck. Crossing the road, the grenade fell into a pit and exploded. One of the sepoy who was standing on the rear side of the truck, got splinter injuries on his back. I ordered the following two vehicles to keep going speedily without stopping. As a result there was no loss of life. If stopped in panic we may be targeted for militant's attack. If you open fire in retaliation, innocent people may die because militants will attack only from their hiding in the houses of innocent people. Higher officials commended my presence of mind and timely decision. My child is in my mother's home in Delhi. I was not with her continuously during four of her birthdays till 1994, including her first birthday. I will never be able to forget her baby talk, Mom come over here’ - when I greeted her over phone from wherever I was. ‘All mothers are always with their children, why you alone are not with me. Mom’ - I am unable to answer this question of Tirappy till now.”

You have pictures of your child and husband ?

Both of them remain in my eyes says Inspector Neeraj Tyagi.

Neelam Bandiyal - Place of Birth ‘Dehradoon in UP. Education B.A.

(English) Joined CRPF in 1986 as a Sub-Inspector and was married in 1990. Husband Bandiyal is a Lecturer in Godwara Govt. College in UP. Son Ayush who was born in 1994 is, now, three years old. 'I served in Special Protection Group (SPG) when Sri Rajiv Gandhi, Sri V.P. Singh, Sri Chandra Sekhar and Sri Vajpayee were Prime Ministers. Now I am in the Protection Group of Sri Deve Gowda. I got commendation Certificate for my service with IPKF in Sri Lanka. My son Ayush is in my mother's home in Dehradun. My husband undertakes four hours journey to see my son. I also travel for four hours from Delhi to see him. We will meet together during festival holidays. My son has understood my job he will say, 'My mother is an Inspector, if you (other children) beat me I will get you arrested by my mother' - quotes Inspector Neelam Bandial, laughingly.

Kavitha Varma - Native Place : Delhi, Education : M.A. (Political Science). Winner of Bronze Medal in Inter-University Judo Championship, in Delhi. She was recruited in 1986 as a CRPF Sub-Inspector in the quota meant for sports persons and married in 1994 to Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mason who is a clerk in Delhi Telephone Department Son Sunny Dev is one year old.

"I recovered lethal weapons including A.K. 47 rifles during search operations in Sri Lanka when I went to that country as part of IPKF in 1987. My son is with my mother-in-law Mrs. S.K. Mason who is a nurse in Delhi's Safdarjang Hospital". - says Kavitha Varma.

Ravi Kala - Native Place -Yele village near Ferozabad in UP. Education : M.A. (Political Science) Joined CRPF as a Sub-Inspector in 1986 Husband Harindra Sharma is a dealer in Motor vehicles, in Gujarat. Son Sahil Harindra Sharma is one year old. Now he is with his grand mother in Yele village.

"I served in Special Protection Group when Sri Chandra Sekhar was the Prime Minister" - said Ravi Kala.

(Courtesy Magalir Malar, Chennai)

RELIEF TO LAND SLIDE AFFECTED

Sudden landslides in the night near Gangtok in Sikkim created panic among people and life came to standstill on June 8, 1997. On receiving call for help to tide over the natural calamity by the Govt, of Sikkim, a decision was taken to send Force units to undertake rescue and extend relief to the affected.

Two companies of 106 RAF Bn were rushed to Gangtok from Bihar alongwith medical teams on June 9, 1997 and they started rescue and relief work immediately after reaching there. Two places near Gangtok, Zero point and Chandmari were badly affected by land slides. The affected people of these areas were evacuated to safer places with their household articles by RAF vehicles. Two teams were deployed for round the clock patrolling alongwith civil police in these areas to protect the houses & property in vacated houses from antisocial elements.

The Chief Secretary, Sikkim Shri K. Sreedhar Rao has in his letter to the Director General, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal expressed his gratitude for timely assistance by RAF in dealing with the disaster that struck

Gangtok. In his letter, he says, I am writing this letter in order to convey the State Government's sincere gratitude to you for having responded to our call for help by sending two coys of Rapid Action Force to help us in dealing with the disaster that struck Gangtok on 8th June, 1997. The force which arrived with all equipment has been most useful in dealing with the situation and due to their help we have now been able to bring about near normalcy in Gangtok. May I once again thank you for your assistance."

HOW TO FISH

*If you give a man a fish;
It means you gave him a single meal.*

*But if you teach him how to fish;
He will eat his meal all his life.*

-Anonymous

FREEDOM

*Freedom implies not only emancipation from political bondage
But also equal distribution of wealth.*

Abolition of caste barriers and social inequities

And destruction of communalism and religious intolerance.

-Netaji Subash Chandra Bose

**KUNJA RANI EXCELLS :
SPORTSPERSONS WIN 30
MEDALS**



Kunjarani being received at I.C. Airport by IAD (sports) on her return from Yangzhou (China)

Weightlifter N. Kunjarani of CRPF, who is the proud possessor of 18 World Championship and, 27 Asian thus totalling 45 international medals, has earned a unique distinction of being listed among the greatest 100 weightlifters of the century in the World by International Weightlifting Federation. She has also been ranked fourth among the greatest weightlifters of all time in the world.

In the 10th Sr. Women Weightlifting Championship held at Yangzhou (China) during July, 1997, Kunjarani won two silver and one bronze medal. Inspector Jeevan Jyoti secured fifth position.

Weightlifter Kunjarani and Neelam Laxmi were honoured by the Prime Minister earlier this year by cash awards for their notable achievements in weightlifting and bringing laurels to the country.

CRPF Sportspersons won as many as 31 medals including 7 Gold 16 Silver and 8 Bronze medals in various discipline such as athletics, weightlifting, swimming, gymnastics etc. in the IV National Games held at Bangalore from May 31 to June 11, 1997. CRPF sportspersons participated in it representing various States & Union Territories.

In athletics, Insp Paramjit Singh won total 3 medals that of gold, silver

and bronze, Insp Prabhjot Singh, SI Rajesh Kumar and SI P.H. Abdullah won one gold each, CT Santosh Kumar and LNK/M Nishamol C. have won one silver each and SI Manoj Kumar one bronze in different disciplines.

In weightlifting, Insp. N. Laxmi, HC Romi Devi and SI W. Nandini Devi have won one gold each, HC S. Nansita Devi, HC Geetanjali Devi, HC Rajesh Kumar and CT Seema Thappar won one silver each and HC Rajitha N.P. had won a bronze medal in different categories.

In swimming, Insp. Raja Ram Tokas had won 3 silver and a bronze medal, Insp. Kailash Nath two silver and HC Suraj Prakash Sharma and SI Elvis All Hazarika one silver each in different relays.

In waterpolo, Asstt. Comdt. S. Radhakrishanan, SI Pappu Lal, SI Asim Adak and HC N. Gopakumar have won one bronze each. In Judo Insp. Tilak Thappa and NK Partho Sen Gupta won one bronze each.

In Mahila rowing, CRPF Team consisting of CT/M Saleena, CT/M Rajeshwari, NK Kalpana Saha, CT Kumari Ranjana, CT/M Babita Sharma, CT/M Renuka Sarkar and CT/M Meera Devi won a bronze medal. In gymnastics, SI Chandu Koley and in wrestling SI Naresh Kumar have won one silver each.

RESCUE AND RELIEF TO FLOOD AFFECTED BY RAF

Torrential rains in the last week of June, 1997 in Gujarat brought floods in a vast area and made extensive damage to the life and property disrupting road, rail and telecommunication link with rest of the country for many days. Such rains were not seen in the state for last 75 years.

The personnel of 100 Bn RAF, located at Vastral, Ahmedabad rushed to the rescue of the affected people of nearby areas of Ramol, Ratanpura, Mehboobnagar, Janta Nagar and Mahadevnagar etc. in order to assist the local administration in carrying out relief operations. Although 100 Bn HQ

at Vastral was itself cut off by flood water from all the sides, the personnel of three companies of the Battalion continued to undertake rescue and extend relief to flood affected from June 26, '97. in the absence of boats, the RAF personnel rescued and shifted hundreds of people of Vastral, Ramol, Ratanpura, Mehboob Nagar, Janta Nagar and Mahadev Nagar to safer places with the help of ropes and inflated tubes across deep water.

The RAF personnel undertook repair of a bridge connecting Ahmedabad with Mahadev Nagar and Vastral on June 29, '97 making these places accessible by road after three days.

One medical team each from 100 Bn, RAF and Group Centre Gandhinagar extended medical assistance to the needy. Medical camps were held at Vastral, Janta Nagar and Mahadev Nagar and over 2000 persons were extended medical assistance.

CRPF water tankers from Group Centre, Gandhinagar supplied drinking water to flood affected areas of Ramol and Vastral.

One Mangaji was seen shouting for help from a tree top in flooded Vastral village on June 27 at 8.30 p.m. and was rescued by 4 RAF personnel with the help of inflated tubes. Dead body of one Prakash was recovered at Mahadev Nagar village. RAF teams were put on the round the clock rescue duty in and around these villages till the flood water receded.

PETROL PUMP AT PALLIPURAM

A petrol pump has been opened at Pallipuram (Trivendrum) exclusively for the use of CRPF units on April 2, 1997. It was sanctioned on the personal intervention of Special DG CRPF Shri D.R. Karthikeyan. With the installation of this pump, the long time dream of CRPF units of Pallipuram has become a reality.

The Special DG presented a cheque of Rs. 4 lakh on this occasion as ex-gratia payment to Smt. Jayashree wife of late Naik/Driver G. Sreekumar of 124 Bn who died in May, 1996 in Jammu & Kashmir.

The petrol pump will enhance the operational efficiency and mobility of the motor transport fleet of the units. It will also

eliminate the handling loss and will ensure proper issue and accounting in an economic manner.

DEBYANI SECURES 96% MARKS



DG CRPF Shri Kaushal congratulating outstanding students of CRPF Public School, Rohini, New Delhi

Debyani Dey of CRPF Public School (Rohini), New Delhi has secured 480 marks out of 500, thus aggregate 96% marks in Class X examination of CBSE. She has achieved distinction in all the subjects and her total of 480 marks may be the highest in the country in Class X results this year.

This was told by the Principal, CRPF Public School, New Delhi Shri Suraj Prakash while talking informally to the newsmen on June 4, 1997.

CRPF School students of Class X, he said, have made outstanding achievements this year.

The DG, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal congratulated CRPF School students for their outstanding success and announced reward of Rs. 5000 to Debyani Dey, daughter of Asstt. Director (Ops) Shri D.C. Dey for getting outstanding success in class X. He also announced rewards of Rs. 2000 to all the 18 students of CRPF School who have secured more than 80% of marks in Class X this year.

Shri Suraj Prakash told that besides Debyani Dey, Karan Kansal of the school got 94% and Manik Batra 93.6% marks in Class X. 18 students got distinctions in all the subjects and 8 students have got over 90% marks. Over 90% marks have been secured by 30 students in Mathematics, 24 in Science, 20 in Sanskrit and 7 in English this year.

