Press Release


New Delhi- (14 September, 2017) – The protection of Human Rights Act 1993 enjoins upon the National Human Rights Commission to

“Spread human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means”.

In order to promote Human Rights awareness and sensitize the personnel of Central Armed Police forces, an All-India debate competition (In Hindi and English) on Human Rights issues has been regularly organized by CAPFs under the aegis of NHRC every year since 1996.

To ensure maximum participation of Central Armed Police personnel from all over the country, Zone-wise Debate Competitions were initially organized. In this regard, on the basis of the deployment of various CAPFs, the country has been divided into eight zones. The responsibility of organizing Zonal-level competitions in each of these zones was assigned by the Commission to one of the CAPFs.

This year at Zonal level, SSB organised the competition in North Zone, ITBP in UP Zone, Assam Rifles in NE Zone, NSG in Delhi Zone, CISF in East Zone, BSF in West Zone, RPF in Central Zone and CRPF organised the competition in Southern Zone.

04 teams from each Zone i.e, 1st & 2nd team of both the languages with a total of 32 Teams i.e. 64 speakers qualified for the Semi-Final round of the Competition.
After Semi-final round of NHRC Debate Competition-2017 which was organized by SSB on 30th Aug 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, 08 teams i.e. 4 each of Hindi and English qualified for finals.

Final round of debate competition was organized by S.S.B. on 14.09.2017 at C.R.P.F. Officers Institute “Shaurya”, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi in which speakers impressed the jury and audience by their arguments whether they spoke in favour or against the topic “There is no national security without respect for Human Rights.”

Justice Shri H.L.Dattu, Hon’ble Chairperson, NHRC himself led the jury with Prof.(Dr) G.S.Bajpai, Registrar, National Law University, New Delhi, Shri S.N. Mohanty, IAS (Retd), Ex-Secretary General, NHRC as members.

On completion of the Final round, Sh. Kanishk Chaudhary, AC of SSB and Sh. R. P. Tripathi, ASI of BSF were adjudged as best speakers in English and Hindi category respectively. 2nd, 3rd and consolation prizes were also given in each language. Rolling Trophy was awarded to CISF team which secured the highest marks in the final round of the competition.

Senior officers from Ministries, CAPFs, NHRC were among the large number of audience to witness the competition.

Addressing his closing address Justice Sh. H.L Dattu expressed that Human Rights and national security are not in conflict as commonly understood but they are complimentary to each other.

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