



“SHAURYA CHAKRA”

IC-76052K MAJOR VIJAY VERMA

(THE RAJPUT REGIMENT, 44TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Since October 2021, Major Vijay Verma has exhibited inspiring leadership during conduct of 10 successful operations, resulting in elimination of 22 hardcore terrorists. On 04 October 2022, upon receiving inputs of terrorist's presence in a village in Shopian district of Jammu & Kashmir, a search and cordon operation was launched.

During the initial cordon, three terrorists fired indiscriminately and lobbing grenades on the cordon in a bid to escape. Realising mortal danger to his troops, Major Vijay Verma along with his buddy closed in, bringing heavy fire upon the terrorists, thereby blocking all escape routes. Under heavy fire, the officer in a one-on-one fire fight, engaged the terrorists at close range resulting in elimination of one terrorist and injury to the others. Concurrently, at around 0540 hours, Major Vijay Verma received inputs of terrorist movement in a nearby village, approximately seven kilometers from his location. Displaying situational awareness and without disturbing the tactical balance of his team, he marshalled critical resources to facilitate operation in the nearby village which resulted in elimination of one terrorist.

For displaying exemplary leadership and act of gallantry in elimination of one hardcore terrorist, **Major Vijay Verma is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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81234 DEPUTY COMMANDANT VIKRANT KUMAR, (CRPF)

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As the teams closed in on the location, Team 16 covered the right flank, while DC Vikrant Kumar led a stealth approach. Despite their tactical maneuvering, the Maoist insurgents opened heavy fire from fortified positions. Under intense gunfire and the looming threat of IEDs, DC Vikrant Kumar displayed exceptional valor and tactical acumen, employing fire-and-move techniques and engaging in close-quarters combat. His decisive leadership enabled the teams to maintain relentless pressure on the Maoists, while Team 16 effectively blocked potential escape routes during the fierce engagement.

The 45-50 minutes' firefight resulted in the elimination of five top Maoist insurgents. A significant cache of weapons, including AK-series and other modern INSAS rifles, was recovered. Additionally, a wounded insurgent leader was apprehended.



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105053113 INSPECTOR/GD JEFFREY HMINGCHULLO (CRPF)

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At 0845 hours, the advancing team came under heavy fire from fortified Maoist positions in a coordinated ambush. Demonstrating exceptional courage, Inspector Jeffrey Hmingchullo advanced under intense enemy fire to support his commander. Despite IED blasts and the challenges of rugged terrain, he led counter-assaults with his team, engaging in close-quarters combat. His fearless actions resulted in the neutralization of two Maoists during the initial firefight.

As the Maoists attempted to retreat, Inspector Jeffrey Hmingchullo and his buddy launched a decisive counter-assault, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The 45-50 minutes' engagement ended with the Maoists fleeing into dense forest. The operation led to the recovery of five high-value Maoist bodies, along with AK-series rifles, INSAS weapons, and other arms. The next day, state police successfully apprehended a wounded Maoist leader.



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WING COMMANDER VERNON DESMOND KEANE VAYU SENA MEDAL (31215) FLYING (PILOT) (INDIAN AIR FORCE)

Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane Vayu Sena Medal (31215) Flying (Pilot) is on the posted strength of a Jaguar Squadron since 28 February 2022.

On 24 July 2023, during a Jaguar fighter sortie, he encountered an unprecedented Oil-1 and Oil-2 failure warning, indicating a critical oil system malfunction. This required immediate engine shutdown to prevent seizure. Despite the absence of procedural guidelines for such a failure, the pilot remained composed, shutting down the left engine and attempting recovery on the right engine towards the nearest runway. At 2,500 feet, the right engine failed catastrophically, leaving the aircraft in a powerless glide over densely populated Gorakhpur town. Facing an imminent ejection scenario, he skillfully controlled the aircraft to prevent loss of civilian life and property in case of a probable ejection, jettisoned empty fuel tanks clear of the populated area, and attempted a left engine relight. Successfully reviving it, he expertly controlled and landed the aircraft safely on a single engine.

During these multiple life-threatening situations, the officer displayed exceptional courage, perseverance and composure in recovering a gravely stricken aircraft. His undaunted courageous decision to remain with the stricken aircraft while displaying superlative piloting skills and exceptional situational awareness ensured the safety of a valuable national asset and precluded a probable loss of lives and property on ground.

For his act of exceptional gallantry and courage, **Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane VM is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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SQUADRON LEADER DEEPAK KUMAR (32754) FLYING (PILOT) (INDIAN AIR FORCE)

Squadron Leader Deepak Kumar (32754), Flying (Pilot), has been on the posted strength of AFS Hakimpet since 17 April 2023. On 25 August 2023, he was authorized to fly an instructional night sortie in a Kiran aircraft with a trainee pilot.

The sortie was conducted on a dark night. While going around after a low overshoot, the aircraft suffered a bird strike, resulting in engine flameout. At this critical moment, the undercarriage was retracting. Assessing the situation instantly, he decided to force-land straight ahead and instructed the trainee to lower the landing gear. Despite minimal visual cues, he used exceptional judgment and piloting skills to land the aircraft safely on the short runway. With just 1,000 feet of remaining runway, his quick actions, shutting down the engine, braking, and engaging the arrester barrier, ensured a safe stop with minimal damage. These actions were even more commendable considering the shorter-than-normal runway, dark night conditions, and extremely limited reaction time.

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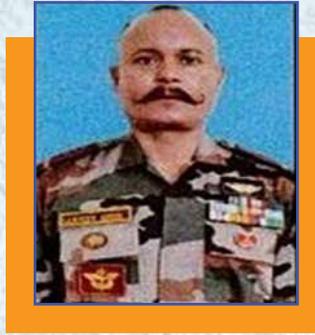
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SPO-825 SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER ABDUL LATIF (THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE)

Shri Abdul Latif (SPO-825), a Special Police Officer in District Reasi for four years, is a brave and dedicated soldier actively involved in operations.