SCHOLARSHIP OF RS. 2000 TO A CRPF WARD

ALB Public Charitable Trust of New Delhi has granted scholarship of Rs. 2000 per month to Pankaj Kandwal, son of late Shri B.N. Kandwal, Asstt. Commandant, CRPF to pursue his studies of M.B.B.S. Pankaj who is a MBBS first year student will continue to receive the scholarship throughout the course period of five years.

The ALB Charitable Trust was set up in 1994 by Shri A.L. Batra, a well known industrialist and philanthropist. Shri Batra is the President of Board of Trustees of Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, New Delhi. The Trust is engaged in the promotion of education, awards of scholarship to the poor and deserving students, providing of medical relief and other financial assistance to the poor and downtrodden people of the society.

NGO PRAISES REFORESTATION IN ORISSA

A non-Government organisation 'Friends of Nature' of Calcutta, committed to protect forests, wildlife and environment has in its letter to the Chief of Staff of Indian Army Gen. Shankar Roy Choudhury, praised the work being done by CRPF for protection of wildlife and reforestation in Barbera forest of Orissa.

The full text of the letter sent by Shri D.B. Dutt, Convener of the organisation reads, "As lovers of Mother Nature and Wildlife we extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful work CRPF personnel are doing in protection of some sanctuaries in Orissa. We saw the programme in DD-1, Doordarshan at 7.30 a.m. on 10.5.97. The Jawans are planting saplings in barren hills, offering medical help to the local people and after their adoption of the forest area there has been an all round improvement for plants, wildlife and local people as told by Mr. A.K. Patnaik, Divisional Forest Officer in Doordarshan. Even horticultural and employment programmes have been taken up, 200 criminals have been nabbed and 1000 cases have been moved.

Such examples are rare in India and we feel that your Honour should, if possible extend similar exemplary work all over India so that once again India becomes rich in beautiful forests and wildlife saved from poachers, where poachers are killing wildlife on the verge of extinction by bribing the local people. Such things will stop only if CRPF and others under your Honour extend a helping hand."

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 1997.

L/NK A. Sivashankaran (28 Bn), Ct M.k. Salunke (50 Bn), N/K Jasbir

Singh (92 Bn), HC M.G. Shrangare (GC Hyd), HC Joginder Singh (67 Bn), Ct. S.C. Banik (O/o DIG BBSR), Ct Vilas Rahod (70 Bn), LNK Rajender Singh (132 Bn), Ct Chagar Singh (6 Bn), LNK Mohit Bora, (11 Bn) Ct Ravinder Ram (11 Bn), B/B Ramanuj Thakuar (11 Bn), SI Pati Ram Singh (11 Bn), SI H.N. Ram (121 Bn), Ct S.K. Kutty (GC. II Ajmer), LNK Indal Singh (51 Bn), LNK Vijay Singh (47 Bn), Ct Sudama Das (70 Bn), HC Manohar Lal (133 Bn), SI Sukdev Singh (46 Bn), NK Munshi Draon (46 Bn), LNK Suresh Chand (46 Bn), Ct Rajkishor Mishra (46 Bn), Ct Sunil Kumar (46 Bn), Ct Ramkishan (46 Bn), Ct Ajay Singh (46 Bn), Shri J.B.S. Bains, ADIGP (GC PJR), NK J.B. Tamta (66 Bn), S/K Munnakaram (77 Bn), Ct Subzar Ahmed (9 Bn), Shri R.D. Singh, Asstt. Comdt (132 Bn), HC Ram Prasad (132 Bn), Ct Manoj Kumar Singh (132 Bn), Ct D. Srinivasulu (132 Bn), Ct Kali Charan (126 Bn), Insp. R.N. Singh (120 Bn), LNK Ramphal (96 Bn), N/Asstt. M.A. Aarsal Ansari (20 BH-SNR), NK/ROS. Suresh (3rd Sig Bn) and HC N. Kanchan Chand (60 Bn).

A STEADY FLAME

A steady flame goes far and wide
To give the world its peaceful light
A flickering flame isn't the same
So no one thinks of it again.

-Shri Deepak Kumar Sirohi 2I/C-74 Bn, CRPF

THE REAL POLICE WORK

-T.G.L Iyer

The Police Instructor was saying: “To-day average is the standard i.e. moving along the conveyer belt like the luggage to be retrieved by the Air passenger. If some one moves out of the crowd or drops from the conveyer belt he receives all the rewards of course, safety and security are ideals. It submerges our desire to grow. To live successfully we have to take risks. We must exploit the 90% potential lying buried and never used. Remember, we are not walking vegetables. We can choose to go back towards safety and security or move forward towards growth. We don’t have to go through hell to get to heaven. We should remind ourselves that we can get mediocrity without anybody’s help or permission. But excellence requires expressed approval of others. To succeed in Police profession we have to step out of the line, away from the pack and march in step to the beat of our own drummer”.

Someone in the front dared to ask “Sir, then when do we follow the drummer in the Police Band?”. The Instructor looked at the Cadet with fire in his eyes but said gently “Ah, a good question. When we are mediocre we march to the tune of the Police Band. If we want to become unique we must march to our own beat of the drum. Now, I shall frame a question for a change”. After a pause he continued “Where do we find our own drummer? We find him everywhere and within ourselves too. The other name of this drummer is opportunity. But we don’t notice him because he comes in the disguise of hard work. Once we notice him we won’t leave him”.

Another Cadet asked the Instructor “Can you give us a concrete example Sir. May be, some incident from your career?”. The Instructor brightened and looking around he said “This question itself is an opportunity. Once when I was in a patrol Car i.e. wireless vehicle, a call came that there was an automobile accident nearby. Proceeding to the place I found that the car after knocking down a lamp post and compound wall had ploughed into the lawns of a garden. When I knocked at the house, a bleary-eyed drunken man with unsteady gait opened the door. Behind him was a silver haired lady in a wheel chair. The lady welcomed me and asked me to be seated. When I announced that her drunken son had committed an accident and got away from the scene without reporting, she said that her son was bringing home some gifts from the departmental store to celebrate her 100th birth day. The gifts included a bottle of Vodka, which he had consumed on the way”. Pointing at her son she continued “He has not killed anyone in the

automobile accident but he has killed my conscience. Is that not enough punishment from a wayward son? Why issue a ticket or Challan summoning him to the Police Station, Court or Jail? I assessed the situation quickly and said to the lady ‘Well grandma, I don’t wish to spoil your party. I shall join you on your 100th birthday’. Is that not an excellent exploitation of opportunity and promotion of Public Relations to improve the image of the Police?”. We all nodded in agreement. The Instructor was not pleased. He commented further: “Remember, if you nod your head before politicians you may get plum postings; but if you say no to unjust demands, you will become a HERO in your own estimation. Decide now whether you want to become a ZERO or a HERO.

I WILL LIVE FOR EVER

“... Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults and my weaknesses, if, by chance, you wish to remember me; do it with a kind deed or work for someone who needs you.

If you do all I have asked, I will live for ever.”

-An excerpt from a young lady Indian pilot officer’s writing who died recently in an accident in her young age.

*Compiled by Shri S.Sen Gupta
Asstt. Comdt, CWS (Rampur)*

FROM HERE AND THERE

-S.C. Nirwal

The following is based on true facts as so happened:

(Boss talking to his Secretary on phone)

Boss: Is it permissible to have a photograph taken by our own photographer on payment ?

Secretary: I will find out Sir, and let you know.

Boss: Find out, and if permissible, tell him to take our joint photograph (Boss & Madam) at our place required for pension purpose.

(Secretary contacts the PRO on Phone).

Secretary: Boss desires that your photographer should take their joint photograph tomorrow (Sunday) on payment. Is it permissible on payment ?

PRO: It will be difficult to calculate the payment for a photograph. We have never prepared any bill as no such account is maintained.

Secretary: But, Boss would like to make payment. Please find out a way out.

PRO: Please request him again not to insist on payment as it cannot be worked out. We will have their photograph taken from the running film in the camera without any difficulty.

(Secretary explains the above predicament of PRO to Boss).

But, the Boss did not relent and said Boss: He must evolve some procedure to work out the charges for a photograph in consultation with the Dy. F.A. - No matter even if the charges are more than the market. I must make payment because if I go to the market, I will have to stand in a long queue. You talk to Dy. F.A.

(Secretary explained the above to Dy. F.A. and requested for a solution of the problem).

Dy. F.A. expressed his inability to work out the payment of a photograph as according to him, this would involve:(i) Pay for a Govt, servant's services on Sunday; (ii) Working out charges for a single photograph from the film in the camera; (iii) Labour charges; and (iv) Transport charges for conveyance of the photographer.

Secretary: You may kindly talk to Boss and explain the point.

Dy. F.A.: You please explain to him on my behalf.

Secretary: I have already told him twice.

Dy.F.A.: Please make another attempt.

Secretary: All right.

(Secretary musters his courage and again goes to the Boss and explains Dy. F.A.'s inability to work out the charges for a photograph).

Boss: You connect me to Dy. F.A. I will talk to him.

Secretary: Right Sir.

(Secretary comes back to his chamber and connects the Dy. F.A. to Boss).

After talking to Dy. F.A., Boss gave buzzer:

Boss: Tell the photographer not to come to my residence because the Dy. F.A. says that for this purpose, they will have to invite tenders; I will go to the market.

(Secretary immediately informed the PRO who felt greatly relieved of the perplexity and so the Secretary).



Addl. DG (N.W.Z) Shri S.K. Sethi taking salute of DAGOs of 27th Batch of CRPF at ISA, Mount Abu



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Union Home Secretary Shri K. Padmanabhaiah addressing the concluding session of training seminar of CRPF

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The President Shri K.R. Narayanan greeting Ms Kunjarani at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on August 28, 1997 after presenting Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award to her. She bagged the award for 1995-96 for her showing in Guangzhou, China.

