

## **CRPF celebrates valour and sacrifice of Bravehearts**

Trees in the honour of 04 Bravehearts of CRPF who were awarded Gallantry Medals (Posthumously) this Independence Day were planted by Dr A P Maheshwari, DG CRPF and senior officers in 'Shaurya Van' in a solemn ceremony held at CRPF Academy Gurugram. The 'Shaurya van' which was inaugurated by Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah on 12th July will have a tree for every Gallantry Award recipient of the force.

CRPF takes pride and celebrates the bravery and steadfast devotion to duty of its internal security warriors that has earned the force 2036 Gallantry Medals in addition to glory and success. In the same spirit, a 'Valour wall' was inaugurated by the DG at the academy . The wall will have the photographs of the alumni officers who have earned Gallantry Medals over the years. The CRPF academy which was established in the year 2005 has been the citadel of learning for the Directly Appointed Gazetted Officers and has moulded trainee officers into warriors and commanders, many of whom have earned laurels. The wall is presently adorned with 117 photographs of officers who were awarded 138 Gallantry Medals. These include the Kirti Chakra awardee Sh. Harshpal Singh, DC, Shaurya Chakra recipient Sh Vinoj P Joseph AC, Sh. Nagendra Singh AC, Sh. Chandan Kumar AC, Sh. Kuldeep Singh Chahar DC, and Sh Vikas Jhakar AC.

This was followed by aerial seed dispersal in the formidable Aravali range that form the picturesque backdrop of the Academy. This will augment the flora of the range that has provided natural landscape to the academy for jungle camps and battle enactment exercises. It is the sheer devotion of the force personnel to preserve nature that led to plantation of 25 Lakh trees in the Akhand Bharat Vriksharopan Abhiyan a month earlier. The return journey from the ridge to the academy was a walk that will contribute into the 1 crore Kilometers that the force has targeted to walk/run during the Fit India campaign.