On 4 September 2023, at 0545 hours, two armed terrorists approached his house seeking food and shelter. Unarmed and outnumbered, he remained composed, posing as an Over Ground Worker to gain their trust. After securing his family, he discreetly locked the terrorists inside while pretending to fetch food and alerted the nearest post. He instructed his brother to keep watch until security forces arrived. As the forces approached, he guided them and actively participated in the kinetic operation, leading to the elimination of one foreign terrorist.

The act displayed by Shri Abdul Latif marked by steely nerves and unmatched heroics in face of imminent threat to his family and himself is unparalleled. For resolve, patriotism and bravery leading to elimination of a terrorist, **Special Police Officer Abdul Latif is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”**.



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C-583083P SUBEDAR SANJEEV SINGH JASROTIA (5TH BATTALION THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR RIFLES)

During a counter-terrorist operation on 16 September 2023, Subedar Sanjeev Singh Jasrotia (JC-583083P) led an ambush party along the Line of Control in Baramulla District. Upon receiving an alert from the early warning detachment about the movement of four armed terrorists across a nallah, he repositioned his ambush party while maintaining tactical surprise.

Displaying exemplary tactical acumen, Subedar Sanjeev Singh Jasrotia allowed the terrorists to enter the kill zone. From his covered position, he challenged the group, prompting them to open fire in his direction. He immediately retaliated with precise fire, pinning them down. One terrorist, occupying a dominating position within the folds of the nallah, was engaging the ambush party. With utter disregard for personal safety, he crawled toward the nallah under heavy fire, using the terrain for cover, and neutralized the terrorist at a very close range with his assault rifle while injuring two more fleeing terrorists.

For displaying unparalleled courage, selfless devotion and conspicuous bravery in the line of fire and neutralising one hardcore terrorist and injuring two more, **Subedar Sanjeev Singh Jasrotia is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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IC-63508Y COLONEL PAWAN SINGH **666 ARMY AVIATION SQUADRON (R&O)**

On 10 October 2023, Colonel Pawan Singh (IC-63508Y), mission commander, received information about multiple Priority-1 casualties at Camp II of Mount Nun, whose conditions were rapidly deteriorating.

After conducting a calculated risk assessment, he took off immediately for reconnaissance of the casualties and the landing site. The area lacked any viable landing zone or reference points. Landing at an unprepared elevation of 19,270 feet had never been attempted and was beyond the helicopter’s power limits. Demonstrating daring and skilled risk assessment, he stripped the aircraft to its minimum weight by removing doors, seats, the survival pack, and even essential oxygen bottles.

Despite adverse weather and unfavorable operating conditions, he flew to the site again. With utter disregard for personal safety, he pushed his skills and professionalism to the extreme even though incapacitated by blowing snow, extreme temperatures, and oxygen deprivation. He successfully executed a low-hover evacuation, rescuing four expedition team members and recovering one mortal remain.

For his exemplary display of courage, decision making and daring rescue beyond the call of duty even at the peril of his own life, thus paving way to subsequent rescues of a total of fourteen casualties from Camp II of Mount Nun, **Colonel Pawan Singh is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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C-288663P NAIB SUBEDAR P PABIN SINGHA (THE REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, 56 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Naib Subedar P. Pabin Singha (JC-288663P) was the commander of an ambush party deployed along the Line of Control in Kupwara District on 25 October 2023 for an intelligence-based counter-infiltration operation.

On 26 October 2023, at 1010 hours, five terrorists were spotted. Naib Subedar P. Pabin Singha immediately relocated the ambush to trap them and prevent their escape. At 1025 hours, as the ambush was sprung, the terrorists retaliated with heavy fire and grenade attacks, pinning down his troops. Sensing imminent danger to his team, Naib Subedar Singha, with utter disregard for his safety, crawled under a volley of heavy fire toward the terrorists, engaging them at close range and neutralizing one terrorist. The remaining terrorists spotted him and retaliated with heavy fire, also hurling grenades that narrowly missed him. He swiftly rolled to his side and returned fire, effectively pinning them down. As two terrorists attempted to escape, he immediately repositioned himself, engaged them with accurate fire, and prevented their retreat, facilitating their elimination.

For displaying exceptional courage, nerves of steel, and utter disregard for his safety while protecting his troops, exceptional leadership and eliminating one hardcore terrorist, **Naib Subedar P. Pabin Singha is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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IC-83064F MAJOR SAHIL RANDHAWA (THE REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, 34 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Since June 2022, Major Sahil Randhawa (IC-83064F) has demonstrated inspiring leadership in four successful operations, resulting in the elimination of multiple hardcore terrorists.

On 16 November 2023, at 1200 hours, upon receiving specific intelligence about the presence of five terrorists in a village in Shopian District, he meticulously planned and swiftly cordoned off the target location, trapping all the terrorists. Around 2300 hours, three terrorists attempted to break the cordon under the cover of indiscriminate fire and grenade blasts.

Sensing danger to his troops, Major Sahil Randhawa, along with his buddy, stealthily repositioned and intercepted them. Undeterred and face-to-face with the terrorists, he maintained his composure and, displaying raw courage in the face of grave mortal danger, neutralized one terrorist at extremely close range. He then engaged another, enabling his buddy to eliminate the second terrorist. The neutralized terrorist was later identified as a Category ‘A’ militant.