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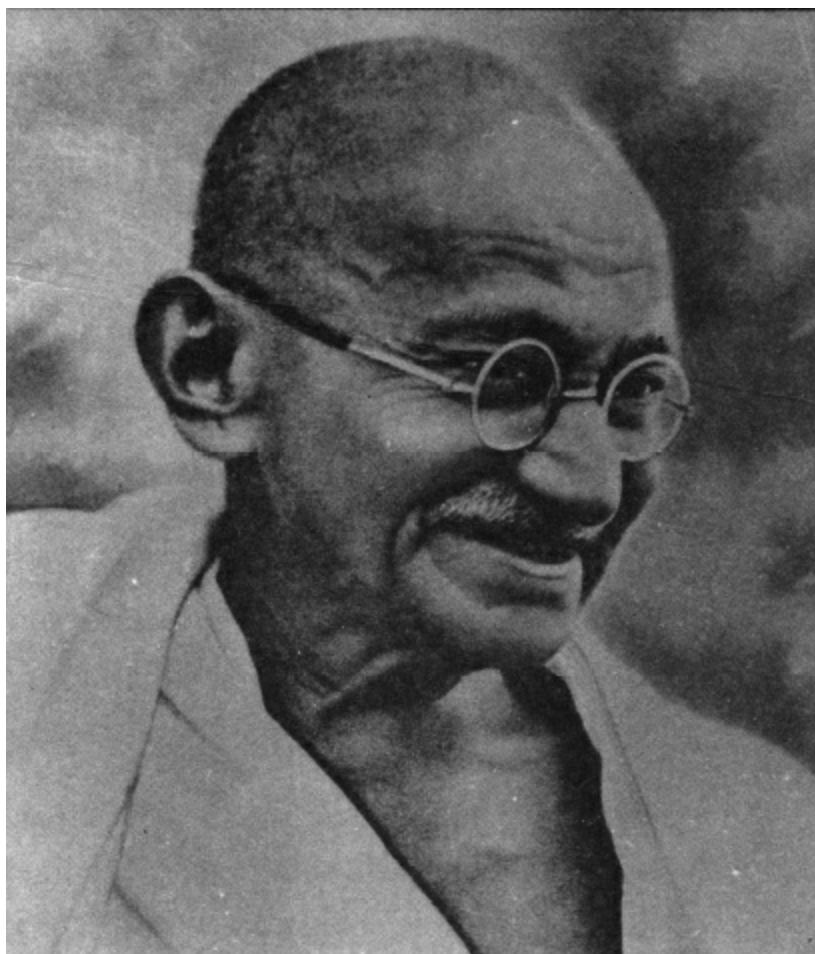
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We, the Family of CRPF pay homage to the Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on the Occasion of his 128th Birth Anniversary

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From the Desk of DG, CRPF

(FIFTH RAF ANNIVERSARY)



Rapid Action Force is celebrating the Fifth Anniversary on 2nd November 1997. It is an occasion for all of us to rejoice.

Five years ago, RAF, an elite component of CRPF was raised in conformity with the promise of the Government of India to deal with communal riots and riot like situations. No doubt, the creation of RAF has given the people, particularly the minorities, a sense of confidence in the Government's determination to maintain secular character of the Nation. It has helped in reducing communal tension in the country. The sight of the blue dungaree of RAF helps in controlling the frayed tempers and restores the public faith in the efficacy of the Administration.

In true traditions of the CRPF, this Force has also acquitted itself creditably in all its duties and obligations, wherever and whenever it is deployed. However, in future, RAF may also have to keep caste conflicts, which appear to be acquiring endemic proportions in some parts of the country, in focus while devising operational strategies.

RAF has done us proud by undertaking various relief and community welfare activities in Sikkim, Gujarat and Delhi this year. Such activities bring us closer to the hearts of the people and also project the 'Humane

Face' of the Force. Efforts are being made to enhance the relief rendering capabilities of the Force.

It should give us immense sense of satisfaction that various State Governments are raising their anti-riot Forces on the lines of RAF. However, let us not rest on our laurels. RAF is still in the process of growing and let nothing hinder the growth of its professional competence and skills, its effectiveness and reputation. There is an old English Rhyme:

“When I did well, I heard it never;

When I did ill, I heard it ever.”

Therefore, RAF should keep learning from the past experiences through introspection, especially on such auspicious occasions like its Anniversary, so that not only the hard earned reputation of the Force but also people's faith in its excellence, is maintained.

I wish all the officers and men of CRPF, RAF in particular a very happy and bright and professionally fulfilling future.

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(M.B. Kaushal)

Rapid Action Force - An Overview

A.R. Pawar IGP RAF



The Rapid Action Force launched on the 6th October 1992 has taken step into the 6th year with a glorious track record in service to the nation. Service through sensitive policing has been the main motto of this important wing of the CRPF. The RAF kept its vigil throughout the last five years in all the sensitive districts of the country while carrying out familiarisation exercises. It has acted as the name suggests in 'Zero Response Time' during many riotous situations in the country and brought about peace in the shortest possible time. It has also prevented various tense situations from developing into communal riots because of its sheer presence. The sum total is that the force has lived upto its image of an effective, quick and sensitive riot control Police.

TRAINING

Such qualitative improvement in the performance of this force has been possible because of the constant effort on the front of training. Each member of the force besides undergoing conversion training is made to pass through specialised courses like Human Rights, First-aid, Rescue and Relief, Disaster Management, Low Cost Housing etc. On an average every year about 10,000 RAF personnel are trained in various locations in the country. Senior officers are given orientation training in 'Contemporary social Realities' by IGNOU and the NICFS while middle level and subordinate officers are given sensitivity training through specially designed courses.

Encouraged by the success of RAF, various State Governments have requested the RAF to train their forces on its pattern. In spite of the constraints of infrastructural facility and staff, the RAF has been able to train the police forces of Karnataka, Goa, Calcutta and U.P.



The RAF personnel deployed at Faizabad (UP)

FAMILIARISATION EXERCISES

To attain absolute coordination with the public and Civil administration in operational jurisdiction, knowledge of the ground realities is obligatory. The force personnel therefore are exposed to familiarisation exercises. The RAF Bns have conducted these exercises in all the sensitive and hyper sensitive districts all over India. During these exercises useful information is collected so that the force is able to perform its duties during emergency more effectively and efficiently. There are 265 such hyper sensitive and sensitive districts located throughout the country which are being covered by 10 RAF Bns.

In order to present a positive image of the force socially useful work is undertaken in villages adopted by the Bns where adult literacy, medical camps, sanitation drives, minor repairs, sports activities, peace meetings etc. are organised for the benefit of the community. This not only helps in creating a favourable image of the RAF to the masses but also helps in reducing tension within different communities. In many sensitive areas such exercises have proved useful in bringing about communal harmony.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

The RAF Bns are equipped with shock batons, rubber truncheons, plastic pellets and rubber bullets which are an effective deterrent but at the same time less lethal. There are special tear smoke munitions and stun grenades available with them besides normal riot control equipment and highly effective and especially equipped riot control vehicles called 'VAJRA'. Procurement of Water Cannor is also under way.

SELECTION OF PERSONNEL

Posting to RAF Bns is done by a due process of selection which includes scrutiny of service records and psychological test in order to assess their mental attitude towards secularism /communalism. With a view to keep the force young, the constabulary has to be in the age group of 20 to 27 years, the junior leaders in the age group of 30 to 35 years and the officers not older than 45 years, a Composite character is given to the force by giving adequate representation to all the communities and sections.



RAF ready for action

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

The RAF is essentially to be utilised to tackle only communal riots and riot like situations. With the increase in serious caste conflicts in the country the RAF has been dealing with caste riots also such as that occurred in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bihar etc. It also assists the state administration

actively in carrying out rescue and relief operations in the case of natural or man-made disasters. This year it participated in such operations during earthquake in Jabalpur, land slides in Sikkim, floods in Gujarat and serious accidents.

The organisational structure of the RAF is different to that of the standard of a CRPF Bn. The smallest functional unit in the force is a riot control team comprising of riot control element, tear smoke element and firing element. The team is commanded by an Inspector. Four riot control teams make a platoon commanded by an Assistant Commandant. Two platoons make a company commanded by a Dy Commandant. Thus each Bn of the RAF has 32 riot control teams.



RAF's active part in Pulse Polio Campaign

One platoon in each Bn of the RAF comprises of women officers and personnel. The force is able to deal more effectively with situations where women demonstrators take part or where searches have to be carried out inside houses or to provide relief to women and child victims in riots and disasters. For the purpose of deployment, each team carries an element of Mahila troops with them as part of the operational strength. All RAF units

are also adequately equipped with first-aid and resuscitation equipments for providing emergency first-aid to the victims of riots. Every member of the force is trained in fire fighting to provide fire fighting cover.

To maintain its Zero Response Time, the units have been provided with sufficient vehicles independently upto the team level which makes them self-sufficient and highly mobile. To maintain a distinct identity, the RAF personnel when on operational duty wear blue striped/spotted overalls which has a high visibility in public.

This young and important wing of the CRPF has made its mark all over the country and the public. Especially, the oppressed groups in riots look up to it as an effective and impartial keeper of the peace. No wonder that the RAF units are being increasingly demanded in riot prone areas to present and quell the disturbances. The force has this substantially fulfilled the expectations raised during its formation.

Humane Face of Rapid Action Force



Mrs. Vimla Mehra
DIGP RAF



Pond cleaning (TVM) by C/105 in May 1997 in Keral

The partition of the country on the communal basis in 1947 brought many a problem for the successive Governments. The nation faced highly charged communal conflicts on various occasions. Since then the police forces and the Central para Military forces, CRPF in particular has been assigned task to restore communal harmony throughout the country. During the mid-eighties and early nineties, the nation witnessed the most devastating riots shattering the peace and tranquility of the country. Keeping in view the democratic set up of India, as a special measure and to suppress the communal tension, a special force “Rapid Action Force” a force with secular ideology and humane attitude was conceived by the then Prime Minister of India Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

The concept of raising RAF was swung into action by converting ten CRPF Bns into RAF Bns. On October 7, 1992 the force was raised keeping in view the secular fabric of the country and humane attitude. The force personnel were imparted with rigorous training and were equipped with latest riot control equipment and were also trained to undertake rescue and relief work and were provided good mobility. The locations of these Bns were selected, keeping in view the past record of communal riots. The tasks

assigned to RAF are to handle Communal riots, Riot like situations and I.S. duties for limited duration. Besides it has been assigned to undertake socially useful programmes and Rescue and relief work.

The demolition of Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992 sparked off the communal tension through out the country. This also had an impact leading to dire consequences in the International forum, hence the need was to control the communal unrest besides the insurgency in North East and terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rapid Action Force, since its raising has been performing its duties with dedication, determination and keeping in view the national interests, providing spectacular results. The key to success is only due to utilization of lull period for specialised training, conducting familiarisation exercises in the area of responsibility by undertaking socially useful work and maintaining its attire and mobility.

The presence of Rapid Action Force has been sought by various state Governments when riot or riot like situation has occurred. The Bns have remained committed during riots and even during natural calamities. They have been a helping hand to the people in mitigating their difficulties through organising various socially useful programmes. A few examples of their dedicated work and a glance at the tasks carried out by the force speak for themselves and reveal various aspects of their humane face. They are the symbol of cooperation, understanding, bravery, secularism and endurance. On number of occasions RAF extended helping hand and saved lives of children, women, old people trapped in floods, earth quakes and other natural calamities. RAF has also extended help in post destructions phase of riots by repairing houses, providing shelter and medical assistance etc. On February 13, 1993 a school building collapsed at Moradabad (UP) and a large number of children were trapped in the debris. Personnel of 103 Bn immediately rushed to the site and rescued them. Due to torrential rain, areas in and around Wazirabad (Delhi) flooded during the night on July 23, 1993. Men of 99 and 103 Bns immediately rushed to the spot and rescued villagers from the marooned areas.

