

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-34760P Lieutenant General Praveen Bakshi, AVSM, VSM / Armoured Corps
2. MR-03911F Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Unni, AVSM, VSM / AMC
3. Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, AVSM, VSM, ADC (02011-W)
4. Vice Admiral Harish Chandra Singh Bisht, AVSM, ADC (02035-Z)
5. Air Marshal Jasbir Walia, VM, VSM, ADC (15684), Flying (Pilot)
6. IC-34605N Lieutenant General Rakesh Sharma, UYSM, AVSM, VSM / Infantry
7. IC-35494N Lieutenant General Subrata Saha, UYSM, YSM, Bar to VSM / Infantry
8. IC-35953F Lieutenant General Avinash Laxman Chavan, AVSM, SM, VSM / Infantry
9. MR-03856W Lieutenant General Velu Nair, AVSM, Bar to VSM / Army Medical Corps
10. Vice Admiral Jaywant Kumar Korde, AVSM, VSM (01912-W)
11. Air Marshal Sunderraman Neelakantan, YSM, VM (15184), Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
12. IC-34829N Lieutenant General Sanjiv Talwar, AVSM / Corps of Engineers-**(Retired)**
13. IC-35206W Lieutenant General Konsam Himalay Singh, UYSM, AVSM, YSM / Infantry **(Retired)**
14. IC-35487X Lieutenant General Narinder Pal Singh Hira, AVSM, SM / Infantry **(Retired)**
15. Air Marshal Virender Mohan Khanna, AVSM, VSM (15071), Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) **(Retired)**

KIRTI CHAKRA

IC-63798F MAJOR ROHIT SURI THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Major Rohit Suri was the Mission leader of the team which was tasked to carry out operations against terrorist's hideout in Jammu and Kashmir. While his party was closing in to the terrorist hideout, the terrorists started speculative firing. Displaying nerves of steel and high degree of combat leadership, Major Rohit Suri directed all parties to lie low and await further orders.

After analyzing that the routine on the terrorist hideout was back to normal, the officer directed his team to close in and engage the terrorists in the open. Major Rohit Suri along with his buddy closed in up to 50 meter of the target and neutralized both the terrorists in the open. Once all the terrorists in the open were neutralized, Major Rohit Suri directed the strike team to move towards the jungle and directed the firebase to engage the components of the terrorist hideout. During the assault, movement of two terrorists was detected moving in the jungle towards North West of the target. Realizing threat to own squads, Major Rohit Suri displaying utter disregard to his personal safety and raw courage ran to intercept the terrorists and engaged them with his personal weapon. On seeing the terrorists taking position, the officer closed in and neutralized both the terrorists in a close quarter combat.

By his decisive thinking, professional approach, warrior ethos, exemplary leadership and courage beyond the call of duty, Major Rohit Suri ensured the execution of the task flawlessly with clockwork precision and eliminated four terrorists in close quarter combat.

UTTAM YUDDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-38654N Lieutenant General Devraj Anbu, AVSM, YSM, SM / Infantry
2. IC-38679A Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna, AVSM, SM, VSM / Infantry
3. IC-35965W Lieutenant General Rajendra Ramrao Nimbhorkar, AVSM, Bar to SM, VSM / Infantry

BAR TO ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-38266W Lieutenant General Surinder Singh, AVSM, VSM / Mechanised Infantry

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-37316K Lieutenant General Pradeep Singh Mehta, VSM / Armoured Corps
2. IC-35923K Lieutenant General Jagbir Singh Cheema, VSM / Infantry
3. IC-38403K Lieutenant General Shokin Chauhan, YSM, SM, VSM / Infantry
4. IC-38750H Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane, SM, VSM / Infantry
5. IC-38879W Lieutenant General Ashwani Kumar, VSM / Army Air Defence
6. IC-39846X Lieutenant General Ashish Ranjan Prasad; VSM / Corps of Signals
7. Air Marshal Sanjay Sharma (15839), Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics)
8. Air Marshal Jasjit Singh Kler, VM (16225), Flying (Pilot)
9. IC-34789X Lieutenant General Raman Dhawan, Bar to VSM / Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
10. IC-35188Y Lieutenant General Rakesh Kumar Sharma, SM / Infantry **(Retired)**
11. IC-38494Y Major General Anil Khosla, SM, Bar to VSM / Infantry

