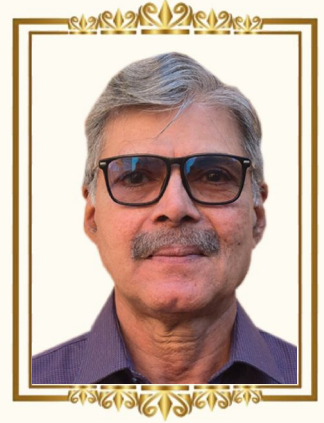




## SHRI K. VIJAY KUMAR



Shri K. Vijay Kumar, former Director General, Central Reserve Police Force, is a specialist in team-building for hazardous missions and small-team tactics, who introduced double-handed fast shooting practices in India and trained IPS officers in firearms and tactics for a decade.

2. Born on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1952, Shri K. Vijay Kumar was educated at St. Joseph's College and Madras Christian College before joining the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1975. He holds MA, MBA, ML, LL.M, MBL, and MPhil degrees. A second-generation police officer—his father was an Inspector—he was also selected for the IAS in 1976 but chose to remain in the IPS. As SP of Dharmapuri (1981–83), he participated in decisive operations that eliminated violent Naxalism from Tamil Nadu. As SP of Salem (1983–85), he transformed the district's reputation, cracking down on organized crime and the flesh trade. From 1985 to 1990, he was among the first officers selected for the Special Protection Group (SPG) formed to protect then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. A passionate trainer, he underwent specialized courses in the United States, the former USSR, and Europe, clearing programs completed by only two IPS officers. In 1990, he served as Deputy Leader of the Indian Security delegation that trained the Mauritian Prime Minister's protection team.

3. Between 1991 and 1996, Shri K. Vijay Kumar raised and led the Special Security Group (SSG) to protect Chief Minister Smt. J. Jayalalithaa during a period of heightened threat. The SSG model was later replicated in several states, including Jammu & Kashmir. Its training wing logged over 300,000 man-hours and established Counter-Terrorist units in 25 Tamil Nadu districts, training nearly 5,000 Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in advanced tactics and firearms.

4. As IG, Madurai (1997–98), Shri K. Vijay Kumar restored normalcy across nine southern districts during severe caste clashes that claimed 75 lives, using calibrated and field-led policing. As IG, BSF in Kashmir (1998–2001), he commanded nearly 50,000 personnel during the Kargil War and the peak of fidayeen attacks, leaving behind one of the Force's strongest operational records.

5. As Commissioner of Chennai (2001–03), Shri K. Vijay Kumar reformed crime control practices, cracked down on organized gangs, enhanced public safety and reduced road fatalities by 40%. From 2003 to 2004, he headed the Special Task Force that ended the two-decade manhunt for brigand Veerappan through intelligence-driven operations and innovative training methods.

6. As Additional DG (Law & Order), Tamil Nadu (2006–08), Shri K. Vijay Kumar strengthened public safety strategies. As Director of the National Police Academy (2008–10), he created the Tactics Wing after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and institutionalized the Mid-Career Training Programme (MCTP) in collaboration with global universities including Cambridge and South Wales.

7. Shri K. Vijay Kumar was appointed as DG, CRPF (2010–12) after the Dantewada Maoist attack. He revitalized morale, modernized training and operations, emphasized welfare, and secured long-pending cadre reforms. From 2013 to 2018, he served as Senior Security Adviser (MHA) on Left Wing Extremism, a period that saw a 30% decline in Maoist violence. As Adviser to the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (2018–20), he played a key role during the pre- and post-Article 370 phases, ensuring firm security management without fatal police firings. He continued as SSA (2020–22) on LWE and J&K affairs, and from 2023 to 2025 chaired a national committee to modernize police training curricula. He authored the bestseller "Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand" (2017) and is currently working on two books.

8. Shri K. Vijay Kumar is recipient of the President's Police Medals for Gallantry and Distinguished Service.