

MSDE, MHA join hands to skill CRPF personnel

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New Delhi, Aug 30 (PTI) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship today joined hands with the Ministry of Home Affairs to establish skill development centers for CRPF personnel and their families.

Under the pact signed between NSDF, NSDC and CRPF, skill development centers will be set up to cater to various needs of CRPF personnel, their families and the community in its vicinity.

The center will conduct welfare activities for family members of CRPF personnel, retired personnel, martyrs families, school students, youth and specially-abled persons.

Home Minister [Rajnath Singh](#) said the move to skill CRPF jawans as part of their resettlement plan through a financially viable career will ensure them gainful employment.

"Our partnership will support families of the jawans and martyrs, as well as communities in the vicinity. We plan to replicate such initiatives with other paramilitary forces and will work with MSDE to scale this further," Singh said.

The center will undertake various skill development programmes by training these people and providing them employment opportunities over the next five years starting from FY17.

"This is our endeavour and our chance to give back to these personnel by training them on skill sets and creating opportunities for them which are equivalent to their current capacity and also creating training and job prospects for their family members," Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister [Rajiv Pratap Rudy](#) said.

The three in the partnership have mutually agreed that they shall work together at CRPF Group Centres all across the country where Family Welfare Centres are functional and other CRPF locations, wherever it is possible to provide facilities.

Under the MoU, CRPF plans to promote NSQF compliant skill development and entrepreneurship through vocational courses & training with various establishments in its administrative jurisdiction through apprenticeship schemes and making available spare equipment and machinery for training purposes.

Also, CRPF runs several educational establishments at school level. Skill development activities if need be may be introduced at secondary and senior secondary levels in the schools through introduction of NSQF compliant "Applied Learning Courses" for vocationalization of school education.

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) shall facilitate skill training at CRPF skill development centres as per MOU through relevant schemes and through NSDC approved/SSC affiliated training partners upon due evaluation of the respective sites and in compliance with scheme guidelines.

The Parties shall put in place a management structure to be responsible for the overall management and implementation of the various programmes to achieve the objectives as outlined in MOU. The project will be reviewed jointly by all parties on a quarterly basis and appraised on an annual basis. PTI RSN ABK

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