

**19000555M LANCE NAIK SANDEEP SINGH, 4TH BATTALION
THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES) (POSTHUMOUS)**

On 22 September 2018, Lance Naik Sandeep Singh was the leading scout of the Special Forces squad which was carrying out search operation to locate and neutralize an infiltrated group of hardcore foreign terrorists at an altitude of 12,500 feet in Jammu & Kashmir. The rocky nature of the terrain and lack of vegetation made the conduct of operation extremely difficult.

During the operation, Sandeep Singh tracked the accurate location of the terrorists and alerted his squad. As the squad was getting deployed, they came under heavy effective fire from the terrorists. Realising the imminent danger to his squad members, Sandeep Singh displaying field craft of an exceptional order closed in on the terrorists and neutralized one terrorist at very close range with accurate rifle fire. One of the remaining terrorists lobbed a grenade at Sandeep injuring him severely. Thereafter, the terrorists started engaging the rest of the squad with effective fire. Lance Naik Sandeep Singh in a daring act crawled close towards the other two terrorists and engaged them, during which he was once again hit by terrorists' fire which led to his rifle falling into a nearby gorge. In a selfless and brave act Lance Naik Sandeep Singh grabbed one of the terrorists and engaged him in hand to hand combat. Taking advantage of the pause in the terrorists' fire, the rest of the squad quickly moved on to a position of advantage and engaged the terrorists effectively. Lance Naik Sandeep Singh while in hand to hand combat was shot by the third terrorist mortally wounding him.

Sandeep Singh displayed raw courage and gallantry in personally eliminating one foreign terrorist, seriously injuring two terrorists and sacrificing his life in highest traditions of the Indian Army thereby ensuring safety of his squad and subsequent elimination of three terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

2498034F SEPOY BRAJESH KUMAR, THE PUNJAB REGIMENT 22ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)

On 26 October 2018, based on input regarding the presence of terrorists in a village in Jammu & Kashmir an operation was launched. First terrorist was neutralized at 0420 hours. The second terrorist started crawling towards a buddy pair. Sensing danger to his comrades, Sepoy Brajesh Kumar came out in open and under effective covering fire from his buddy, he accurately engaged the second terrorist, thereby grievously injuring him. Displaying superlative tactical acumen and field craft, Sepoy Brajesh Kumar then readjusted his position to cut off the escape route. Under cover of darkness, injured terrorist then lobbed grenade towards Sepoy Brajesh Kumar, thereby grievously injuring him.

Despite being injured, he refused evacuation and under effective covering fire from his buddy, he crawled forward and eliminated second terrorist in close quarter combat.

Sepoy Brajesh Kumar showed indomitable courage and undaunting bravery beyond call of duty in eliminating a Pakistani terrorist and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**2706918P SEPOY HARI SINGH, THE GRENADIERS, 55TH BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

On the night between 17 and 18 February 2019, based on input regarding presence of terrorist group in a village in Jammu & Kashmir, Sepoy Hari Singh alongwith Major Late Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal led the search from front. While searching a cow shed, terrorists opened indiscriminate fire resulting in multiple gun shots injury to the individual. Despite being injured, maintaining his tactical composure, Sepoy Hari Singh retaliated fire immediately and did not allow terrorists to escape. Exhibiting utter disregard to his safety, Sepoy Hari Singh re-adjusted his position close to cow shed in the line of fire to bring effective fire on hiding terrorists. Subsequently, when terrorists moved out of the cow sheds firing indiscriminately, Sepoy Hari Singh brought down heavy fire on terrorists and eliminated one terrorist and inflicted injuries to one more terrorist and attained martyrdom while fighting with terrorists at operation site. Terrorist eliminated was identified as a foreign terrorist.

Sepoy Hari Singh displayed conspicuous courage and unparalleled devotion to duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

**SHRI IMRAN HUSSAIN TAK, SUB INSPECTOR, J&K POLICE
(POSTHUMOUS)**

On 17.11.2017, information regarding the movement of terrorists in a vehicle, who were heading towards Zakoora area of Srinagar was received. Immediately, a joint Naka of police station Zakoora and police component Sringar headed by SI Shri Imran Hussain Tak under the overall command of SDPO, Zakura was established. Soon a car approached the Naka party which was signalled to stop. However the persons in the vehicle fired in the direction of SI Imran Hussain Tak and other police personnel of the Naka Party which led to severe bullet wounds to SI Imran Hussain and SPO Suhail Ahmad. Despite receiving bullet injuries, the SI exhibited extraordinary bravery and swiftly retaliated the fire which led to bullet injuries to the terrorist as well. Again applying good sense, the SI fired into the direction of the terrorist who was driving the vehicle. The terrorist lost control over the vehicle and after covering some distance, the car stopped. While making an attempt to flee from the spot, terrorists indiscriminately fired in the direction of the Naka party. Despite being grievously injured, Shri Imran Hussain Tak chased the fleeing terrorists and engaged them in fierce firefight. The SI challenged the terrorists and inflicted casualties to terrorists which led to elimination of a top terrorist commander. While confronting the terrorists, the SI got so close to them that he with a few associates were also able to overpower another terrorist and arrested him. Shri Imran Hussain Tak was critically injured during fierce fire fight with terrorists and due to loss of blood, unfortunately, later succumbed to his injuries and achieved martyrdom.

