

Press Release

**TRIBUTE TO MARTYR COMPANIONS**

Today morning, a Commemoration Parade was organized at the Ground of Police Station, Sector-17 Chandigarh in memory of the martyred companions. Every year, 21<sup>st</sup> October is the day of remembrance of the martyred companions who laid down their lives during obligation of their duties. On this occasion, two-minute silence was held to salute the memory of Comrades who sacrificed their lives. Central Police Organizations and State Police celebrate's this day in the form of Martyrdom Day.



Sh. A.S. Cheema, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Police, UT, Chandigarh along with other police officers paid homage to their departed comrades at the Martyrs Memorial Site. Last year from 1st September 2015 to August 2016 total 541 Police Officers and Police Personnel from paramilitary police forces and police organizations have set exemplary example before their colleagues by sacrificing their lives during duty. This year the number of officers and jawans who laid down their lives during duty is as under:-

Andhra Pradesh (15), A&N Islands (02), Arunachal Pradesh (01), Assam (08), Bihar (06), Chattisgarh (19), Chandigarh (01), Delhi (29), Gujarat (04), Haryana (01) Himachal Pradesh (05), J & K (23), Jharkhand (06), Karnataka (25), Kerala (08), Madhya Pardesh (06), Maharastra (13), Meghalaya (04), Nagaland (02), Punjab (04), Rajasthan (01), Tamil Nadu (03), Telangana (01), Uttrakhand (10), Uttar Pradesh (114), West Bengal (25); BSF (55), CISF (18), Civil Defence (02), CRPF (41), ITBP (07), MHA (01), NDRF (05), NIA (01), NSG (01), RPF (15), SPG (05), SSB (39), Ministry of Defence (15).

The history of commemoration day traces back to October 21, 1959, when a police party of the Indian police force was deployed to defend national frontiers in the Ladakh region. The same was attacked by Chinese

troops hidden by forming ambush in hills and 10 CRPF jawans were killed. Since then, this day is celebrated as Martyrdom Day at Central Police Organizations and Police Forces in remembrance of countless sacrifice of martyr companions.