

A PROFILE OF SHRI K. ARKESH, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE (Rtd)

Born on the 14th May 1953 in a remote village in Karnataka, Shri K. Arkesh Joined Central Reserve Police Force as Deputy Superintendent of Police in 1976, after acquiring a master's degree in **Anthropology** with **gold medal** and Post graduate diploma in **Folklore**. Before joining CRPF, he had served as Post Graduate Lecturer and Junior Research fellow of **University Grants Commission** at the **Institute of Development Studies**, Mysore. During his initial posting at Dum Dum Airport, Calcutta, he took part in an operation to **release the hostages of hijacked Bangladesh Biman** in 1979. He led a successful rescue operation in the deep forests in the borders of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, when a **business man was kidnapped for ransom** by the NSCN [K] insurgents in 1996, for which he was awarded DG's Commendation Disc. During his different stints of service in the **trouble-torn north east, turbulent Kashmir valley** and **Naxalite infested areas in Andhra Pradesh**, he led his troops from the front in a variety of operations. He successfully led a battalion when placed under army in **Operation Parakram** in the western deserts of India in 2002.

He has the privilege of undergoing several courses on **Internal Security** and related subjects with distinction from prestigious training institutions in India and abroad. Many of his scholarly articles were published in leading journals and national dailies. In the backdrop of his academic excellence and instructional abilities, he was hand-picked as an instructor for the prestigious **Internal Security Academy** of CRPF at Mount Abu where he taught Senior Police Officers for over 7 years. He has also worked in a Committee of Senior Officers in writing the history of CRPF in its Golden Jubilee year.

Recognizing his outstanding qualities, his services were requisitioned by the Government of Karnataka to **nab the notorious brigand Veerappan** and his associates, who had unleashed a reign of terror in the forests of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. As Superintendent of Police [1998- 2000] and later as DIG/Dy. Commander-in-Chief of STF [2002-04], he led the troops from the front and conducted many operations on the basis of an excellent intelligence network developed by his painstaking efforts. **He was able to accurately predict the kidnap of film star, Dr. Raj Kumar and State Minister Shri Nagappa** by the forest brigand, which was widely appreciated by media, state legislature and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. His strategic planning and leadership in the operational front led to the killing of the most wanted brigand, thereby putting an end to the longest ever man hunt in the history of Indian security forces. On repatriation from STF, he commanded a Battalion in J& K in the most arduous conditions where he led several anti-Fidayeen operations

His scholarship, administrative acumen and versatile talents have led to the creation of several new institutions in Karnataka, including **Training Centre for Constable Recruits** and **Dog Breeding and Training Centre** at Taralu, Bangalore, **College of Information Technology** and **Institute of Catering Management** at Yelahanka, Bangalore, **National Institute of Jungle Craft** at Belgaum and Training Institutions at Shimoga and Mysore. 948 acres of land was acquired in Bangalore, Belgaum, Mysore and Shimoga to establish these institutions which are now serving as Centres of Excellence, where thousands of Police Officers and men are trained. He has done recruitment of several thousand employees all over the country with honesty and efficiency. Through innovative methods, brought in a variety of administrative reforms in his area of responsibility, showing exemplary leadership.

Recognising his outstanding qualities of leadership, intellectual attainments, institution building abilities, administrative acumen, impeccable honesty and integrity he has been awarded **President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, Police Medal for Meritorious Service, Parakram Medal and Director General's Commendation Disc with three stars.**