For displaying conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity beyond the call of duty and eliminating one hardcore terrorist and injuring the other without any collateral damage, **Major Sahil Randhawa is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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IC-75329L MAJOR CVS NIKHIL

(21ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES))

Major CVS Nikhil (IC-75329L), team leader of the Special Forces, demonstrated exceptional operational acumen and gallantry during an operation near the Indo-Myanmar border. His leadership and deep understanding of operational dynamics led to the successful elimination of two cadres of the Valley-Based Insurgent Group, thwarting their infiltration into Indian territory.

On 23 November 2023, with precise intelligence indicating an imminent threat, Major CVS Nikhil strategically deployed his troop to lay a meticulously planned ambush along the likely infiltration route. While conducting surveillance, he and his scout identified and challenged a group of armed cadres attempting to breach their ambush site. Facing indiscriminate enemy fire and without regard for personal safety, Major Nikhil and his scout engaged the insurgents, trapping them in a kill zone. Despite being under heavy fire, his exceptional marksmanship and courageous pursuit pinned down the insurgents. Demonstrating exemplary fieldcraft, Major Nikhil out manoeuvred the insurgents with precision, identifying and directly eliminating a most-wanted insurgent with accurate fire.

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IC-81185K MAJOR TRIPATPREET SINGH (THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS, 34 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Since January 2022, Major Tripatpreet Singh (IC-81185K) has demonstrated exceptional valor and inspiring leadership in six successful operations, resulting in the elimination of nine hardcore terrorists.

On 4 January 2024, upon receiving specific intelligence about the presence of a terrorist in a village in Shopian District, he meticulously planned the mission as the team leader and swiftly cordoned off the target location using an unconventional approach.

After a prolonged exchange of fire to force the terrorist to abandon his advantageous position went in vain, the officer, crawled forward inch by inch, braving deadly fire to close in and compel the terrorist to move. Undeterred and now face-to-face with the terrorist, he maintained his composure and, displaying raw courage in the face of grave mortal danger, neutralized the hardcore terrorist in a deadly close-quarters battle. The neutralized terrorist was later identified as a Category ‘A+’ militant.

For displaying outstanding leadership, supreme gallantry and intrepidity beyond the call of duty and eliminating one hardcore terrorist without any collateral damage, **Major Tripatpreet Singh is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KAPIL YADAV (44003-F) AEO INS VISAKHAPATNAM

Lt Cdr Kapil Yadav (44003-F), serving as Assistant Engineer Officer (AEO), onboard the ship during Op PoG, responded to a distress call from MV Marlin Luanda, an oil tanker carrying highly flammable Naphtha, after a missile attack triggered a major fire at 2220 hrs on 26 January 2024.

Lacking firefighting expertise, the ship’s Master sought urgent assistance. Lt Cdr Kapil Yadav volunteered to board the vessel despite the extreme danger. Naphtha, classified as hazardous by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), is highly flammable and toxic, causing severe respiratory issues if inhaled. Upon boarding, he used his technical expertise to combat the fire, navigating through intense heat, toxic fumes, and raging flames with complete disregard to personal safety. Amidst life-threatening conditions, he sealed a hole in the fuel tank with a metal plate, cutting off the oxygen supply, an action critical to extinguishing the fire that had raged for 18 hours.

His gallant act and technical expertise has projected Indian Navy’s image positively and has immensely amplified its reputation world over. The Officer’s fighting spirit under adverse conditions saved invaluable lives, **Lieutenant Commander Kapil Yadav is awarded with the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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SHRI LAKHVEER, DY COMDT

SHRI RAJESH PANCHAL, ASST. COMDT.

SHRI MALKIT SINGH, CT/GD

(CRPF)

On January 30, 2024, 201 CoBRA and 150 BN CRPF launched an operation to establish a new Forwarding Operating Base at Tekalgudium, PS Jagarguanda, Distt Sukma, Chhattisgarh a known Naxal stronghold.

When 201 CoBRA Commandos cordoned the new FOB area they saw armed Naxals advancing from the South. Dy Comdt Lakhveer swiftly alerted his teams and took position as the Naxals opened heavy fire. Braving the attack, he engaged the enemy directly, inspiring his troops and leading a successful defense, neutralizing multiple Naxals.

During the intense combat, a BGL blast severely injured Dy Comdt Lakhveer, but he remained composed, stopped his bleeding, and continued leading. Despite his injuries, he coordinated the evacuation of wounded personnel. Meanwhile, Ct/GD Pawan Kumar and Ct/GD Devan C risked their lives by fiercely engaging advancing Naxals. Ct/GD Pawan Kumar was fatally shot by a sniper. In a valiant rescue, Ct/GD Malkit Singh exposed himself to heavy fire to recover Ct/GD Pawan Kumar's body, fighting despite a chest wound, and neutralizing several Naxals. AC Rajesh Panchal, despite a bullet wound to his right hand, continued leading and motivating his team under heavy fire.

For their bravery, extraordinary courage, exceptional leadership and act of gallantry, **Dy Comdt Lakhveer, AC Rajesh Panchal and Ct/GD Malkit Singh are awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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JC-492279P SUBEDAR MOHAN RAM

(20 JAT)

Subedar Mohan Ram, along with his column, has been deployed in a sensitive village in Manipur since January 2024, serving as the Second-in-Command of the unit.

On 13 February 2024, at 1000 hours, two villages in close proximity to the JCO's location came under a coordinated and deliberate attack by armed miscreants, who sought to burn the villages and massacre their inhabitants. In response, an Army team, led by Subedar Mohan, was swiftly deployed to secure one of the villages under siege.

Upon arrival, the village was found surrounded by heavily armed miscreants, while terrified villagers had taken cover in nearby bushes to save their lives. Under intense enemy fire, Subedar Mohan Ram displayed exceptional battlefield leadership and led his column from the front and tactically moved inside the village and started rescuing villagers.