Similarly B Coy of 100 Bn carried out rescue and relief work during flood in village Kannuwar, Banga, Munak, and Sunnam (Punjab) in July 93 and shifted villagers to safer places and carried out rescue and relief ops. extensively saving the lives of people in thousands. Plague broke out in

Distt. Surat during the month of Sept. and Oct 94 in which RAF was deployed for rescue and relief operation. They rendered door to door services to the Victims, evacuated the affected to the hospitals, distributed medicines and undertook sanitary work. The work done by the force created psychological support and confidence among the local populace.



Free Medical Camp organised by 99 RAF 1997

On August 20, 1995 Purushottam Express met with an accident near Ferozabad Railway Station. Men of 101 Bn rushed to the spot and carried out rescue and relief work. Injured were provided first Aid and seriously injured were evacuated to the hospital. On June 26, 1997 Four Coys of 100 Bn were deployed at Vastral village in Gujarat for rescue and relief operation. They rescued many civilians to safer place, even rescued a trapped in flood water shouting for help from a tree top. On June 10, 1997 one coy of 106 Bn, while carrying out familiarisation exercise at Kishanganj (Bihar) was rushed to Gangtok. The Coy reached the land slide areas of Gangtok in a record time of just 12 hours which was highly appreciated by state administration. Immediately, on arrival the Coy was deployed in worst affected areas for rescue and relief operation. The RAF personnel rendered valuable services round the clock by removing various road block and evacuation of victims.

On May 23, 1997 3 coy of 107 Bn rushed to Jabalpur for rescue and relief operation and assisted in demolition of dangerous structures damaged due to earthquake.

The people friendly image has brought RAF a reputation of “SYMBOL OF FAITH” in its area of responsibility as RAF undertakes the adoption of under developed villages and organises medical. Camps, literacy drive, mass tree plantations, besides imparting health education involving people from all walks of society. These socially useful activities have helped to create a peaceful and healthy environment. On many occasions, the sheer presence of Rapid Action Force has prevented violations which could have led to bloodshed, looting and arson, what else can be the justification of success for a force which is just five years old.

RAF: A True Friend in Need

D.G. Mohapatra



Free Medical Camp organised by RAF

Th Rapid Action Force (RAF), is a special wing of Central Reserve Police Force, equipped and trained to handle communal riots and other riot - like situations in a most effective fashion.

Young personnel of the CRPF having qualities of quick reflexes as well as maturity have been selected and imparted special training to constitute the rank and file of this elite wing. 12% of the force is comprised of Mahila personnel.

The RAF has 10 Battalions which are located at Hyderabad (99 Bn), Ahmedabad (100 Bn), Allahabad (101 Bn), Mumbai (102 Bn), Delhi (103 Bn), Aligarh (104 Bn), Trivandrum (105 Bn), Jamshedpur (106 Bn), Bhopal (107 Bn) and Meerut (108 Bn).

The above locations have been decided to enable the Unit Headquarters at these places to cover communally sensitive districts falling in a radius of 400 Kms from their base HQrs. In this manner the 10 Battalions of the RAF cover most of the communally sensitive districts in all the states of the country except the J&K and the North-Eastern States.

While selecting personnel for Rapid Action Force from CRPF, due care is taken to give adequate representation to the minority communities.

The personnel posted in these Battalions are given extensive sensitivity training to bring about an absolutely non-partisan and objective manner while handling rioters. They have achieved specialised skills to respond to riot situations with lightening speed and to handle riots effectively by using the latest anti-riot equipments and tear smoke. They are also trained in first-aid, human rights and fire fighting and have expertise in undertaking rescue and relief operations in the riot affected areas besides rendering succour to the victims ravaged by riots, natural calamities, major accidents etc. The personnel of RAF have to be oriented and sensitised for the dedicated role assigned to them to keep peace in violent communal situations. For this purpose the senior officers were put through courses of short duration on contemporary social Realities and Awareness and Human Rights organised by IGNOU, NICFS and International Committee of the Red Cross.



Jawans of RAF demonstrating a Rescue Operation



Rescue and relief work undertaken at the earthquake affected Jabalpur

A Familiarisation exercise is conducted to achieve the objects such as (a) Collection of information and intelligence of the area of responsibility specially about communal, regional, linguistic and caste conflicts, (b) familiarisation with road and rail communication link to reach various sensitive pockets, (c) carrying out socially useful work in the area of responsibility in order to bring proper rapport with the people and all community which will be helpful at the time of actual riots, carrying out socially useful work such as adult literacy programme, free medical camps etc. and (e) making the presence of RAF in the sensitive areas & districts and bringing about communal harmony by organising inter cultural programmes, sports and other activities which are helpful in reducing the tension in the area.

The presence of RAF at communally sensitive areas minimised the tension and violence to a great extent. The RAF Bns gave a creditworthy performance to the full satisfaction of the State Govts, and also earned high appreciation from the public and the media by their effective and firm

handling of the situations.

Humanitarian services rendered by this Force in the plague effected Surat district of Gujarat during September 1994, containing the outbreak of Cholera in Meerut and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh during August/September 1994, medical assistance camp organised at Allahabad during Kumbh Mela in Feb. 1995, saving the lives of 3 personnel drowning in Narmada river on 11.6.1995 and taking out the passengers from the burning bus in which a bomb exploded on 13.7.1995 near Nukkar are some of the notable rescue and relief works. On 20.08.1995, a major train accident took place near Ferozabad station, 2 Coys of 101 Bn RAF also carried out rescue and relief operations in mass level by reaching the spot from Agra and Ferozabad in no time.

The RAF has gone international with one of its Coys under the U.N. peace keeping Mission at Haiti from March 1995 to November 1995 and risen to be the sentinels of peace not only nationally but also internationally.

The RAF which was raised in October 1992 has during its short period of existence, proved itself a reliable instrument of maintaining peace and stability in various parts of the country. It has proved itself as a true friend of people in need.

PRO, CRPF

An Introspection to the Achievements of Rapid Action Force



DG, CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal and Shri A.R. Pawar, IGP, RAF in a Free Medical Camp organised by 103 Bn of RAF

Rapid Action Force (RAF), formed in October 1992 to deal with communal riots and riot-like situations by converting 10 Battalions of CRPF into this elite Force, has made its impact and won confidence of the people from the initial beginning. Its mere presence has a preventive effect on a riot situation. Each Bn of RAF looks after the surrounding area of its zone of responsibility. In normal times, RAF Bn carry on exercise to familiarise themselves with the ground situations; so that they have full cooperation of the people while tackling a situation.

1993-94 : The first exposure of the RAF was in Sitamarhi district of Bihar during Oct '92 communal riots. The non-partisan, fair, firm and objective attitude of the personnel of this elite force in dealing with the situation and rendering medical aid to the victims ravaged by riots endeared the personnel of this force to general public in the area. Their performance was lauded by all sections of the society and the Indian press. Thereafter, their deployment in Ayodhya in Dec-92, Bombay-Jan, 93, General elections-Nov-93, by-elections - May '94 and the communal disturbances in Siwan district of Bihar are the examples where the personnel of this elite force proved their

mettle and earned laurels for themselves.

1994-95 : On October 7, 1994 Bangalore was rocked by communal riots due to introduction of Urdu news bulletin in Doordarshan Bangalore. Civil Police were unable to tackle the situation. RAF immediately rushed to the trouble-torn area and brought the situation under control without loss of time.

- ❑ There was tension in Hubli during Republic Day - January 26, 1995 in connection with flag hoisting at Idgah maidan. RAF deployed there kept strict vigil on the situation and thus the function completed peacefully.
- ❑ On February 11, 1995 a communal riot broke out in Moradabad. RAF rushed to the place and quelled the riots efficiently without loss of time and brought the situation under control.
- ❑ During Feb, 95, RAF was deployed in Varanasi to maintain Law and order at Gyanwapi Mosque site where there was large congregation (MAHAJALABHISHEK) on the occasion of Shivaratri. There was an apprehension of great communal trouble. But RAF as peace keepers of the nation maintained peaceful atmosphere during JALABHISHEK which was world-wide published by the media.
- ❑ During July '95, communal riots broke out in Kerala due to group clashes between Christians and Muslims. 6 Coys of RAF were immediately sent to Kerala to quell the riots. RAF handled the situation effectively and brought the situation under control without loss of time which was praised by a large number of citizens and press.
- ❑ 21 coys of RAF were deployed in KJB Mathura to maintain law and order during VISHNU MAHAYAGYA organised at the disputed site on the occasion of JANMASHIMI. Function concluded peacefully without any untoward incident due to strict vigil of RAF on the situation.
- ❑ To maintain law and order and to ensure peaceful completion of Ganesh festival, RAF were deployed in Maharashtra, Gujarat and in Hyderabad. The festival concluded peacefully except of a few minor incidents at Hyderabad.

1995-96 : Medical camps for creating awareness in family planning including hygiene and sanitation were organised at Karimnagar.

- ❑ Two villages Ratnpura and Ramali were adopted by 100 Bn at Ahmedabad. Activities like Shramdan, Adult education, Physical training and other developmental works were carried out.

- ❑ 10,000 saplings were planted at Wastral village during the year.
- ❑ A camp was set up at Allahabad during Kumbh Mela for rendering assistance to thousands of pilgrims in the form of guidance, medical relief, lost and found service etc.
- ❑ Coys of 101 Bn RAF rescued victims trapped in a wall collapse in Ayodhya on March 26, 1997. The seriously injured were rescued and evacuated to hospital by RAF personnel.
- ❑ A medical camp was organised by 103 Bn, RAF at Nathupura and Karwalnagar. The Bn adopted village Shabhpur, where weekly medical camps and medicines are being provided to the sick.
- ❑ On July 24, 1995 Coy of 105 Bn including Mahilas carried out Sharamdan for construction of road in village Chatetallor at Mallapuram district.
- ❑ On Nov. 23, 1995 medical relief and public awareness camp was organised at Ghaziabad by 108 Bn RAF, which was attended by local populace in large numbers who were provided with free medicines.
- ❑ In view of Dengue fever epidemic all over the capital, 3 medical camps were established by RAF Bn at Mehrauli, Gokulpuri and Sultanpuri where more than 5000 patients were provided with preventive medicines.