12. IC-40792N Major General Dev Arvind Chaturvedi, SM / Infantry
13. IC-40703K Major General Harpal Singh, VSM / Corps of Engineers
14. IC-41080X Major General Gopal Gurung, SM / Infantry
15. IC-41528M Major General Harinder Singh, YSM, SM, VSM / Infantry
16. IC-45200H Major General Rajinder Kumar, SM, VSM / Judge Advocate General
17. Rear Admiral Satish Bajaj, VSM (02259-H)
18. Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, NM (02543-B)
19. Air Vice Marshal Rajiv Gandotra (16748), Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical)
20. Air Vice Marshal Balabhadra Radha Krishna, SC (17326), Flying (Pilot)
21. Air Vice Marshal Shiv Shanker Sharma (17073), Education
22. Air Commodore Deepak Gaur (17404), Medical

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**5756771H NAIK BIR SINGH
21ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT
(SPECIAL FORCES)**

During OPERATION PANGSHA conducted on 28 August 2015 at International Trade Centre area, Dan Pangsha at Nagaland, Naik Bir Singh was the Commander of the Squad tasked to ambush the vehicles of NSCN (K) insurgents.

When Naik Bir Singh and his buddy moved to intercept the vehicles, the militants were shocked by his swift action and fired on him indiscriminately. With lightning-fast reflexes, he immediately raised his weapon and engaged the militants, killing one instantly and wounding two others. In the ensuing firefight, despite multiple bullet wounds including one to his thigh-bone, Naik Bir Singh crawled along the foliage, under intense insurgent fire and brought down accurate fire on another militant who had taken cover behind a vehicle to fire at the squad, neutralising him on the spot. Ignoring the profuse bleeding and pain from his grave injury, Naik Bir Singh demonstrated exceptional resolve to control and divert his squad to a safe zone all the while relentlessly firing at the militants to suppress their fire, thus displaying the highest standards of camaraderie and esprit de corps, upholding the glorious tradition of the Indian Army.

Naik Bir Singh displayed gallantry, tenacious leadership and outstanding courage under fire beyond the call of duty.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-75501F CAPTAIN GAURAV SHARAD JADHAV
REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY / 36TH BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On 17 September 2015 at 2100 hours, on receiving information of suspicious activity near enemy post LC Hut at Bandipore district of Jammu and Kashmir Captain Gaurav Sharad Jadhav appreciated the likely infiltration route and laid an ambush with 10 Other Ranks in one of the most treacherous and inhospitable terrain.

At 2345 hours, on noticing the approaching terrorists, with exemplary presence of mind the officer readjusted and sprung the ambush at the opportune moment leading to a fierce fire fight for 15-20 minutes. Appreciating that the terrorists might sneak back across the Line of Control, with utter disregard to his personal safety and unflinching grit moved into the killing ground and killed one terrorist.

Meanwhile another terrorist lobbed a grenade at the officer. Displaying unparalleled military acumen the officer pinned down the terrorist with a grenade thereby forcing him to take cover. Seizing the opportunity with raw courage, the officer jumped out of cover and shot the second terrorist in his head.

Captain Gaurav Sharad Jadhav displayed brave act in the face of certain death with ability to lead without casualties during the operation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-62820P MAJOR RAHUL DEV SINGH
THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR RIFLES / 3RD BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On 04 October 2015, on specific input regarding presence of terrorists in Harigaon, Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Rahul Dev Singh launched his party to cordon the area. While the search party was approaching the target house, two terrorists rushed out, firing indiscriminately on search party resulting in injury to his buddy. The officer quickly retaliated, pinning down the terrorists and injuring one of them. The officer, under heavy volley of fire, evacuated his buddy to safety. While doing so, he also engaged the terrorists and eliminated one terrorist.