Amidst the chaos, the JCO sustained a gunshot wound while evacuating civilians. Despite his injury and profuse bleeding, he continued to lead his team with unwavering determination and resilience, prioritizing the safety and well-being of the villagers over his own life. He refused to be evacuated till last civilian was moved to safer place. In this operation, he rescued 38 innocent locals.



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CAPTAIN SHARAD SINSUNWAL (04823-K)

(COMMANDING OFFICER INS KOLKATA)

Captain Sharad Sinsunwal (04823-K), Commanding Officer of INS Kolkata, led his ship in securing merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden from 16 December 2023 onward. During the period, a total of 27 attacks occurred wherein 13 Merchant Vessels were damaged and some sailors lost their lives. INS Kolkata assisted missile-hit ships, rescued 67 people, and saved 17 hostages from pirates.

On 22 February 2024, when Merchant Vessel Islander was struck by two anti-ship ballistic missiles, he dispatched an explosive disposal and medical team, ensuring its safety. On 4 March 2024, he led efforts to extinguish a 3.5-hour fire on Merchant Vessel MSC II after two Houthi Ballistic missiles attack. On 6 March 2024, following a missile strike on Merchant Vessel True Confidence, he coordinated a helicopter and boat rescue despite bad weather and rough seas. Though three crew members perished, he saved 21 others. From 13-15 March 2024, INS Kolkata intercepted hijacked Merchant Vessel Ruen, where 35 pirates held 17 hostages. Engaging in 40 hours of combat, his leadership forced surrender of all 35 pirates and rescue of all the hostages.

The actions of INS Kolkata in these four incidents resulted in acclaim from international and Indian leaders. For displaying courage, utter disregard to personal safety and leading from the front, **Captain Sharad Sinsunwal is awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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36412 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT AMAN SINGH HANS, FLYING (PILOT)

Flight Lieutenant Aman Singh Hans (36412) was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Flying Branch of the IAF on 15 June 2019 and has been on the posted strength of a MiG-29 Sqn since 07 September 2020.

On 28 Mar 2024, the officer was authorized to undertake a long-range ferry mission on a MiG-29 aircraft by dark night as part of Exercise Gagan Shakti-24. After 20 minutes of flying time, at an altitude of 28,000 feet (8.5 km), a sudden blast occurred in the cockpit, causing a complete failure of the Head-Up Display and visual flight references, blanking off. He immediately realized that the aircraft canopy had been completely flown off, exposing him to severe weather conditions, temperatures between -35° to -40°C , dangers of decompression sickness, hypoxia, and wind blast hazards affecting eyes at high speeds and altitude.

Despite the grave and life-threatening situation, Flight Lieutenant Aman Singh Hans maintained exceptional composure, quickly regained control of the aircraft, and initiated emergency procedures. Relying solely on head-down instruments, he announced an emergency using the standby radio control, kept clear of the civil flying in the proximity and executed a controlled descent to a lower altitude of 03 km, all while experiencing severe eye pain and loss of radio reception. Demonstrating outstanding situational awareness and decisive judgment, he coordinated with controlling agencies, assessed the aircraft's weight for a safe landing under a heavy fuel configuration, and successfully executed an emergency landing at the nearest airbase.

Despite imminent personal danger and inhospitable environmental conditions, Flight Lieutenant Aman Singh Hans exhibited astute presence of mind and exceptional crisis management, successfully recovering the aircraft and preventing a potentially catastrophic loss of a vital IAF asset and collateral damage to civilian property.

For act of exceptional courage, displaying indomitable valour and exemplary gallantry beyond the call of duty, **Flight Lieutenant Aman Singh Hans is awarded 'SHAURYA CHAKRA'.**



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953327 CORPORAL DABHI SANJAY HIFFABHAI

(IAF)

953327 Corporal Dabhi Sanjay Hiffabhai Environmental Support Services Assistant was enrolled in the IAF on 28 December 2011 and has been on the posted strength of a Transportable Radar Unit with effect from 03 Oct 2023.

On 04 May 2024, Corporal Dabhi was assigned as an armed escort for a Ashok Leyland Stallion vehicle tasked with collecting rations for the unit from Indian Army Field Supply Depot located 40 km from the unit Op location.

At 1759 hours, while returning from the field supply depot, the vehicle came under an ambush by three terrorists near Doba ridge at Shahsitar, approximately 1.5 km short of the unit's operational location. At the time of ambush, he was seated on the extreme left of the rear seat of the cabin, in accordance with his designated role along with two of his fellow armed escorts when the convoy was subjected to intense small arms fire and grenade attacks from two sides. Despite sustaining gunshot wounds to his right hand and multiple shrapnel injuries to his face and upper body, Corporal Dabhi displayed exceptional composure and tactical awareness. Unfazed by profuse bleeding and the severity of his wounds, he tactically adjusted his position, took cover, and engaged the enemy with his personal weapon (AK-103) through the left-side window. He was the first responder to the attack and continued firing single shots towards terrorists from different angles. Because of his tactical firing, one of the advancing terrorists had to hide behind a boulder located merely 20 meters from the vehicle. Recognizing the enemy's intent, Corporal Dabhi maintained firing single shots towards the likely position of the hiding terrorist which helped in halting his advance towards their vehicle and finally forced the terrorists to retreat into the nearby jungle. This courageous act of Corporal Dabhi resulted in saving the precious lives of his team members and other collateral damage to service property.

For an act of exceptional courage, displaying indomitable valour and exemplary gallantry beyond the call of duty, **Corporal Dabhi Sanjay Hiffabhai is awarded 'SHAURYA CHAKRA'.**



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IC-82035A MAJOR KUNAL

(THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS, 1 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

On 06 May 2024, Major Kunal was performing the duties of Company Commander of Buchru Company Operating Base during a Cordon and Search Operation at a locality in District Kulgam.