A Rescue Operation demonstrated by women personnel of RAF



Rescue and Relief work by RAF

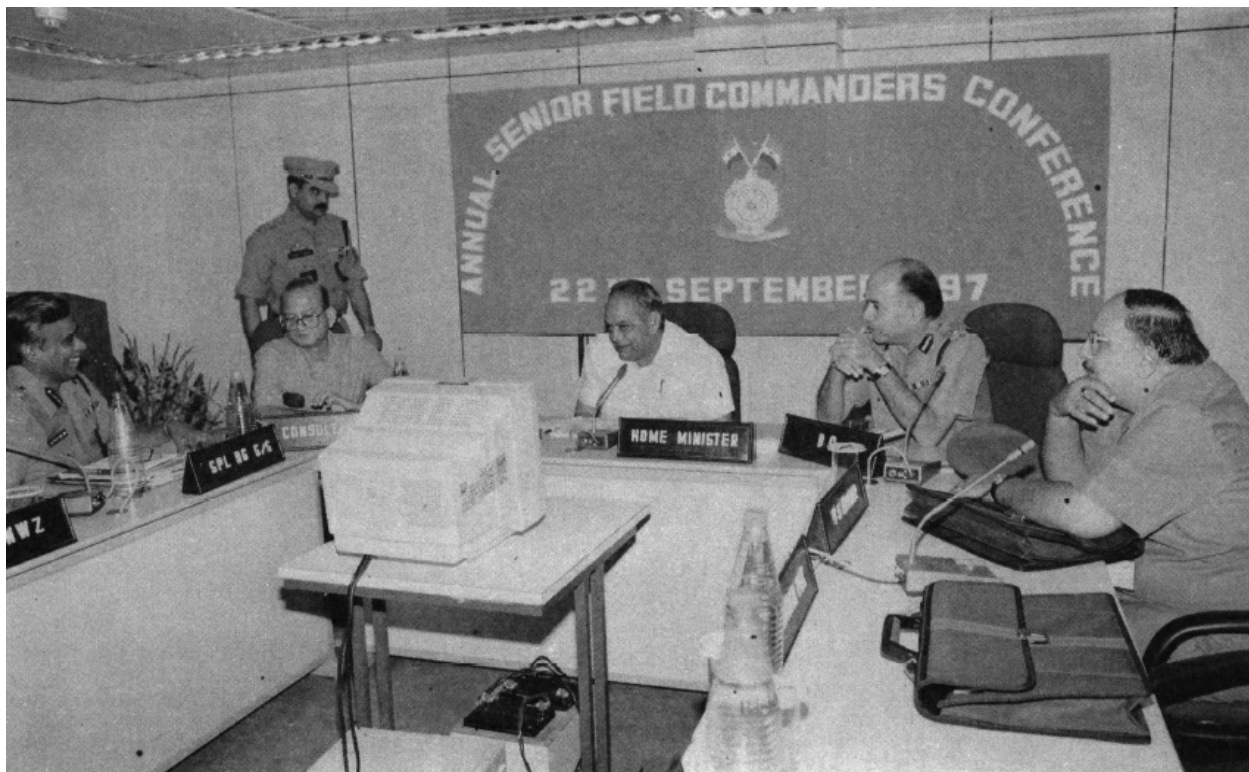
1996-97 : On Jan 18, 1997 all the units of RAF organised medical camps through out the country to make the Pulse Polio eradication programme a grand success.

- ❑ One Coy of 106 Bn, RAF carried out rescue and relief operations for 45 days in areas of Gangtok, Sikkim, affected under dreadful land slides and rescued people and recovered large sums of cash amount and valuables etc.
- ❑ The worst affected areas of Gujarat due to floods heaved a breath of hope and life when coys of 100 Bn, RAF extended helping hands of rescue and relief without caring for their own safety and comfort.
- ❑ The illfated people affected by earth quakes at Jabalpur witnessed the humanitarian aspect of RAF when three coys of 107 Bn, RAF carried out rescue and relief works by distributing medicines, providing medical aid and shifting the personnel to safer places.
- ❑ Three coys of 99 Bn, RAF played a vital role in organising peaceful car festival of Lord Shri Jagannath at Puri in Orissa during July, 1997.
- ❑ On July, 97, One Coy of 104 Bn, RAF carried out rescue and relief

work in flood affected areas of Patna and evacuated 300 persons to safer places and earned name and fame for the force.

- ❑ On July 17, 1997 22 illfated passengers of a mini bus which fell in a canal were evacuated to hospital timely by personnel of 105 Bn, RAF/CRPF which saved the lives of 20 persons. This work was widely appreciated by both civil authorities and media as well.
- ❑ On July 12, 1997 deployment of four coys in Mumbai averted major communal violence and check mated the destructive plans of anti-social elements.
- ❑ RAF Bns have planted thousands of plants in a mass plantation scheme.
- ❑ All the units of RAF have organised education classes for adults and illiterates in their areas of jurisdiction during familiarisation exercise and socially useful work to help the scheme of 'OPERATION BLACK BOARD'
- ❑ In view of Dengue fever epedimic 2 medical camps were organised at Tukmirpur and Sultanpuri by 103 and 108 Bns respectively where more than 6,000 persons were provided with preventive medicines. The RAF Bns at various locations also organised medical camps and provided medical help to needy members of the public, especially in areas affected by natural calamities. The same has enhanced the image of RAF.

CRPF Senior Field commanders conference



The Union Home Minister Sh. Indrajit Gupta addressing Annual Senior Field Commanders Conference

Shri Inderjit Gupta, the Union Home Minister called upon the CRPF to keep up efforts to upgrade their professional skills to deal with the emerging internal security challenges threatening the federal and secular character of the Nation.

While addressing the Annual Senior Field Commanders Conference at the Directorate General of the Force at Delhi on Sept. 22, 1997 the Home Minister applauded the stellar performance of the CRPF both in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East and also in Andhra Pradesh. He also observed that the contribution of CRPF in maintaining secular fabric of country is laudable. He greatly appreciated the significant efforts made by the Force to project the human face by undertaking various community welfare programmes. The Force has provided succour to public in natural calamities and serious accidents and also given a helping hand in environmental protection. He assured the Force Commanders that the Government would consider on priority the measures to be taken to improve their operational efficiency.

The Home Minister assured that the utilisation of the Force by the States

would be closely monitored. The existing system of movement, deployment and utilisation would be further streamlined to optimise operational efficiency of the Force. The Home Minister also observed that he was aware of the various problems in which the Force is operating and action would be taken to get them attended to improve the working conditions of Force personnel.

The Home Minister emphasised the need for greater involvement of the Senior Field Commanders of the Force in planning and executing operations in disturbed areas. He also stressed that the Senior Field Commanders must act as true leaders of the Force for better operational results without undue force losses.

Shri K. Padmanabhaia, Union Home Secretary highly appreciated the excellent work being done by the CRPF in various operationally active theatres like Manipur, Assam, Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir. He applauded the Force that despite various constraints like excessive and high level deployment it has been able to deal with internal security challenges effectively.



The Union Home Secretary Sh. K. Padmanabhaia addressing the Senior Commanders Conference

Addressing the concluding session of Conference on Sept. 23, 1997 he observed that the CRPF has the potential to do much better with greater involvement of the field officers in day to day operations.

The Director General, CRPF, Shri M.B. Kaushal in his welcome address apprised about the role and performance of CRPF in handling various internal security problems in different parts of the country. He outlined the priorities of the Force and also drew the attention to the various constraints faced by it. He emphasized the need for constant training of the Force to maintain overall operational efficiency, morale and discipline.

He mentioned that this Conference would help in discussing various facets of the Force operations in detail and drawing concrete action plan to bring the desired improvements. Our main concern would be to draw strategy to optimise the operational efficiency of the Force without undue Force losses, he added.

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*The Union Home Minister Shri Inderjit Gupta, DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal and Senior Officers
at the CRPF Anniversary 1996*



Free Medical Camp organised by 101 Bn.



Cultural Programme presented by RAF on the occasion of its Anniversary



Students participating in a Cultural show on the occasion of the Annual Day of CRPF Public

School



Rescue and Relief work done by 105 Bn, RAF in flood affected areas of Keral



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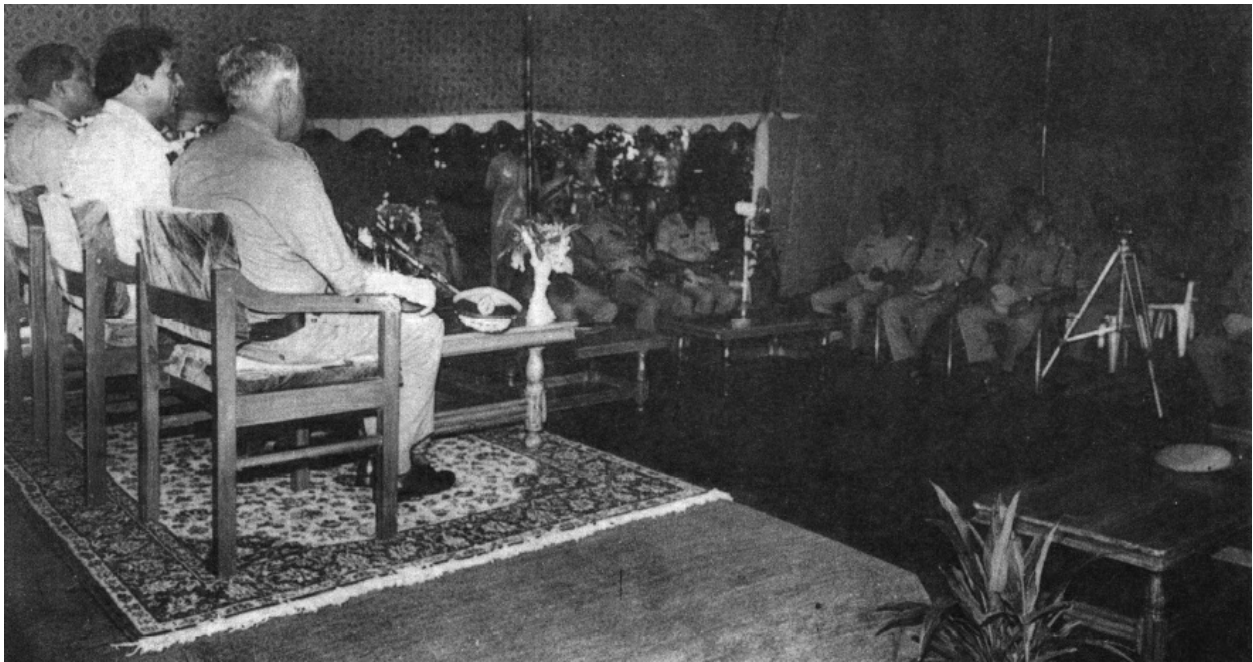


Training demonstration by RAF Jawans



RAF participated in Ganga Sagar Abhiyan in 1994

Keep Humanitarian Considerations While Maintaining Peace



The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Mazbool Dar addressing the officers of 27th Batch of CRPF

Union Minister of State for Home Shri Maqbool Dar has advised CRPF officers to keep in mind humanitarian considerations while maintaining peace and security in the country. Every human being should love and respect each other on humanitarian basis, he added.

