

*KIRTI CHAKRA*

**SHRI PRAMOD KUMAR, COMMANDANT, 49 BATTALION  
CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE (POSTHUMOUS)**

At about 0800 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, militants hiding in an abandoned building at Nowhatta Chowk, Srinagar opened indiscriminate fire on the troops of 28 Battalion, CRPF. Hearing the news of encounter, Shri Pramod Kumar, Commandant, 49 Battalion, CRPF rushed to the incident site and first ensured the evacuation of the injured amid heavy gun fire and replaced them with fresh troops. Thereafter, he along with other operational commanders lay siege around the target building. Once all the escape routes were plugged, Shri Pramod Kumar along with his troops reached close to the building in bullet proof vehicles and got engaged in a fierce gunfight. Shri Pramod Kumar maneuvered his vehicle amid raining bullets and reached the hideout from where he could just see the lower body part of a militant. He fired an aimed shot at the militant and inflicted injury on his legs. However, intensity of fire from the militant's side did not decrease. To neutralize him, Shri Pramod Kumar stepped out of the vehicle, without caring for his personal safety. As he fired upon the militant, a bullet fired by second militant pierced his skull. He was immediately evacuated to the Army Base Hospital where he breathed his last.

Shri Pramod Kumar, Commandant displayed act of conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, utmost dedication to duty and made supreme sacrifice in service of the nation.

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### **5047602N HAVILDAR GIRIS GURUNG, 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE FIRST GORKHA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

While Havildar Giris Gurung was leading the search along a steep slope with dense foliage in Kupwada district of Jammu and Kashmir, a militant hiding in this area fired at him and he was hit on his thigh. Though bleeding profusely, he, realizing the grave threat to his team and with utter disregard to his personal safety, moved to flank and assaulted the location with an accurate burst from his AK-47 thereby eliminating the militant. Thereafter, he identified the location of another militant who was firing towards his team. Though being grievously injured, he lobbed a grenade in that direction and displaying supreme bravery charged at the hidden militant and fired at him at extreme close quarters, thereby eliminating him. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Havildar Giris Gurung displayed selfless courage under fire and an unmatched aggressive spirit before making the supreme sacrifice.

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### **SS-42717H MAJOR GOSAVI KUNAL MUNNAGIR, REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, 166<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE MEDIUM REGIMENT (POSTHUMOUS)**

In November 2016, Major Gosavi Kunal Munnagir leading his Quick Reaction Team swiftly responded to the militants attack in an Army base in Nagrota district of Jammu and Kashmir. On reaching the incident site, he came to know that two officers were trapped in a double storied complex. Despite heavy fire by militants, he closed in the area and successfully rescued both the officers, one injured Junior Commissioned Officer and three Other Ranks.

In the ensuing fierce gun battle at very close quarters, Major Gosavi Kunal Munnagir was grievously injured. Despite injuries, he continued to pin down the militants till he was evacuated. Even while being evacuated, he continued to inform the location of militants. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Major Gosavi Kunal Munnagir displayed unmatched valour, exemplary leadership, indomitable spirit and highest degree of dedication to his duty before making supreme sacrifice for the nation.

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### **4578033Y LANCE NAIK RAGHUBEER SINGH THE MAHAR REGIMENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

In February 2017, Lance Naik Raghubeer Singh was a scout of search team of a Cordon and Search Operation in a village in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. As the team reached the top floor of the target house, Lance Naik Raghubeer Singh busted a hideout and heavy volume of fire was drawn from four militants trapped inside. Exhibiting exemplary presence of mind, he warned his team of the direction of fire and faced militants fearlessly in a direct firefight. He selflessly put himself in the face of indiscriminate militants fire to protect other members of the search team. During the firefight, he sustained bullet injuries. Undeterred from the grave injuries he brought down effective fire on the militants, eliminated one of them and also prevented other militants from escaping.