Acting on time-sensitive intelligence, the officer swiftly devised a meticulous plan and, leveraging his tactical acumen, stealthily inducted his Quick Reaction Team to establish a cordon, effectively cutting off the most likely escape routes. During the initial contact, Major Kunal, along with his buddy, Sepoy Pradhan Singh Gurjar, observed the terrorists attempting to flee. Exercising sound judgment, they fired warning shots, forcing the terrorists inside the cordon.

Subsequently, Major Kunal and his buddy advanced towards the target house under the cover of a bulletproof JCB. At this critical juncture, the officer with utter disregard for his personal safety, showing extreme sensibility, conspicuous bravery, and unparalleled selflessness, he crawled to a superior tactical position. Engaging the terrorists in a fierce close-quarters battle, he neutralized one, who was later identified as a category A++ terrorist.

For displaying astute leadership, tactical brilliance and indomitable courage under fire, resulting in elimination of a hardcore terrorist, and act of bravery, **Major Kunal is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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IC-81258L MAJOR ASHISH DAHIYA

(THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 50 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Since June 2022, Major Ashish Dahiya has played a pivotal role in the elimination of four hardcore terrorists and the detection and neutralization of three Improvised Explosive Devices across five high-risk operations. On 02 June 2024, he led a meticulously planned counter-terror operation in a village in Pulwama district.

During the initial search, the terrorists attempted to escape while firing indiscriminately and lobbing grenades. Major Ashish Dahiya swiftly retaliated with precision, severely injured a fleeing terrorist. Amidst the intense firefight, terrorist hurled a grenade caused splinter injuries to his operational buddy. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Major Ashish Dahiya immediately crawled through hostile fire to evacuate his buddy to safety.

Thereafter, sensing an imminent threat to his troops, Major Ashish Dahiya demonstrated exceptional fieldcraft and stealthily, maneuvering towards the hiding terrorist. At an extreme close range, under heavy terrorist fire, Major Ashish Dahiya exhibited nerves of steel and neutralized the longest-surviving A++ category terrorist outfit of South Kashmir with precision fire. After elimination of initial threat, he further exposed himself to terrorist fire and facilitated safe evacuation of his injured buddy, thereby saving his life.

For his dauntless courage, selfless commitment to men and mission, audacious planning and intrepid execution of a critical operation, **Major Ashish Dahiya is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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5852332P HAVILDAR PRAKASH TAMANG (THE 9TH GORKHA RIFLES, 32 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Havildar Prakash Tamang, commander of Combat Action Team, was deployed in the cordon to the southern direction of the target house. Upon receiving specific intelligence, he swiftly inducted his column into the area with precision and speed, ensuring rapid deployment in the target area. Demonstrating exceptional tactical acumen, foresight, and meticulous planning, he inducted light bulletproof vehicles within the cordon, significantly enhancing force protection measures.

At 1420 hours, as contact was established, the fleeing terrorists opened heavy, indiscriminate fire in his direction. Assessing the imminent threat to his troops, Havildar Prakash Tamang exhibited exceptional situational awareness and a high degree of battlefield proficiency, maneuvering to a tactically advantageous position and delivering effective fire on the terrorists.

During the ensuing firefight, despite sustaining a gunshot wound to his right thigh, Havildar Prakash Tamang displayed unwavering gallantry and rare courage under intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he closed in on the fleeing terrorist and neutralized one terrorist at a close range.

For displaying conspicuous grit, exceptional courage under fire, outstanding leadership qualities and bravery beyond call of duty, **Havildar Prakash Tamang is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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IC-83753H MAJOR SATENDER DHANKAR

(THE ARMoured CORPS, 4 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Major Satender Dhankar has demonstrated exceptional valor and exemplary leadership in the execution of a counter-terrorist operation in Dalas District, resulting in the elimination of three foreign terrorists.

Upon receiving actionable intelligence regarding the presence of three terrorists holed up in a dhok (mud house) within the dense, impenetrable jungles of Doda District, he exhibited immaculate tactical acumen and quickly established a well-coordinated cordon around the target area. Sensing the cordon, the terrorists initiated indiscriminate fire on the cordon party. The Officer swiftly retaliated with precise engagement, neutralizing the first terrorist as he attempted to flee. Recognizing an imminent threat to his buddy, he selflessly pushed him out of the line of fire, exposing himself to intense enemy fire, during which a bullet grazed his thigh.

Exhibiting indomitable spirit and courage with absolute disregard for personal safety, he crawled forward under heavy fire and engaged the terrorists with accurate suppressive fire, preventing them from bringing effective fire onto his team.

Exercising sound tactical judgment, the Officer crawled and maneuvered to the Rocket Launcher operator under hostile fire and repositioned him to a vantage point, enabling the elimination of the second terrorist and the grievous injury of the third terrorist.

For displaying exemplary leadership and undaunted courage in face of enemy fire, **Major Satender Dhankar is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



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AR-446P ASSISTANT COMMANDANT ESHENTHUNG KIKON, (4 ASSAM RIFLES)

Upon receiving specific intelligence from own sources regarding the movement of miscreants near a sensitive area in Manipur, a special reconnaissance team was deployed to track them from 30 July 2024 onward.

On 05 August 2024, at approximately 2130 hours, twelve armed miscreants were observed engaging in extortion in the vicinity. Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon, Company Commander, immediately activated his column, challenged the miscreants, and engaged them in close hand-to-hand combat. Meanwhile, additional troops had already established a tight cordon, effectively cutting off all avenues of escape.

During the confrontation, an armed cadre cocked and aimed a weapon at troops. Recognizing an imminent threat to own troops and after issuing due warnings, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon exhibiting high standards of physical fitness, bravery and battlefield composure, he fired one round upon the cadre in possession of Light Machine Gun, resulting in a non-fatal gunshot wound to the cadre's right elbow, thereby neutralizing his ability to operate the automatic weapon.