Shri Maqbool .Dar was addressing young Directly Appointed Gazetted Officers (DAGOs) of 27th Batch of CRPF after they called on him in New Delhi on Sept. 4, 1997.

Wishing very bright future to the officers, the Home Secretary Shri K. Padmanabhaia said that unlike other services, they being in Police have to shoulder greater responsibility of holding the country together. This is the

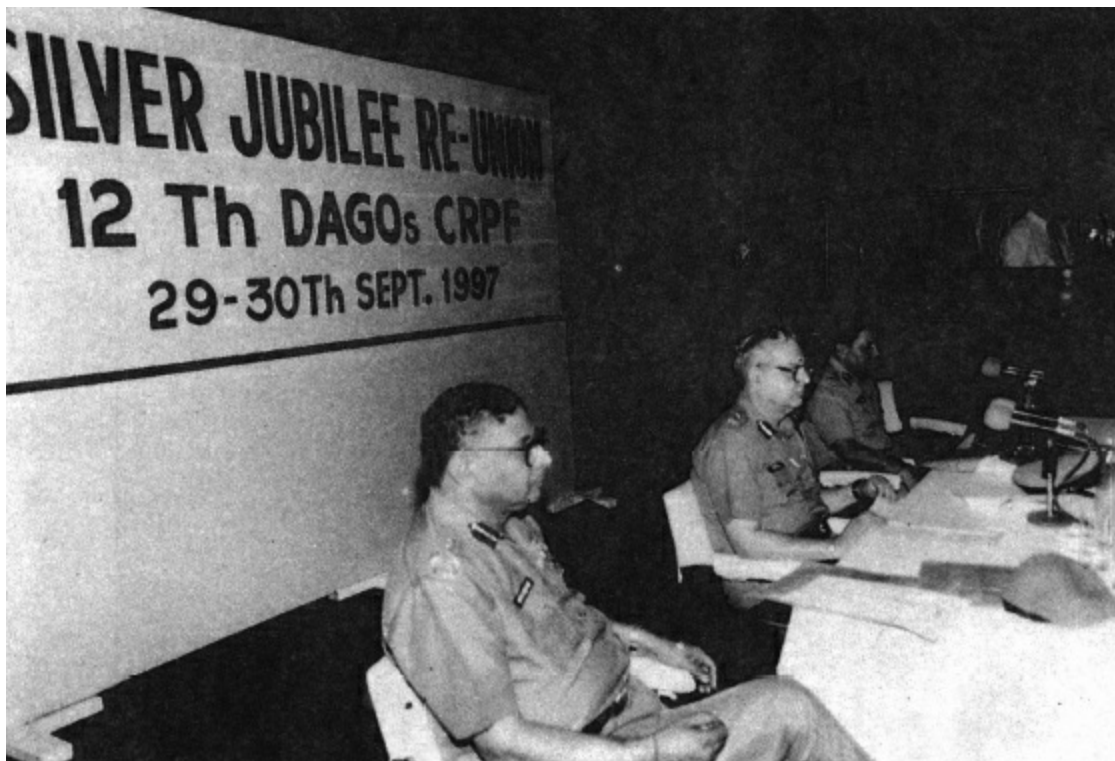
trust of the nation posed in police and Para-Military Forces of the country. He advised them to provide good leadership and use every opportunity of in-service training, since basic training was not the last.

Introducing the batch the Addl. DG (North West Zone) Shri S.K. Sethi said that the 27th batch had 28 Officers and they had finished their Basic training in Internal Security Academy, Mount Abu in July, '97 and they were now going to be posted in different battalions in the field.

Re-Union Seminar of 12th Batch of DAGOS

The Government is very much aware of various constraints and extreme difficult conditions under which Central Reserve Police Force personnel are working. Congratulating the officers of 1972 batch for completing 25 years of glorious service, Shri M.B. Kaushal, Director General, CRPF said that despite such impediments the CRPF has come out with flying colours in difficult time. Shri Kaushal was addressing at the CRPF Group Centre at Jharoda Kalan, on Sept. 30, 1997 in validictory function of CRPF officers Re-Union Seminar. Applauding the officers he said these officers have provided very able leadership for which the CRPF is extremely proud of. There is appreciation of CRPF from all sources which shows that the nation, Centre and State Governments have reposed full confidence with the Force, he added.

Shri S.K. Sethi, Addl. DG, R.C. Aggrawal, IGP (Operations) and Smt. Vimla Mehra, DIGP (RAF) also participated in the seminar. About 40 officers of 1972 batch from all over the country joined this Re-Union.



Addl DG Shri Gautam Kaul and Senior Officers of CRPF at the Silver Jubilee Re-Union of 12th Batch of Officers

Re-Union is an occasion for sharing each other's views, experiences and exchanging ideas among the fellow colleagues. Inaugurating the seminar on Sept. 29, 1997 Shri Gautam Kaul, Addl. DG, CRPF said that over the years, these officers have overcome many problems, faced adverse time, experienced more pain than joy. These moments of pain have turned into their great reminiscence in life, he observed. He said that there is every possibility of selection of CRPF officers directly by UPSC by the year 1999.

Shri P.C. Joshi, Deputy Director (Adm) in his address outlined various programmes undertaken for the welfare of CRPF personnel and their families. Two papers on "CRPF in 2002-A Vision" were presented by two serving officers Sh. George C. Francis and Sh. R.D. Sharma on the first day and another paper on "Strategies to achieve operational excellence in the present state of heavy deployment of the Force-Measures to reduce undue force losses" was presented by Shri CV Mathew, Commandant, CTC-III.

6000 Benefit in Free CRPF Medical Camps



The Main Gate of Sultanpuri Medical camp put up by 108 Bn of RAF

More than 6000 patients including men, women and children were examined and given medicines free of cost for various ailments in CRPF medical camps held at Tukmirpur and Sultanpuri from Sept. 14 to Sept. 16, 1997. The three day camps were organised by 108 Bn and 103 Bn of Rapid .Action Force in close collaboration with Delhi Homeopathic Medical Association. These programmes were held as a part of the year-long celebrations of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.

While both homeopathic and allopathic medicines were made available in Tukmirpur, homeopathic medicines were exclusively distributed in Sultanpuri camp. The homeopathic medicines for prevention of the dengue fever were also distributed. 24 Homeopathic doctors, 4 Allopathic medical officers and a good number of para medical staff were engaged from morning to evening in looking after the patients. Blood and urine samples

were also tested by 4 laboratory Technicians. The serious patients were evacuated to the near-by hospitals in CRPF ambulances for specialised treatment.

Shri M.B. Kaushal, Director General, CRPF, Shri A.R. Pawar, IGP and Smt. Vimla Mehra, DIGP, Shri R.S. Yadav, Addl. DIG of RAF visited the medical camps and talked to the patients. Shri R. Ghai, Commandant, 103 Bn, Shri J.S. Gill Commandant 108 Bn and Dr. G.S. Soni President, DHMA supervised the camps. Shri Vikram Sahgal, Dy Commandant, Shri Ranbir Singh, Asstt. Commandant took active part in setting up the camp at Sultanpuri.

Before starting the camps, the lanes and bi-lanes around the camps were cleaned and disinfected by RAF personnel with help of the NDMC officials. Besides imparting health education, the people visiting the camps were advised to drain out stagnant water and other dengue fever prevention methods.

Free Medical Camp by 81 Bn at Amingaon (Assam)

As part of the Community Welfare/Civic Action Programmes 81 Bn CRPF organised free medical camp for people of Amingaon area on Aug 31, 1997.

The purpose of organising free medical camp at Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam was to provide specialised medical advise and distribute free medicines to needy people of Amingaon area

The area of Amingaon has no proper medical facilities and local people are required to go for medical treatment far off Guwahati City. Amingaon consists of fourteen villages and eight sub colonies of Railways with population of about 14,500. The locals are generally poor labourers or small farmers with meagre earnings. Hence organising a free medical camp in such an area helped in mitigating the miseries of local people.



The villagers are waiting for their turn in Medical Camp



Dr. Kamal Kant Kalita, Health Minister of Assam inaugurating the camp

The free medical camp was inaugurated by the Health Minister of Assam, Dr. Kamala Kant Kalita. In his inaugural address Dr. Kalita praised the CRPF for conducting the camp which benefited poor local people. He expressed his happiness that overwhelming number of people have taken

advantage at this camp. He expressed his gratitude to the CRPF and Railway Medical Officers who have shown a spirit of charity and public welfare.

In all about 1,740 patients took benefit of the camp. Medicines worth of rupees fifteen thousand was distributed to patients free of cost.

Golden, Jubilee Celebration at Yelahanka



Shri D.R. Karthikeyan Planting a tree

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of India's Independence, Central Reserve Police Force Units at Yelahanka, Bangalore organised programmes on Sept 8, 1997. In the morning rich tribute was paid to the martyr, Late C.H. Yodogiri Gowda (30), who made the prime sacrifice while fighting Naga Insurgents at Dimapur, Nagaland on January 13, 1997.

Shri Home Gowda, father of late Shri Yodogiri Gowda was honoured by Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Special Director General, Southern Sector, CRPF,

Hyderabad, Shri Karthikeyan highly praised the valour and bravery of Shri Yodogiri Gowda in fighting the insurgents single handed and sacrificing his life in the service of the nation, Shri Karthikeyan also presented the proud father of Shri Yodogiri Gowda with a cheque of Rs. 2 lakhs.

A blood donation camp was also inaugurated at the CRPF campus. A large number of personnel donated blood to Indian Red cross society.

A mass tree plantation was also undertaken. Students of CRPF Central School and personnel of CRPF joined in performing the 'VAN MOHOTSAVA'.

Shri Karthikeyan pointed out that by undertaking massive tree plantation, we are helping the Universe at the macro level. By large scale tree plantation all over we can restore the balance with nature, enhance and protect environment and ensure proper climate and plenty of rain fall.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT KURUDAMPALAYAM



Thiru S.R. Balasubramanian, MOS (Personnel & Public Grievances), GOI launching the Water & Power Supply Projects of CTC-II, campus, Kurudampalayam in the presence of Thiru Pongalur N. Palani Swamy, Minister of Forest & AH. Tamil Nadu, Spl DG, CRPF, District Collector, Coimbatore

As a part of celebrations of 50th year of India's Independence a trekking to the Chimney Rock, one of the peaks of Kurudi Malai hills situated at a height of 3,484 feet was organised on Aug 29,1997. The participants included Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Spl DG and Mrs. Kalavathi Karthikeyan, Shri George Podipara, Principal CTC. II, a number of ladies, officers and men of CTC-II and 12 Bn while the ladies terminated their trekking at the base of the Chimney Rock, Shri Karthikeyan and other officers and men reached the cliff crossing deep crevices and steep slopes with the help of ropes. The party reached the top of the peak at 9.45 A.M. i.e. after 3 hours of arduous climb, to be greeted by a vast vista of jungles, paddy fields and the Nilgiri Mountains Range extending upto Ooty.