Lance Naik Raghubeer Singh displayed act of courage and gallantry beyond the call of duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

## PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-35904Y Lieutenant General Sarath Chand, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC Infantry
2. IC-35987P Lieutenant General Dewan Rabindranath Soni, VSM, Armoured Corps
3. IC-38654N Lieutenant General Devraj Anbu, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, Infantry
4. IC-38722W Lieutenant General Cherish Mathson, SM, VSM, Infantry
5. Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, AVSM (02118-N), Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command
6. Air Marshal Chandrashekharan Hari Kumar, AVSM, VM, VSM, ADC (15881) Flying (Pilot)
7. Air Marshal Anil Khosla, AVSM, VM (15871) Flying (Pilot)
8. IC-35965W Lieutenant General Rajendra Ramrao Nimbhorkar, UYSM, AVSM, SM\*\*, VSM, Infantry
9. IC-39083M Lieutenant General Sanjay Kumar Jha, AVSM, YSM, SM, Infantry
10. IC-39098P Lieutenant General Gurpratap Singh Dhillon, AVSM, YSM, SM, Infantry
11. IC-39295X Lieutenant General Parminder Jit Singh Pannu, AVSM, VSM, Infantry
12. IC-35796A Lieutenant General Kanwal Jeet Singh Gill, AVSM, VSM, Electronic and Mechanical Engineers Corps (**Retired**)
13. IC-40700W Major General Sanjay Thapa, Artillery Regiment

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### **IC-73531A MAJOR PREETAM SINGH KUNWAR 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE GARHWAL RIFLES**

In May 2017, on spotting six militants at the Line of Control in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Preetam Singh Kunwar evolved instantaneous plan displaying great tactical acumen and waited patiently for all militants to come into the killing zone. He opened accurate fire at opportune moment taking all militants by surprise. Suddenly, two of the militants hid behind boulder and brought down heavy volume of fire with hand grenades and UBGLs, one of which exploded near him. Impervious of own safety, he crawled along wooden log and lobbed hand grenades towards the militants resulting in their instant killing. Suddenly, he noticed one militant climbing in opposite direction towards party of Commanding Officer. He alerted the Commanding Officer and changed his position. Amidst heavy volume of fire, he brought aimed fire on climbing militant killing him instantly.

Major Preetam Singh Kunwar displayed exemplary courage, determination under odds, bravery of highest order and unflinching fortitude in fighting with the militants.

## UTTAM YUDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-38753W Lieutenant General Jaswinder Singh Sandhu, AVSM, VSM, Infantry
2. IC-39465W Lieutenant General Amarjeet Singh Bedi, YSM, VSM, Infantry
3. IC-39492A Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan, AVSM, SM, VSM, Infantry

## BAR TO ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-39070P Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, AVSM, YSM, SM, Infantry
2. IC-35962H Lieutenant General Lalit Kumar Pandey, AVSM, SM, Infantry  
**(Retired)**

## ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-35955M Lieutenant General Amrik Singh, SM, Infantry
2. V-00359F Lieutenant General Amolak Jit Singh, VSM, Remount Veterinary Corps
3. IC-39675W Lieutenant General Vijay Singh, SM, VSM, Infantry
4. IC-39871W Lieutenant General Santosh Kumar Upadhyaya, SM, VSM, Infantry
5. MR-04142P Lieutenant General Sanjiv Chopra, VSM, Army Medical Corps
6. IC-39898N Lieutenant General Depinder Singh Ahuja, Corps of Engineers
7. IC-39283H Lieutenant General Kanwal Kumar, Corps of Army Aviation
8. IC-40101W Lieutenant General Rajni Kant Jagga, VSM, Armoured Corps
9. Vice Admiral Ravindra Bhartruhari Pandit (02746-R), Commandant, Indian Naval Academy
10. IC-37398X Lieutenant General Rajan Ravindran, VSM, Infantry **(Retired)**
11. IC-35201X Lieutenant General Ajai Kumar Sahgal, VSM, Army Air Defence  
**(Retired)**
12. IC-40873N Major General Ramachandra Nagraj, VSM, Corps of Signals
13. IC-41166W Major General Satinder Singh, Army Air Defence