In an exemplary display of professionalism, leadership, and courage, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon and his team swiftly overpowered the armed cadres, resulting in the successful apprehension of all twelve cadres and the recovery of five weapons, a substantial cache of ammunition, and war-like stores. Assessing the evolving security dynamics, including a potential civilian build-up and obstruction of routes by them, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon demonstrated a high degree of situational awareness in executing a seamless evacuation of the apprehended cadres without collateral damage.

He ensured first aid to the injured cadre and subsequent safe evacuation for medical attention. Through his tactical brilliance and decisive action, the officer successfully handed over the apprehended cadres to local Police station without escalation of Internal security situation in the area.

For his dynamism, unwavering dedication & gallant actions beyond the call of duty, **Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA”

JC-414610L SUBEDAR VIKAS TOMAR (1 PARA (SPECIAL FORCES))

Subedar Vikas Tomar has actively participated in multiple surveillance operations in the Machhedi sector. On 11 September 2024, he was tasked with establishing surveillance over a Dhok in the in Dhagri Forest, leveraging his deep understanding of terrorist movement patterns, terrain, and tactical expertise.

At 1200 hours, while leading his search squad along the Northwest Spur of Dhagri. he was assigned to conduct a cordon and search operation of dhok on North West spur, post confirmation of suspicious movement. His squad advanced with caution towards dhok, utilizing cover provided by the support squad positioned at a nearby cattle shelter.

At 1300 hours, his squad came under heavy fire from an unexpected direction. Reacting with battlefield composure, Subedar Vikas Tomar, under cover from the support squad, immediately retaliated and skillfully led his team to safety. Employing fire-and-move tactics and exploiting adverse weather conditions, he maneuvered aggressively toward the incoming fire.

Upon drawing fire from a second terrorist with complete disregard for personal safety, JCO crawled toward the terrorist hideout and lobbed a hand grenade. Demonstrating a high degree of tactical surprise, he circumvented the boulder shielding the terrorist and executed a decisive close-quarters assault from an unexpected direction. Acting with deadly precision, he delivered accurate headshots, swiftly neutralizing the second terrorist.

For displaying extraordinary leadership, nerves of steel and exceptional presence of mind under enemy fire, resulting in the elimination of a terrorist, **Subedar Vikas Tomar is awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“KIRTI CHAKRA

IC-82153N MAJOR MALLA RAMA GOPAL NAIDU THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY, 56 RASHTRIYA RIFLES

On 26 October 2023, Major Malla Rama Gopal Naidu (IC-82153N) led an ambush party for an intelligence-based counter-infiltration operation along the Line of Control in Kupwara District.

At 1010 hours, his scout spotted five terrorists. He swiftly repositioned the ambush to trap them. At 1025 hours, as the ambush was sprung, a fierce firefight ensued, with terrorists taking cover behind boulders. Conducting surveillance, Major Naidu identified a terrorist’s position, but the terrorists spotted him and opened heavy fire. Sensing danger to his troops, he charged forward, killing one terrorist at point-blank range and injuring another, who retaliated with intense fire. Rolling under a volley of bullets, Major Naidu pinned down the terrorist, enabling the elimination of three terrorists.

During the search, a fifth terrorist hiding in a cave opened indiscriminate fire. Major Naidu dashed toward the cave as the terrorist hurled grenades, narrowly missing him. Seizing a split-second opening, he neutralized the terrorist.

For meticulously planning and executing the operation, displaying nerves of steel, utter disregard for his own safety while protecting his troops, resolute leadership, and eliminating two terrorists, **Major Malla Rama Gopal Naidu is awarded the “KIRTI CHAKRA”.**



“KIRTI CHAKRA

IC-83449Y MAJOR MANJIT (THE PUNJAB REGIMENT, 22 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

On 25 April 2024, Major Manjit assiduously trailed movement of two foreign terrorists in a village in Sopore district through responsive human intelligence as received from a credible source.

In the midst of localizing the suspected target complex, the officer carefully established an initial cordon, showing unwavering commitment despite the terrorists' attempts to breach it throughout the night of 25 April 2024. Throughout the dark hours, the terrorists retaliated fiercely, launching numerous attempts to breach this defensive perimeter. As dawn broke on 26 April 2024, at 0530 hrs, one of the terrorists stealthily infiltrated an adjacent orchard, seeking the refuge favoring natural cover.

Taking cover behind a sturdy boundary wall that led into the orchard, the officer skillfully pinned down the terrorist, who was attempting to maneuver toward a nearby cowshed at the entrance of the orchard. With the situation growing increasingly dire, the officer made a bold decision to evacuate a trapped civilian and two frightened children from the cowshed, prioritizing their safety.

Despite being subjected to a relentless barrage of gunfire, Major Manjit displayed extraordinary courage as he began crawling toward the terrorist, undeterred by the peril surrounding him. At that moment, he spotted the terrorist preparing to launch a grenade at the scout. With unwavering determination, the officer engaged in an intense firefight, ultimately overcoming the threat and eliminating the terrorist.

For displaying conspicuous gallantry and exhibiting outstanding leadership **Major Manjit is awarded “KIRTI CHAKRA”.**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

IC-78151L MAJOR AASHISH DHONCHAK, SENA MEDAL

4494574P SEPOY PARDEEP SINGH

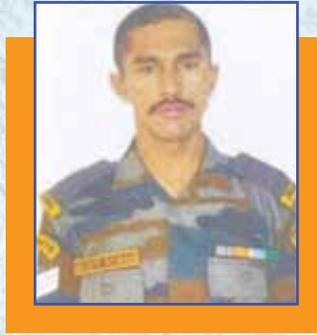
(THE SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY, 19 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

On 13 September 2023, Major Aashish Dhonchak (IC-78151L), Sena Medal, and Sepoy Pardeep Singh (4494574P) were part of a search-and-destroy operation in a densely forested area of Anantnag District.