Functions on August 30, 1997 commenced with the inauguration of the realignment and widening project of the road leading from the Coimbatore-Ooty high way to the CRPF approach road. This project will cost Rs. 15 lakhs and the expenditure will be equally shared by the Central and Tamil Nadu State Governments. Once executed, the bottleneck which disrupts the free flow of traffic between the CRPF campus and the State High Way will be removed for once and all.

Thiru Pongalur N Palani Swamy, the Minister of Forest & Animal Husbandry, Govt, of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the 'Van Mahotsav' by planting a sapling the side of the main road. Alongwith him thousands of other saplings were planted by the Force personnel of the campus and school children of neighbouring villages.

Besides Van Mahotsav the Water and Power Projects sanctioned for the campus at a total outlay of Rs. 3.79 crores was inaugurated by Thiru S.R. Balasubramanian, the Minister of States (Personnel & Public Grievances), Govt, of India. This was followed by an impressive demonstration by the personnel of CTC.II and 113 Bn.

In his welcome address Shri D.R. Karthikeyan, Spl DG gave an elaborate account of activities undertaken by the CRPF in preserving environment and planting trees besides other humanitarian roles played by the Force. Thiru S.R. Balasubramanian, the Minister of State, besides recapitulating the

history of the Force from 1939 paid rich tributes to the contributions made by it in maintaining peace and harmony in the country. Thiru Pongalur N. Palani Swamy, the Forest Minister of Tamil Nadu, also equally highly praised the role of CRPF.

PANORAMA

IDEAL REMARRIAGE IN CRPF



The couple alongwith Brig and Mrs. Govindji Mishra and other officers

Smt. M. Thavamani, widow of late NK (RO) P. Mani, working as Farrash in the office of DIGP, CRPF, Neemuch tied nupital knot with L/NK K. Radhakrishnan of CTC-1, CRPF, Neemuch on Spt. 14, 1997. The wedding ceremony took place in

CRPF Mandir, Neemuch. Apart from the relatives and friends, Officers and men of the station attended the ceremony. Brig, and Mrs. Govindji Mishra, DIGP, Neemuch Range and other Officers blessed the couple with

happy and long married life. Smt. Thavamani's ex-husband died in 1993 due to heart attack, and there after she was employed as Farrash in CRPF. L/NK Radhakrishnan has set an example of courage and dedication by marrying the widow of one of his colleagues which was highly appreciated by one and all.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS BY 20 BN, CRPF



The widow of Late NK Sugreev Pandey of 20 Bn

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of India's Independence and completion of one glorious year of 20 Bn, CRPF in the Kashmir Valley, the Unit organised a week-long welfare-cum-entertainment exhibition for Jawans performing ever stretched and strenuous duties under difficult conditions. IGP (Ops), CRPF, J&K, Shri CM. Pandey inaugurated the exhibition stalls.

Large number of weapons, amns, explosives and radio equipments of different types recovered from the militants by 3 Coys of Unit operating as Special Task Force in Distt. Budgam were also put on display.

A cheque of Rs. 2 lacs out of CRPF CWF was presented to the widow of

Late NK Sugreev Pandey of 20 Bn who was killed on duty by militants in 1996 near new secretariate, Srinagar

Hindi Day Celebrated in CRPF



Shri AN. Srinivasan, AD (Adm), receiving certificate of commendation from DG CRPF Sh. M.B. Kaushal

The CRPF Director General Shri M.B. Kaushal has urged the officers and other employees for use of more Hindi in their official work. Addressing a special gathering on Sept. 15, 1997 on the occasion of Hindi Day, he hoped that all official work of CRPF Directorate General would be executed in Hindi in future.

On this occasion Shri Kaushal gave away the certificates of

Commendation to the non-Hindi speaking officers for their outstanding work in implementation of policy relating to Hindi in official work. Those got the certificates of commendation include Asstt. Directors Shri A.N. Srinivasan, D.C. Dey and Shri P.V. Kumar. Besides these officers, Smt. K. Devi, Shri D. Krustodasan, Shri R.K. Tewari and Shri Rama Vyas Rai were also presented with cash awards and the certificates of Commendation for winning in different Hindi competitions held earlier.

ACCIDENT AVERTED IN ASSAM

On Aug 8, 1997 early morning one section of E/66 CRPF while carrying out patrolling on railway track from Dekiajuli to Belsiri (Distt : Sonitpur) learnt about missing of two fish plates on metre gauge rail line from Rangia to Murkongselek. The section personnel immediately took control of the situation and succeeded in stopping the down passenger train coming on the railway track well in time and thereby averted an otherwise likely train accident and saved life and property.

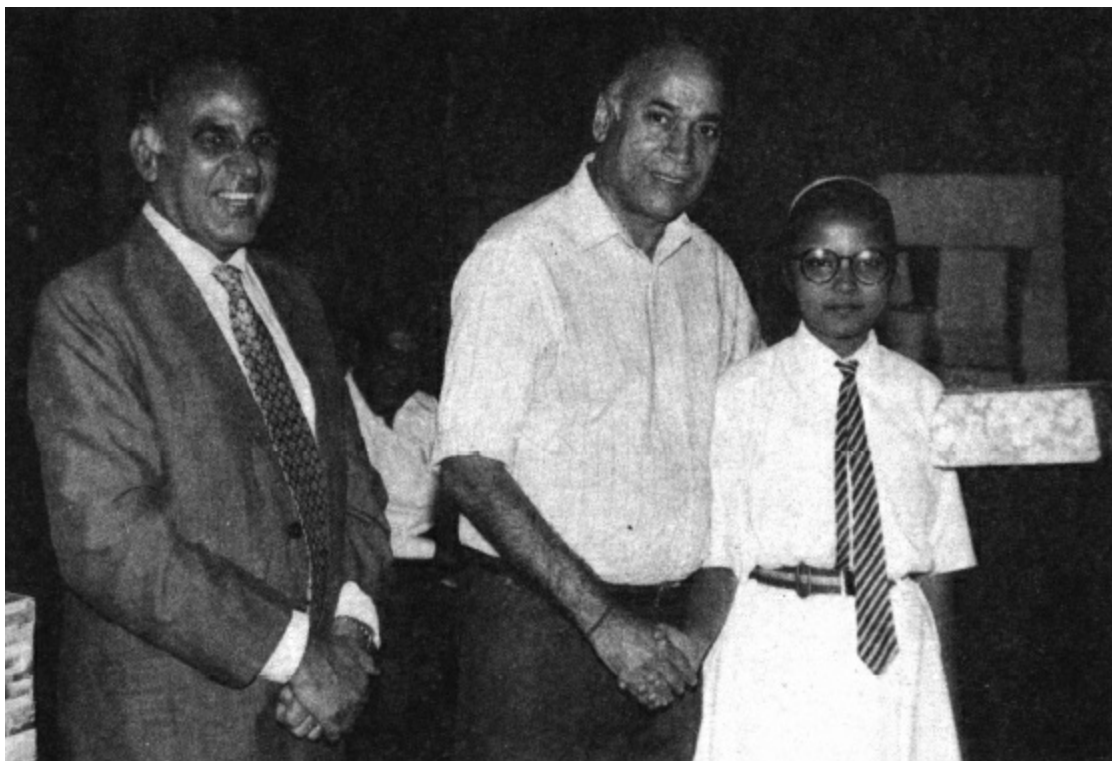
118 BN CELEBRATES NATIONAL WEEK

The 118 battalion of Central Reserve Police Force celebrated national integration week by undertaking various social activities in the district.

The battalion planted trees in District Police Lines, organised a free medical Camp at Bani-Billawar and held a langar at Government school at Chak Kirpa Ram.

The celebrations were held under the leadership of Commandant Abdul Majid and Deputy Commandant D.N. Tantrev.

ANNUAL DAY OF CRPF ROHINI PUBLIC SCHOOL



DG CRPF Shri M.B. Kaushal Congratulating Miss Debyani Dey of the School who stood first in the last 10th Board Examination

The benefits derived by the CRPF personnel as well as public and the marked achievements by the students of Rohini Public School encouraged the CRPF authorities to start a similar school at Secunderabad at a cost of Rs. 7.2 Crores. Addressing the Annual Day function of Rohini Public School on Sept 30, 1997 Sh. M.B. Kaushal, Director General, CRPF said that the educational institutions should organise their activities in such a way which would help to bring to the fore-front the hidden talent of the children who are the future citizens of this great Nation.

Smt. Asha Kaushal, president CRPF Wives Welfare Association released the school magazine 'Srijan'. She also inaugurated an exhibition put up by the students.

Earlier Shri Suraj Prakash, Principal presented the school's annual report. The school Manager Sh. P.C. Joshi proposed a vote of thanks. A glittering cultural programme was also put up by the students.



*President, CRPF Wives Welfare Assn. Smt. Asha Kaushal releasing the school magazine Srijan.
Also in the picture Principal Shri Suraj Prakash (left) and Shri P.C. Joshi, Manager (right)*

PLANTATION



Plantation at Shivpuri GC Campus

A Plantation programme was organised under the supervision and guidance of the Addl. DIGP at Group Centre, CRPF, Shivpuri. Plantation was done in both sides of the road leading to the campus from NH and also within and adjacent to Group Centre area. A team headed by the Second-in-Command associated by the Dy. Commandant (Adm), Chief Medical Officer GC Hospital, One Inspector and 21 ORs visited Village Barodi, Badagaon, Kakarwaia Primary, Secondary School, Barodi. Modern School, Shivpuri and District Hospital Shivpuri and carried out mass plantation with cooperation and help of the villagers, Head Masters of Schools, Principal of College and Chief Medical Officer of District Hospital.

RISK FUND BENEFITS

A total of Rs. 17,43,420 has been paid to the next of kin of 26 personnel who died during the month of September 1997 from Risk

(Premia) Fund.

Also a sum of Rs. 1,65,000 was paid to 11 personnel of CRPF who proceeded on invalidation during the month of September 1997 from Risk (premia) Fund.

A sum of Rs. 3,50,000/-from Risk Fund 'B' (Special Welfare Scheme) has been paid to the next of kin of 10 CRPF personnel who died during the month of Sept 97

THEY ARE NO MORE

We offer out deep condolence to the grieved families of following CRPF personnel who lost their lives during the month of September 1997.