14. IC-41860H Major General Shantanu Dayal, SM, VSM, Infantry
15. IC-42389A Major General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju, YSM, Infantry
16. Rear Admiral Suresh Moochikal Damodaran, NM (02701-N), Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (INT-A)
17. Rear Admiral Narayan Prasad, NM (41016-T), Assistant Chief of Material (Nuclear Submarine Maintenance)
18. Rear Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, YSM, VSM (02782-F), Additional Director General National Cadet Corps
19. Rear Admiral Sanjay Mahindru, NM (02797-F), Chief Staff Officer (Sea Vector)
20. Air Vice Marshal Mahender Kumar Guleria, VSM (17130) Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical)
21. Air Vice Marshal Atul Kumar Singh, VSM (17041) Administration
22. Air Vice Marshal Harinder Jeet Walia (16418) Flying (Navigator) (**Retired**)
23. Air Vice Marshal Sunil Jayant Nanodkar, VM, VSM (16555) Flying (Pilot) (**Retired**)
24. Air Commodore Surendar Kumar Indoria, VM (18296) Flying (Pilot)
25. Air Commodore Rakesh Sinha (18797) Flying (Pilot)
26. Air Commodore Kartikeya Kale (19883) Flying (Pilot)

## *SHAURYA CHAKRA*

### **13767992A LANCE NAIK KASHMIR SINGH, 17<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR RIFLES**

In August 2016, Lance Naik Kashmir Singh was part of the column mobilised to eliminate infiltrating militants. The column spotted two militants in an area in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir and initiated fierce gun fight wherein Lance Naik Kashmir Singh sustained serious splinter injury. However, with complete disregard to personal safety and displaying indomitable courage, he continued to advance from cover to cover while continuously engaging the militants preventing further damage to own troops. He further closed in and shot one militant dead from close range. He thereafter occupied tactically advantageous position to seal the escape route of second militant while continuously engaging him thereby allowing encircling from another direction, ultimately leading to his neutralisation.

Lance Naik Kashmir Singh displayed definitive tactical prowess and gallantry despite being seriously injured, ensuring elimination of two hardcore militants.

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### **JC-580725N SUBEDAR SHABIR AHMED, 17<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR RIFLES**

In August 2016, on receipt of input about militants' movement, Subedar Shabir Ahmed mobilized his column with lightning speed to intercept the infiltrating militants. The column spotted militants in an area in Baramula district of Jammu and Kashmir leading to the fierce gun fight during which militants tried to escape. Subedar Shabir Ahmed immediately took control of the operation by alerting all neighboring posts, tactically deploying his column, rushing from stop to stop continuously readjusting their positions to ensure effective sealing of all escape routes. Displaying raw nerve and exemplary initiative, he crawled from cover to cover under heavy militant fire and shot one militant dead. Subsequently, he occupied a tactically advantageous position to effectively intercept the escaping militant and shot him dead at close range in fierce gun battle.

Subedar Shabir Ahmed displayed tremendous tactical acumen, exceptional leadership and bravery ensuring elimination of two militants.

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**SHRI VIKAS JAKHAR, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT  
CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**

**&**

**MD RIYAZ ALAM ANSARI, SUB-INSPECTOR/GD  
CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE**

On trail of the armed Maoists in the forest area of Chhipadohar in Latehar (Jharkhand), on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016, the Scout Group of 209 cobra led by Sub Inspector/GD Md. Riyaz Alam Ansari came under heavy fire from the Maoists from another side of the North Koel river. SI/GD Md. Ansari and his fellow troops immediately took the position in the sand pits and retaliated. At the same time, defying all the threats, brave troopers led by Shri Vikash Jakhar, Assistant Commandant of 209 cobra advanced towards the Maoists position to support their Scout Group. Seeing the troops encircling them, the Maoists started firing on both the flanks. Undeterred, Shri Vikash Jakhar with his brave troopers reached close to the Maoists and launched an aggressive onslaught.

