

## PC Inaugurates CRPF IED Management School in Pune

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Union Home Minister P Chidambaram today inaugurated an IED management school here which will train CRPF personnel, with help from tackling these death traps while undertaking anti-Naxal operations.

The school located in the outskirts of the city at the forces' Group Centre in Talegaon will serve as the repository of all aspects of analysis and identifying Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), which have caused the death of scores of CRPF personnel in Naxal affected states many more.

Chidambaram, after the inauguration of the school, was also given a demonstration of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) 'Netra' and D remote bomb defusion robot 'Daksha'.

The CRPF, which is the lead force for anti-Naxal operations in the country, has deployed more than 70 battalions (about 70,000 personnel) states and it has lost 105 personnel in the last five years due to IED explosions only.

The school will run with the help of experts of the Army-run College of Military Training (CME) located in the city and will train CRPF officers.

The IED school is one of the six new ambitious schools being created by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to prepare its troops for operations, intelligence gathering and crowd control duties.

The other schools are dogs breeding and training centre in Karnataka's Taralu, intelligence school in Gurgaon's Kadarapur, RAF training of trainers school in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut and college of insurgency and jungle craft in Belgaum.

CRPF chief K Vijay Kumar and Additional Director General (Operations) P M Nair accompanied Chidambaram during the event.

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