Ct Pausurmung (109 Bn), Peon Sharada Devi (GC LKW), Ct Sarvesh Kumar (GC Lkw), ASI/M Mhaswati Bisht (GC Alld), A/C Kulwant Singh (43 Bn), L/ Nk Garuram (43 Bn), Ct Ajay Kr. Parija (43 Bn), Ct Soren Nande (43 Bn), HC R.C. Gogoi (43 Bn), SI/MT Joseph (19 Bn), Pharmacist Rajender Pd. (106 Bn), Ct/Rt Jaivir Singh Thomer (GC BPL), HC Sudhist Pd. (11 Bn), HC Harinarayan (110 Bn), Ct G.Vishwanath (80 Bn), S/K Sonakahar (61 Bn), HC Sher Singh (SGC), W/C Dev Bahadur Thappa (9 Bn), HC V.K.S. Kutty (68 Bn), S/K Sona Kahar (61 Bn), Ct C.L. Monachan (18 Bn), SI Hari Singh (47 Bn), A/C Shri Rajender Kumar (133 Bn), L/N Dharam Pal (133 Bn), Ct Latif (133 Bn) Ct Lakeshwar Bania (133 Bn), Ct Dilip Khanjia (133 Bn), and Ct/ Dvr Md. Zabair (133 Bn).

Cook Swaroop Singh (RTC-IV), Ct S.T. Salve (114 Bn), HC Salgram Yadav (10 Bn), NK/RO Om Prakash (10 Bn), LNK/FTR B.C. Mondal (10 Bn), Ct Yashpal Sharma (10 Bn) and Ct. Ashok Kumar (1 Bn) also died in the month of August 1997.

SPORTS AND ADVENTURES

CRPF All Women Mountain Biking Expedition



Addl DG Shri S.K. Sethi presenting Memento to Shri Mahabir Prasad, the Governor of Haryana

Despite their very busy routine, the men and women of Central Reserve

Police Force have earned laurels for the country at National and International level in sports activities. Participating as the Chief Guest in the Flagging in ceremony of CRPF All Women Mountain Biking Expedition at Chandigarh on Sept. 27, 1997 the Governor of Haryana Shri Mahabir Prasad highly appreciated the role of those gallant women who took part in this adventurous expedition.

Addl. DG (NWZ) Shri S.K. Sethi in his welcome address outlined the various adventure sports organised by CRPF since 1994. On arrival of the Team led by Deputy Commandant Ms. Annie Thomas of Group Centre Ajmer, the officers and team members of the Expedition were introduced to the Chief Guest. The bouquets and mementos were presented to the members of the Expedition by him. A cultural programme was also presented by CRPF Mahila Battalion. Shri Anil Kaushik, DIGP NWZ, Shri M. Mohan Raj, Deputy Director (T), Dte General CRPF and Shri D.R. Yadav, Joint Asstt. Director (sports) took active part to make the programme grand success.

As a part of the year long celebrations of 50th year of India's Independence, CRPF has organised this All Women Mountain Biking Expedition to spread the message of Unity and Fraternity. This biking expedition is first of its kind undertaken by any Armed Mahila personnel in the high altitude of Himachal Pradesh. The 22 member Expedition was flagged off by Shri Tashi Dawa, IGP (Ops) CRPF on Sept. 22, 1997. at Sarahan, 170 km from Shimla in Himachal Pradesh Besides conveying the message of good-will, national integration to the people of the hilly region, this Expedition has helped attracting and encouraging young men and women of the area towards adventure sports.

23 women constables of 88, 103, 104, 105, 106 and 135 Battalions took part in this All Women Mountain Biking Expedition. They were Ms. Kaushily Devi (30), Veena Pani (22), Swarna Devi (22), Romi Devi (23), Anjana Kumari (21), Uma Devi (21), E.B. Kerketta (24), Sushila Kujur (24), Santosh Khaler (24), Santwana Halder (23), Sudha Rani (22), Putali Ramchaya (29), Rushplat Basanti (23), Geeta Devi (23), Bouramma (22), Soma Mandal (22), T. Kavitha (22) Shanti Rani Topao (22).



The Members of Expedition on their way to Chandigarh

Adventure sports were introduced in CRPF with successful completion of rowing expedition Abhiyan Ganga Sagar in 1994. The first CRPF Mountaineering Expedition was organised in may 1995 which scaled the twin peaks of Jogin-I and III of Garwhal Himalayas. Constable Rajan Tamang of CRPF was a member of ITBP MOUNT EVEREST Expedition team during March-June-96. 16-member CRPF Women's White Water Rafting expedition covered a distance of 105 Kms from Srinagar to Rishikesh rafting through Alaknanda and Ganga during November '96.

Inter School Basket Ball Tournament

108 Bn RAF under took various activities on the occasion of commemoration year of 50 years of Independence. To begin with, an Inter School Basket Ball Tournament was held from Sept 1 to 3, 1997 in which 10 reputed public and Convent |Schools participated.

It was emphasised that this would not only help to build friendly image of RAF but would also spread message of peace and communal harmony through these children.

The tournament was declared open on Sept, 1997 by Shri A. V. Liddle, Ex-DG, CRPF. At the outset Marchpast, Oath by teamplayers, Cultural Programme by School Girls, Rajasthani and Punjabi dance by Mahila contingent, Release of balloons in the sky, Impressive Band Display and Presenting of Memento were undertaken. A Band display by band of 103 Bn, RAF, CRPF was highly appreciated.



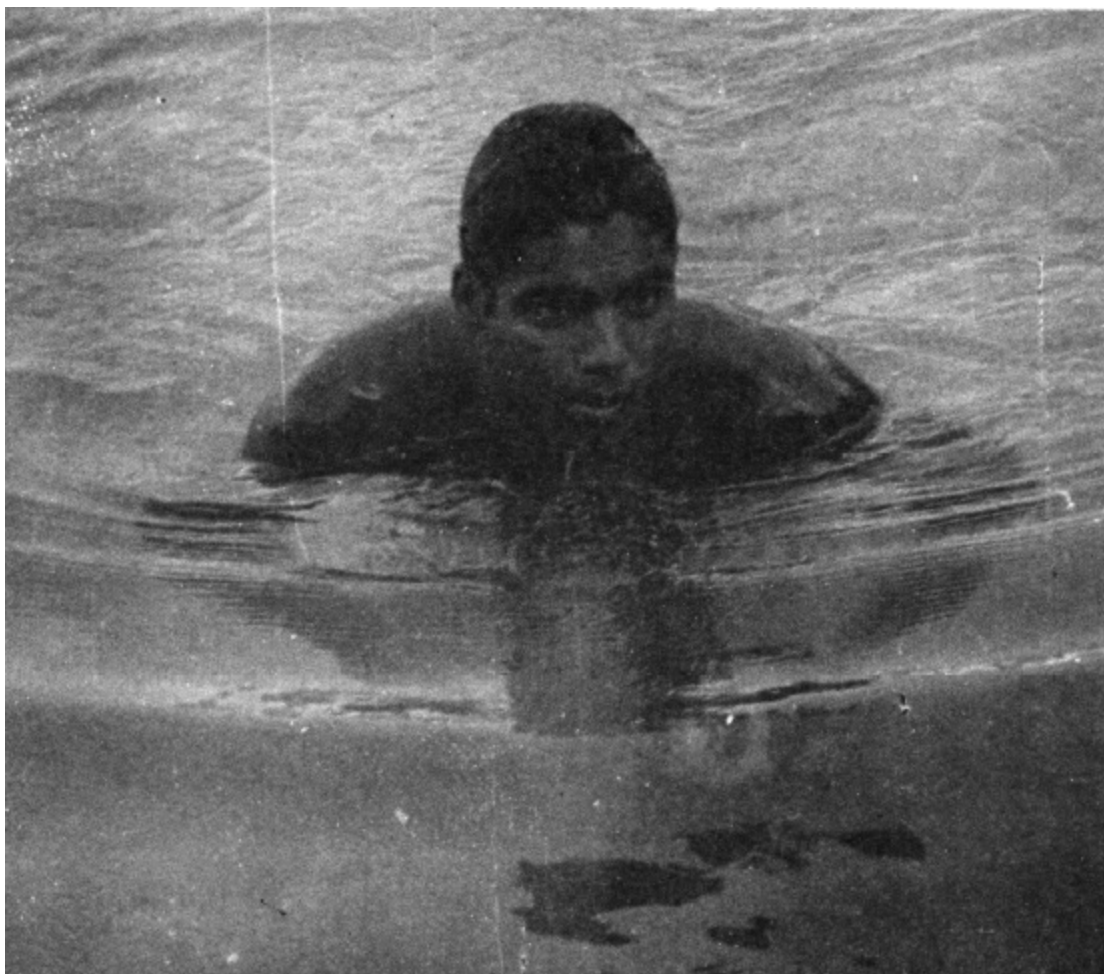
A student of St Mary's Academy receiving the Trophy from Shri A.R. Pawar, IGP, RAF



A student of Sophia School receiving the Trophy from Shri A.R. Pawar, IGP, RAF

Shri A.R. Pawar, IGP, RAF, CRPF attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest on Sept. 3, 1997. The tournament was concluded with keenly contested matches for girls between Sophia-A V/S DMA-I, St. Marys V/S Translam for boys. This was interspersed with colourful Arabian Dance, Bhangra and Break dance. Shri Pawar gave away the prizes to winners and encouraged them to come ahead and improve the standard of National Sports. A booklet on RAF was released by him. The tournament was won by St. Mary's Academy and Sophia School in boys and girls section respectively.

CRPF Won the Police Aquatic Championship



Raja Ram Tokas of CRPF declared best swimmer in All India Police Aquatic Meet-97 held at Calcutta from 22nd to 28th Sept. 1997

Central Reserve Police Force has won All India Police Aquatic Championship and Crosscountry for 1997.

The All India Police Aquatic and Cross-Country Meet 1997 was organised by Calcutta Police from Sept. 23 to 28, 1997. Teams from State Police all over the country and Central Police organisations like CRPF, BSF, CISF and ITBP participated in the meet.

In a keenly contested CRPF team won the event defeating the BSF team. CRPF team also stood first in the water-polo event.

Shri Rajaram Tokas of CRPF was declared best Swimmer of the meet. The overall championship trophy was also lifted by CRPF. In the crosscountry event also CRPF stood second.

CRPF MEDICAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

Addl. DG, CRPF Shri Gautam Kaul called upon the Medical Officers to serve the force with all sincerity and dedication. Despite the basic work environment being very hostile, the medical officers have to bring out betterment to the Force. They have to make serious efforts to upgrade their skill in the profession, he observed.

Addressing in the CRPF Medical Officers Conference held at Directorate General on Sept. 25, 1997 he said that Government is very keen to improve their working condition. He indicated that in view of increase in Force strength, there will be more medical units in future. Participating in the discussion Addl. DG Shri S.K. Sethi of North West Zone also advised the Medical Officers to update their professional knowledge to help serve the Force better.

The Director (Medical) Dr. K.K. Saini in his welcome address outlined various problems and difficulties under which the CRPF Medical Officers and para medical staff are working. More than 30 Chief Medical Officers of different Group Centre and Battalion Hospitals all over the country participated in the conference.



Smt. Asha Kaushal, President, CRPF Wives Welfare Association watching an exhibit at one of the Exhibition stalls put up by the Students on the occasion of Annual Day of Rohini Public School

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