Getting support from both the flanks, SI/GD Md. Riyaz Alam Ansari with his scout group charged on the Maoists and forced them to retreat. Before troops could chase the fleeing Maoists, they came under heavy attack from the Maoists positioned behind the boulders and trees across the North Koel river. In a do or die situation, stepping all threats aside, Shri Vikash Jakhar launched a ferocious counter - offensive against the Maoists, with his daring commandos. At the same time SI/GD Md. Riyaz Alam Ansari with his scout group continued their frontal attack on the retreating Maoists. The fearless attack resulted into killing of four Maoists on the riverbed. Sensing extreme aggression of the troops, the Maoists fled away. Search of the encounter site led to the recovery of 6 dead bodies.

Shri Vikash Jakhar, Assistant Commandant and Sub Inspector/GD Md. Riyaz Alam Ansari showed act of gallantry, indomitable fighting spirit, selfless dedication to duties and highest level of leadership in the face of clear and imminent death.

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**5250886X LANCE NAIK DEEPAK ALE, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION,  
THE 3<sup>RD</sup> GORKHA RIFLES**

In April 2017 while discharging duties of a Post Commander in an area of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, Lance Naik Deepak Ale noticed suspicious movement ahead of his post and alerted his neighbouring posts. Displaying utter disregard to his personal safety, he crawled with incredible speed in inhospitable snow bound high altitude terrain to close in with the militants, who were about to cross the fence. When the militants reached killing ground, he, with accurate and heavy volume of automatic fire, eliminated two militants on the spot.

Thereafter, Lance Naik Deepak Ale, despite being pinned down by covering group of militants, displayed excellent field craft and crawled 100 meters to assist Quick Reaction Team to occupy position of tactical advantage which resulted in elimination of the third militant. Subsequently, he spotted the fourth militant and facilitated his elimination by indicating his exact location.

Lance Naik Deepak Ale displayed courage, selfless devotion and gallantry beyond the call of duty.

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**TA-42759Y CAPTAIN (NOW MAJOR) PRADEEP SHOURY ARYA  
106 INFANTRY BATTALION TERRITORIAL ARMY (PARA) ATTACHED  
WITH 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT  
(SPECIAL FORCES)**

On 28 May 2017 at around 2230 hours, on detecting movement of 4-6 terrorists along the Line of Control at Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, Captain Pradeep Shoury Arya showing pre-eminent valour moved ahead with his buddy in the mined area to intercept them and immediately initiated a firefight. Terrorists sub divided and a group of three terrorists engaged Captain Arya with heavy fire. Displaying intrepidity and cold nerves, he closed in, and sited himself over a fallen tree overlooking the terrorists and killed one terrorist. This audacious move made other terrorists panic and they started firing indiscriminately towards his buddy. Sensing grave danger to his buddy's life, Captain Arya, showing heroic initiative and inspirational combat leadership, ran ahead from his concealed position and came directly in contact with the two terrorists in the foliage whom he shot at a very close range. This led to panic in the other group which was subsequently neutralized by Remote Control Improvised Explosive Devices.

Captain Pradeep Shoury Arya displayed audacity in the face of terrorists' fire and extraordinary valor in placing self in face of death, beyond call of duty.

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### **13630400Y PARATROOPER MANCHU, 12<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)**

Based on input regarding movement of terrorists, a column moved out to establish a Mobile Vehicle Check Post (MVCP) in general area Tizit, Mon District (Nagaland) on 06 June 2017. At approx 2200 hours, two Auto Rickshaws sped past MVCP and, on being pursued by own squad, came to a sudden halt. The terrorists dismounted and opened heavy fire and lobbed grenades on own party. In the ensuing fire fight one officer and two other ranks were critically injured. Paratrooper Manchu, in spite of being severely injured, moved towards the terrorists under heavy fire and brought down effective fire and enabled elimination of three terrorists. Due to grenade blast he was grievously injured in both eyes and shoulder. Despite bleeding profusely, he pulled back two of his squad members to safety.