Major Aashish Dhonchak, Sena Medal: As the terrorist hideout was located and identified, the terrorists opened indiscriminate fire in an attempt to escape. Unmindful of his own safety, Major Aashish Dhonchak retaliated with precise fire. To protect his column, the officer selflessly provided cover fire, disregarding his own safety. In the ensuing firefight, he sustained severe gunshot wounds. Despite his injuries, he continued to pin down the terrorists with precision fire, allowing his team to take cover and eliminate the terrorists. The officer displayed raw courage exemplified true leadership from the front.

Sepoy Pardeep Singh: As the leading scout, Sepoy Pardeep Singh, without regard for his own safety, retaliated with suppressive fire against the terrorists. To protect his column, he selflessly provided cover fire at great personal risk. During the intense firefight, he sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Despite his injuries, he held his position and, alongside Major Aashish Dhonchak, continued to pin down the terrorists, enabling his team to regroup and eliminate the terrorists.

Their unwavering valor and loyalty led to the successful elimination of the terrorists, one of whom was later identified as a Category ‘B’ militant. For their conspicuous gallantry beyond the call of duty, resulting in the elimination of hardcore terrorists and their supreme sacrifice for the nation, **Major Aashish Dhonchak, Sena Medal, and Sepoy Pardeep Singh are posthumously awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

20002941F HAVILDAR ROHIT KUMAR KIKON,

(THE DOGRA REGIMENT, HIGH ALTITUDE WARFARE SCHOOL)

Havildar Rohit Kumar, posted as a Havildar Instructor at the High Altitude Warfare School, displayed superlative mountaineering skills, unparalleled physical endurance, and raw courage while leading his team of Lead Climbers to establish a route on the treacherous, steep slopes of Mount Kun 7077 Meter.

Havildar Rohit Kumar spearheaded the Operational Climbing Training Team, distinguishing himself by undertaking an arduous assignment critical to ensuring the operational preparedness of the Mountain Warriors Team for operations. The training, conducted at an altitude of 18,600 feet altitude in sub-zero temperatures, demanded navigation through glacier-laden terrain interspersed with crevasses and under constant threat of avalanches.

With complete disregard for his personal safety, Havildar Rohit Kumar led from the front in avalanche-prone slopes to secure ropes and establish a viable route to the summit of Mount Kun 7077 meters. Under his leadership, over 2,000 meters of fixed rope were successfully laid on very steep slopes of Mount Kun.

On 08 October 2023, while painstakingly ascending an 85-degree slope, a massive slab avalanche was triggered, and hit Havildar Rohit Kumar and his team. In the highest traditions of the Indian Army, Havildar Rohit Kumar made the ultimate sacrifice while executing his duty.

For leading his team against all odds and performing his duty till death **Havildar Rohit Kumar is posthumously awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR, CT/GD, (POSTHUMOUS)

SHRI DEVAN C, CT/GD, (POSTHUMOUS)
(CRPF)

On January 30, 2024, 201 CoBRA and 150 BN CRPF launched an operation to establish a new Forwarding Operating Base at Tekalgudium, PS Jagarguanda, Distt Sukma, Chhattisgarh a known Naxal stronghold.

When 201 CoBRA Commandos cordoned the new FOB area they saw armed Naxals advancing from the South. Dy Comdt Lakhveer swiftly alerted his teams and took position as the Naxals opened heavy fire. Braving the attack, he engaged the enemy directly, inspiring his troops and leading a successful defense, neutralizing multiple Naxals.

During the intense combat, a BGL blast severely injured Dy Comdt Lakhveer, but he remained composed, stopped his bleeding, and continued leading. Despite his injuries, he coordinated the evacuation of wounded personnel. Meanwhile, Ct/GD Pawan Kumar and Ct/GD Devan C risked their lives by fiercely engaging advancing Naxals. Ct/GD Pawan Kumar was fatally shot by a sniper. In a valiant rescue, Ct/GD Malkit Singh exposed himself to heavy fire to recover Ct/GD Pawan Kumar's body, fighting despite a chest wound, and neutralizing several Naxals. AC Rajesh Panchal, despite a bullet wound to his right hand, continued leading and motivating his team under heavy fire.

For their bravery, extraordinary courage, exceptional leadership and act of gallantry, **Ct/GD Pawan Kumar (Posthumously) and Ct/GD Devan C (Posthumously) are awarded the “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

EXGS-178067A OEM GDE-1 VIJAYAN KUTTY G

(BORDER ROAD ORGANIZATION)

EXGS-178067A OEM GDE-1 VIJAYAN KUTTY G of 157FCPL/110 RCC was a highly skilled operator and had tremendous experience of working across diverse and challenging terrain with BRO. He was deployed with JCB Wheel Loader EM No 21Q-32313 at KM 53.450 on Reasi-Arnas-Mahore Road for formation cutting of approaches of Khurd Bridge. The terrain at the location is extremely treacherous, characterized by deep gorge and shooting stones, while the road is critical to hinterland counter-terrorist operations and alternate connectivity to Rajouri Poonch Sector.

On 15 Jun 2024, at approximately 1035 hours, while engaged in formation cutting operations, VIJAYAN KUTTY G encountered an emergency as his wheel loader suddenly lost control and began rolling toward the valley. Unmindful of his safety, he made a valiant attempt to regain control of the machine. Despite his best efforts, the loose ground on the valley side of the road caved, causing the JCB Wheel Loader to plunge into the deep gorge along with its operator.

VIJAYAN KUTTY G sustained multiple injuries on his head and attained martyrdom. He made the supreme sacrifice displaying indomitable courage in the face of adversity.