Subsequently on 23 November 2015 in another operation in village Siligam, district of Anantnag of Jammu and Kashmir while the search party led by him came under fire from terrorists, he assessed the situation and readjusted the party to intercept the fleeing terrorists. When the officer and his buddy were approaching the location, they came under heavy and effective fire. Undaunted by the fire, Major Rahul Dev Singh under the covering fire of his buddy and with utter disregard to his own safety, displaying conspicuous bravery and unflinching courage, closed in and single-handedly killed one of the terrorists.

Major Rahul Dev Singh displayed dauntless courage, exemplary leadership, tactical acumen with utter disregard to personal safety during both the operations, which resulted in elimination of three dreaded terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

14939722P SEPOY HARI CHETTRI THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY / 9TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES

Sepoy Hari Chettri was part of the operation at Khandipura village of Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir based on hard intelligence regarding presence of Lashkar-e-Toiba Chief Abu Qasim. Sepoy Hari was placed as a stop in the cordon and at around 0215 hours on 29 October 2015 observed suspicious move of an individual towards him. Before he could realise, the terrorist lobbed a grenade and fired indiscriminately on him in a desperate bid to escape. Unflinched by the shock effect caused by the grenade blast, he maintained due composure and mental alertness and fired back thereby injuring the terrorist. The injured terrorist kept moving and fired bursts of rounds on Sepoy Hari Chettri. Displaying conspicuous courage beyond the call of duty, Sepoy Hari Chettri held his ground and kept bringing down accurate fire on the terrorist, ultimately eliminating him while he was just three feet away from him.

Sepoy Hari Chettri displayed the gallantry beyond the call of duty, extreme presence of mind, determination and tenacity resulting in the elimination of a terrorist.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**924787 CORPORAL GURSEVEK SINGH
INDIAN AIR FORCE (SECURITY)
(POSTHUMOUS)**

Corporal Gursevek Singh, Indian Air Force (Security) was inducted for special operations at Air Force Station Pathankot as part of a Garud team on the evening of 01 January 2016.

On 02 January 2016, at 0310 hours, during search operations, he observed a group of terrorists and moved quickly to intercept them after alerting the whole assault squad. In the process, his team came under intense hostile fire from four terrorists, in which one of his team members was grievously injured. Corporal Gursevek Singh, along with his buddy officer, engaged the terrorists in a fierce exchange of fire. During the course of the assault, he suffered three severe gunshot wounds. Despite his injuries, he refused evacuation and along with his buddy officer, continued to engage the four terrorists at extremely close range till his last breath. His brave resistance under fire, without regard to his personal safety, resulted in the terrorists being contained at the same spot for more than 25 minutes till the arrival of reinforcements. The terrorists were prevented from entering the technical area of the Air Force Station, thereby ensuring the safety of all aircraft and other strategic assets.

Corporal Gursevek Singh displayed professionalism, exemplary courage and esprit de corps in the face of heavy odds before he made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**2799285W NAIK SHINDE SHANKAR CHANDRABHAN
THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY / 41ST BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

Naik Shinde Shankar Chandrabhan was the scout alongwith Gunner Sahadev Maruti More in a search and destroy operation launched in village Marsari of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on 12 February 2016 at 1300 hours. At 1415 hours, as the team approached the suspected house, intense and effective heavy volume of automatic fire was brought down by terrorists hiding in the house. Naik Shinde, despite being hit grievously, effectively pinned down the terrorists by his bold retaliatory fire, thereby assisting Gunner More to crawl close to the door. Undeterred and unmindful of his own injuries, he displayed extraordinary grit to cover the entry of Gunner More. When Gunner More was hit, Naik Shinde hurled himself on the terrorists and killed one at extreme close range. Sensing presence of more terrorists and grave danger to his team members, Naik Shinde maneuvered to outflank the terrorists and engaged them from an advantageous position thus eliminating second terrorist. He continued to fire effectively thus pinning them down and sustained multiple gunshot wounds to which he succumbed subsequently.