Paratrooper Manchu displayed raw courage, presence of mind under heavy fire, initiative and determination of very high order despite grievous injuries to himself and saved lives of his fellow squad members.

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### **5047762N HAVILDAR RABINDRA THAPA 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE FIRST GORKHA RIFLES**

On the night of 07 June 2017, during intense ceasefire violation along the Line of Control in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, Havildar Rabindra Thapa continued to scan the area and identified movement of four to five terrorists who were across the Anti Infiltration Obstacle System. He immediately alerted his Platoon Commander and commenced recording of the movement of the terrorists. Once the terrorists had crossed, though being under heavy fire, he resited himself without fear for his own safety and sprung the opportunity ambush thereby eliminating one terrorist. As other two terrorists started fleeing, he brought down effective fire due to which one terrorist took cover of a fallen tree. The individual crawled and moved to one flank from where he eliminated the hidden terrorist.

Havildar Rabindra Thapa displayed courage, bravery and high awareness levels leading to the elimination of two terrorists.

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### **13625628L NAIK NARENDER SINGH, 9<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)**

On 25 June 2017 at 0445 hours, movement of heavily armed hostiles along the Line of Control at Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir was picked up by own troops. On being challenged, the hostiles opened indiscriminate fire and scattered in the dense bush. As the gun fight raged, own squad came under intense fire from a group of three hostiles hiding behind the rocks. Realising the grave threat to own troops, Naik Narender Singh, displaying superlative battle craft, closed in with the hostiles and lobbed grenades to flush them out. Finding themselves cornered, the hostiles rushed out firing and lobbing grenades simultaneously. Undeterred by the fire, Naik Narender shot one hostile dead and grievously injured other two at close quarters.

Naik Narender Singh displayed unparalleled devotion to duty, unflinching resolve and exceptional battle craft while single handedly eliminating one enemy soldier and grievously wounding two.

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### **IC-76619P MAJOR AKHIL RAJ RV, THE GRENADIERS REGIMENT / 55<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On 01 August 2017, at approximately 0200 hrs, on receipt of information about presence of hardcore terrorists in a house in village Hakhripur at Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Akhil Raj RV, displaying tactical acumen of highest order, established a foolproof cordon of the house with stealth and surprise. With total disregard to personal safety, he carried out reconnaissance amidst heavy terrorist fire for deploying his rocket launcher detachment, subsequently destroying the dominating terrorists from close range. The officer crawled through a breach created into the target house, displayed raw courage and exceptional reflex firing skills to eliminate one terrorist. Major Akhil, displaying fearlessness and nerves of steel, deliberately moved out of cover to distract attention of the second terrorist so that he could be neutralized by another party.

Major Akhil Raj RV displayed exemplary leadership, raw courage, fearlessness in face of intense firing and gallantry beyond call of duty resulting in elimination of two terrorists.

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**924566-R CORPORAL DEVENDRA MEHTA  
INDIAN AIR FORCE (SECURITY)**

On 18 November 2017, an offensive was launched jointly by the Indian Air Force Garud detachment and 13 Rashtriya Rifles in Chanderger village of Bandipora district in Jammu and Kashmir. The Garud covertly approached the target house where the suspected terrorists were hiding and laid a close quarter ambush. Corporal Devendra Mehta helped establish a speculative and deadly field of fire with his buddy LMG man, thereby sealing the likely escape routes of the terrorists. Six terrorists hiding in the house rushed out, shooting and lobbing grenades at the Garuds. Corporal Mehta demonstrated indomitable courage by retaliating with effective and accurate fire and gunned down one terrorist. To counter other advancing terrorists, he provided cover to the LMG man. Corporal Mehta, disregarding his personal safety, assisted in the evacuation of his critically injured buddy and took over the LMG to retaliate in order to neutralise six terrorists.

Corporal Devendra Mehta displayed exceptional courage in fighting with the terrorists.