

## **CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**

### **CRPF OBSERVED 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS RAPID ACTION FORCE**

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) today observed the 27th Anniversary of its anti-riot wing, the Rapid Action Force in Ahmedabad. The anniversary parade event, held at the ground of 100 battalion was graced by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah as the chief guest. The home minister inspected the parade and took salute of the CRPF contingents. Later he addressed the gathering.

The Home Minister also felicitated the next of kins of four gallant medal winners of CRPF alongwith 17 other brave-hearts. Among them, while President's Police Medals for Gallantry (PPMG) were conferred on three of the brave-hearts posthumously, 13 gallant men of the force received Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) and four of them were awarded with Police Medal for Meritorious Service (a brief account on the martyrdom of the PPMG awardees are attached herewith in the annexure). The Chief Guest also awarded trophies for best Administration and best Operation Battalions and also best Shooting cum Endurance trophy to the Commandants of 108 Bn, 104 Bn, and 100 Bn of RAF respectively.

The RAF anniversary parade ceremony was attended by a number of high level dignitaries which included Sh. Vijay Rupani, Chief minister of Gujarat, Shri Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, DG, CRPF, elected representatives, senior CRPF officers and a number of force personnel alongwith their family members.

RAF was raised as a specialised riot-control wing of CRPF on 7th October 1992. In view of its proven efficiency and relevance in riot control and crowd management, the force which began with just 05 battalions, is now a 15 battalion- strong force. The force is deployed in as many sensitive locations across the country and has been "serving humanity with sensitive policing"- which happens to be its motto. The force personnel are well-trained in demonstrating quick reflexes and use of non-lethal equipments during controlling riot and managing crowd. Moreover, each team of RAF is comprised of women personnel to deal with women protesters. The zero response time force, as RAF is also known as, has also been lending a helping hand to the administration at the local level during natural calamity and other law and order situations. The force is also committed to community welfare and awareness activities on issue that range from Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme, Swach Bharat Abhiyan, water conservation and making India plastic-free. The force has also left an impressive imprint on foreign soil during its deployment in countries like Haiti, Kosovo and Liberia under UN missions.

This elite force of CRPF earned for itself a significant honour when it was presented with the coveted Presidential Colors on the 7th October 2003. The force received a further recognition when Govt of India released a postal stamp on RAF on the occasion of its 25th anniversary on 07 October 2017.

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