Naik Shinde Shankar Chandrabhan displayed raw courage, audacity in face of grave personal danger and an indomitable fighting spirit and personally killed two hardcore terrorists ensuring safety of his team members, before making supreme sacrifice.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

IC-72326M CAPTAIN TUSHAR MAHAJAN 9th BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES) (POSTHUMOUS)

During the Pampore building intervention operation at Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir from 20-22 February, 2016 Capt Tushar risked himself to extricate the grievously wounded Lance Naik Om Parkash under fire. While approaching the third floor his squad drew terrorist fire from a room. Undeterred, the officer lobbed grenades and cleared the room that had caught fire. Emerging into the corridor they were pinned down by heavy fire from a room further ahead. Seeing his men threatened, Capt Tushar advanced forward, firing and lobbing grenades simultaneously. The hail of terrorist fire caught Capt Tushar in his legs, swinging him midway. Bleeding profusely, the officer overcame excruciating pain and returned fire, wounding the terrorist. Shot again in the arm, Capt Tushar, displaying unparalleled resilience, aggression and raw courage charged and killed the terrorist instantly before collapsing and succumbed to his wounds.

Captain Tushar Mahajan displayed indomitable courage, gallantry, inspiring leadership and self sacrifice while eliminating one terrorist and evacuating his wounded comrade.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-78545K CAPTAIN PAWAN KUMAR
10TH BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)
(POSTHUMOUS)**

From October 2015 to February 2016, Captain Pawan Kumar led his troop in four successful operations that resulted in the elimination of six terrorists.

On 20 February 2016, still recovering from his past injury and contrary to the medical advice, Captain Pawan Kumar led his troop during Pampore operation at Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir. Despite grave personal risk the officer conducted close reconnaissance of the target building and decided to conduct building intervention operation - a high risk option to obviate collateral damage. Leading from the front, he reached the top floor, firing into the door and window of the room in which the terrorists were holed up. As he kicked the door to lob the grenade inside, the hidden terrorist shot him from a close range. Undeterred by his grievous injuries and refusing evacuation, the officer kept firing at the terrorist killing him. His gallant action saved the lives of his comrades and set the stage for elimination of remaining terrorists.

Captain Pawan Kumar displayed unparalleled courage and indomitable spirit in four consecutive operations and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**13769974W LANCE NAIK OM PARKASH
9TH BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)
(POSTHUMOUS)**

Lance Naik Om Parkash was the leading scout during the Pampore building intervention at Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir

On 21 February 2016, having breached the first floor door, he led the clearance upto second floor lobby when they drew heavy fire from third floor. Realising the mortal threat to his comrades, Lance Naik Om Parkash immediately returned fire thereby diverting the terrorist's attention and drawing fire onto himself, sustaining grievous gunshot wound in the process. Unmindful of his pain and blood loss, he despite his disadvantageous position, defied odds to advance forward and displaying raw aggression and unparalleled courage eliminated one terrorist before being shot again. His gallant charge eased pressure on his comrades and set stage for elimination of the remaining terrorist. Having ensured his squad's safety, he painfully extricated himself to cover, before being evacuated and succumbed to his wounds in the hospital.

Lance Naik Om Parkash displayed indomitable courage, gallantry and selflessness while killing one terrorist, ensuring safety of his comrades and extricating himself before making the supreme sacrifice.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**ASHU SINGH, CHME (131980 – F)
(POSTHUMOUS)**

On 06 March 2016 at about 1600 hrs, an incident of deck head lagging fire accompanied with heavy smouldering occurred in the 'B' Boiler Room of INS Viraat. Ashu Singh, CHME showed exemplary courage and presence of mind in safeguarding machinery by taking correct procedural step in crash stopping B1 boiler which was last in use and securing other machinery in the vicinity. He took lead role in successfully fighting the fire relentlessly for 35 min with all other watch keepers and SSFP in the extreme harsh conditions with intense heat and heavy smoke without thinking about his own safety thereby averting a major disaster. He also safeguarded the life of other fire fighters by guiding them to evacuate boiler room in time.