For making the supreme sacrifice, displaying exceptional courage and devotion to duty under most challenging conditions, while working on a vital strategic road, **EXGS-178067A OEM GDE-1 Vijayan**



“SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

IC-85773P CAPTAIN DEEPAK SINGH

(THE CORPS OF SIGNALS, 48 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

On 13 August 2024, upon receiving intelligence regarding the presence of terrorists, two teams under the command of Captain Deepak Singh were immediately deployed.

Demonstrating exceptional tactical acumen, Captain Deepak Singh established surveillance from a vantage position. At 1930 hours, upon detecting terrorist movement, he swiftly maneuvered his column to close in, executing a well-coordinated engagement that resulted in injuring the terrorists. Despite the challenges posed by nightfall and the terrorists taking cover among boulders, he maintained an unrelenting vigil throughout the night,

At first light, Captain Deepak Singh reorganized his team and initiated a systematic search, successfully recovering an M4 assault rifle, ammunition, and grenades. Meanwhile, an injured terrorist, abandoned by his accomplices and concealed among the boulders, launched effective fire on his team.

Sensing imminent danger to his buddy under direct enemy fire, Captain Deepak Singh displayed extraordinary selflessness and gallantry. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he pushed his buddy to safety to cover behind the boulders during which he sustained multiple gunshot wounds in the process. Despite his injuries, he pressed forward and engaged the terrorist with precision fire, inflicting grievous injuries on the terrorist. He succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom.

For his exceptional bravery and valour, indomitable spirit in saving lives and grievously injuring one terrorist while making the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, **Captain Deepak Singh is posthumously awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.**



“KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

9121885W RIFLEMAN RAVI KUMAR

(THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY, 63 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Bravery has been second nature to Rifleman Ravi Kumar (9121885W). On 12 September 2023, he volunteered to be the lead scout of the Commanding Officer’s Quick Reaction Team in pursuit of terrorists.

At around 1530 hours, while trailing the terrorists through extremely rugged terrain and dense foliage, he spotted two terrorists at close range, ready to fire. As they opened fire, he instinctively pushed aside his buddy to safety, dived for cover, and retaliated. Despite being hit in the initial exchange, he continued engaging the terrorists, grievously injuring one while simultaneously guiding his team to cut off their escape routes. Despite bleeding profusely, he refused evacuation and pinned down the terrorists to prevent their escape until he eventually lost consciousness. He succumbed to his injuries while being evacuated.

Rifleman Ravi Kumar made the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the Indian Army. His actions epitomized valor, courage, and selflessness in the face of grave danger. Apart from neutralizing two hardcore terrorists, his bravery galvanised the entire battalion. **Rifleman Ravi Kumar is posthumously awarded the “KIRTI CHAKRA”.**



“KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

IC-67028M COLONEL MANPREET SINGH, SENA MEDAL,

(THE SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY, 19 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

KPS-185686 DY. SP HIMAYUN MUZZAMMIL BHAT,

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE

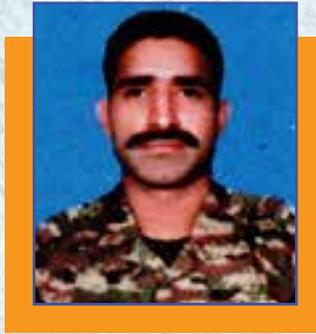
On 13 September 2023, Colonel Manpreet Singh (IC-67028M), Sena Medal, led a search-and-destroy operation in the densely forested hills of Anantnag District. In the same operation, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Himayun Muzzammil Bhat volunteered to lead the Special Operations Group (SOG) column.

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Sena Medal: As the team identified the terrorist hideout, the terrorists opened indiscriminate fire in an attempt to escape. Unmindful of his safety, Colonel Manpreet Singh returned fire, eliminating one terrorist. Displaying exceptional leadership, he quickly reorganized his team to block escape routes while directing continuous fire. Amid the fierce gunfight, he sustained a fatal gunshot wound to the forehead.

DSP Himayun Muzzammil Bhat: He engaged the terrorists without regard for his own safety. Despite sustaining severe gunshot wounds, he continued to fire, preventing their escape.

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Sena Medal, and DSP Himayun Muzzammil Bhat exhibited extraordinary bravery and unparalleled leadership, leading from the front under heavy fire. Their unwavering valor and swift decision-making ensured the elimination of a terrorist and the containment of others.

In recognition of their conspicuous bravery, raw courage, exemplary leadership, and excellent tactical acumen, displayed with sheer disregard for their own safety and culminating in their supreme sacrifice for the nation, **Colonel Manpreet Singh, Sena Medal, and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himayun Muzzammil Bhat are posthumously awarded the “KIRTI CHAKRA”.**



“KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”

15240290F NAIK DILWAR KHAN

(THE REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, 28 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)

Naik Dilwar Khan was part of an ambush operation in the dense jungles of Lolab Valley, Kupwara district, on 23 July 2024. At 2350 hours, his party observed two terrorists, one of whom was in extremely close proximity. Upon engagement, his ambush party opened fire, prompting terrorists to charge aggressively toward them.

Sensing grave threat from the closing-in terrorist to his team and displaying extraordinary courage with complete disregard for personal safety, Naik Dilwar Khan, despite being under heavy enemy fire, lunged at the approaching terrorist, engaging him in intense hand-to-hand combat. Meanwhile, the other terrorist continued to fire indiscriminately from a distance. During this gallant action, Naik Dilwar Khan sustained grievous injuries. Undeterred by his injuries, he maintained his grip on the terrorist and, with exceptional resilience, managed to neutralized him at point-blank range before succumbing to his wounds.

For displaying indomitable courage, utter disregard to personal safety and gallantry of highest order, **Naik Dilwar Khan** is posthumously awarded **“KIRTI CHAKRA”**.