In the process the sailor, undeterred and unmindful of his own life, safeguarded the life of men and propulsion machinery of the aircraft carrier, displaying conspicuous gallantry, exemplary leadership and presented an example of "Service before Self".

Ashu Singh, CHME displayed feat of courage and gallantry in saving both personnel and the equipment at the cost of his own life in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-62423W LIEUTENANT COLONEL ATUL GUPTA
THE MAHAR REGIMENT / 30TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

Lieutenant Colonel Atul Gupta was leading three small operational teams as part of a large counter-infiltration grid deployed to intercept a freshly infiltrated group of four foreign terrorists in general area at Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on 25 July 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel Atul Gupta intelligently occupied an innocuous under construction building with one team which offered good field of view, protection and adequate killing ground and tactically deployed the other two teams to its west and east.

On spotting terrorists movement, the officer challenged four terrorists when they were within range, the terrorists immediately brought down heavy volume of fire upon them. Despite being under fire, he retaliated with accuracy and immediately blocked the escape routes by tactically readjusting the Ghatak team. The terrorists attempted to flee while firing simultaneously. Undeterred, the officer swiftly changed position and took cover behind a tree in front of the house by rushing up to it through gunfire with his buddy. Lieutenant Colonel Atul then engaged them boldly, eliminating two terrorists on the spot singlehandedly from a close range.

Lieutenant Colonel Atul Gupta displayed exemplary courage and leadership leading to elimination of four terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-79706N CAPTAIN ASHIK M B
FIRST BATTALION OF
THE FIFTH GORKHA RIFLES (FRONTIER FORCES)**

On 22 September 2016, Captain Ashik MB received confirmed information about presence of a group of Karbi People's Liberation Tiger hardcore terrorists planning subversive activities in a camp in general area Nambar. He chalked out a bold and deceptive surgical strike to bust the camp and neutralize the terrorists. He launched the operation at 2030 hours and led his party to the terrorist camp cordoning it by 0030 hours. The party closed in to the camp on spotting the terrorists after around 30 to 45 minutes of surveillance of the area. Captain Ashik deployed stops on all possible escape routes and then challenged them.

Immediately on being challenged, the terrorists started indiscriminate firing. Captain Ashik acted courageously under heavy volume of fire and returned aimed fire neutralizing two terrorists on the spot. On being fired upon, four terrorists tried to escape firing indiscriminately. Captain Ashik maneuvered with fire and moved along with his buddy and neutralised one more terrorist. He then directed the stops deployed in another direction, resulting in elimination of three more terrorists.

Captain Ashik MB displayed the highest order of leadership undaunting courage, tactical acumen and presence of mind in personally killing three hardcore terrorists which resulted in complete elimination of a group of six dreaded terrorists of Karbi People's Liberation Tiger.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

JC-414000Y NAIB SUBEDAR VIJAY KUMAR THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Naib Subedar Vijay Kumar was the part of the assault team which was tasked to carry out operations against a terrorist hideout in Jammu and Kashmir. He played vital role during the Close Recce carried out prior to the assault, which gathered crucial information about the hideout and facilitated the mission planning. During the operation, he was the fire support group commander tasked to provide supporting fire as well as cover the extraction of the team after disengaging from the target. At the precise moment, Naib Subedar Vijay Kumar opened extremely heavy volume of fire onto the terrorist hideout thereby enabling smooth closing in by the assault group to the target.

During the operation, terrorists from the hideout opened indiscriminate fire towards the assault group. Sensing grave danger and infliction of own casualties, with utter disregard to own safety under intense terrorists' fire, he ran down to the South East spur behind the open post and fired his Grenade Launcher in the loop hole of the terrorist automatic weapon fortification, thereby killing two terrorists and destroying the hideout. One of the terrorists was still firing at him. Realizing danger to the life of his buddy and other members of the assault group, he immediately retaliated with his personal weapon, pushed his buddy to safety, charged on the terrorist and eliminated him.

Naib Subedar Vijay Kumar displayed indomitable courage, highest level of spirit-de-corps, fortitude beyond call of duty and gallantry in the service of the nation.