Shri Imran Hussain Tak, Sub Inspector, Jammu & Kashmir Police displayed heroic action, indomitable spirit, exceptional bravery, utmost dedication & commitment to duty in fighting with terrorists and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

SHRI ASHIQ HUSSAIN MALIK, SPECIAL POLICE OFFICIAL JAMMU & KASHMIR (POSTHUMOUS)

Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik, was deployed as SPO in J& K in District Anantnag.

On 21/22/06.2018, specific information was generated by J&K police regarding presence of terrorist in a house. The operation was accordingly planned and executed by Police Anantnag with the assistance 03 RR and 90 Bn CRPF. During the search operation, terrorists opened heavy volley of fire upon the joint operational components with the intention to break the cordon and escape from the spot. To eliminate the terrorist without any collateral damage, on spot assault teams were constituted. SPO Ashiq Hussain Malik volunteered himself for the task and marched towards the target. Since the terrorists were heavily equipped and trained they started indiscriminate firing on the assault teams to move forward. SPO Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik without caring for his own life, showing nerve of steel marched towards target in a fire retaliatory action and managed to reach in the close proximity of the hiding terrorists. The assault teams provided cover fire to the SPO and during intense exchange of close range gun battle, SPO Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik received severe bullet wounds and ultimately attained martyrdom.

Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik showed the highest degree of professionalism and courage due to which all the four heavily armed terrorists were eliminated.

Shri Ashiq Hussain Malik, Special Police Official displayed exceptional & conspicuous bravery, raw courage and commitment to duty in fighting with terrorists and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHRI KAMAL KISHORE (POSTHUMOUS)

On 16/17.10.2018 an input was received indicating that the hardcore HM terrorist Meharaj-ud-Din Bangroo, alongwith his associates, were hiding in Srinagar and planning to carry out a terrorist attack.

A team was formed to identify and subsequently neutralize these terrorists. The team tactfully and bravely evacuated the inmates of the adjoining houses where the terrorists were hiding and shifted them to a nearby safer place to ensure that there is no collateral damage. As the intervening party reached near the target house it came under heavy fire from the holed terrorists, who had taken position at the attic/top storey of the target house.

The holed up terrorists lobbed grenades and fired towards the advancing party and in the heavy exchange of fire between terrorists and security/police parties. While retaliating, Sg Ct. Shri Kamal Kishore of PC Srinagar got seriously injured. Despite of being seriously injured, he continued fighting bravely against the terrorists and attained martyrdom. Due to his extra ordinary efforts, the holed up terrorists were pinned down which facilitated their eventual elimination.

Shri Kamal Kishore, Sg Constable displayed exceptional courage, utmost dedication and commitment to duty in fighting with terrorists and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**SHRI AMAN KUMAR, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
(POSTHUMOUS)**

On 24.02.2019, Kulgam Police received specific information about presence of terrorists in village Turigam Police Kulgam, 34 Rashtriya Rifles and 18th Bn CRPF cordoned the said village and started door to door search. When the searching party approached a house, the hiding terrorists from the house in question fired indiscriminately upon the search party. The fire was effectively retaliated by initial party. During ensuing gun battle, 02 Army personnel sustained injuries. Shri Aman Kumar without caring for his personal safety evacuated both the injured and made arrangements to get them hospitalized. The brave officer then took the command get himself engaged in a fierce gun fight with the terrorists and killed a dread terrorist on the spot. The remaining terrorists fired indiscriminately towards the officer due to which he got seriously injured. The officer was immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment where he succumbed to his and attained martyrdom. The operation concluded with the elimination of 03 hardcore terrorists and huge quantity of arms and ammunition was recovered from them.

Shri Aman Kumar displayed exceptional and conspicuous bravery, raw courage, utmost dedication & commitment to duty in fighting with terrorists and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

SHRI CHALLAPILLA NARASIMHA RAO (POSTHUMOUS)

On 3/9/2019, at around 7 am, a major fire incident took place at ONGC Urban Plant claiming lives of one ONGC officer and three CISF Fire personnel. On that day, Late Shri C N Rao, GM (Production) was posted as Resident Plant Superintendent (RPS) at ONGC, Urban Plant. As soon as information about hydrocarbon smell reached the Control Room from the field area, the same was passed on to RPS. Late Shri Rao immediately rushed to the ground zero location along with a team of CISF Fire personnel to take care of the situation and identify the source. When the team searched ground zero, Late Shri Rao observed a strong smell of hydrocarbon. Shri Rao first ensured that the personnel nearby the affected location are moved to a safe zone. To avoid putting his entire team into danger, Shri Rao lead from the front with three CISF fire personnel to take corrective action. However, during this process, the unfortunate incident of fire engulfed him along with three brave CISF Fire personnel. Yet in this sacrifice, Shri Rao ensured the safety of other lives and protected larger interest of the organization.

Shri Challapilla Narasimha Rao displayed bravery, raw courage, utmost dedication and commitment to duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-37882K Lieutenant General Dalip Singh, VSM, The Army Ordinance Corps **(Retired)**
2. IC-39380A Lieutenant General Podali Shankar Rajeshwar, AVSM, VSM, The Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
3. IC-39522M Lieutenant General Jaiveer Singh Negi, AVSM, YSM, VSM**, The Infantry **(Retired)**
4. IC-40101W Lieutenant General Rajni Kant Jagga, AVSM, VSM, ADC, The Armoured Corps **(Retired)**
5. IC-40235P Lieutenant General Gopal R, UYSM, AVSM, SM, The Infantry **(Retired)**
6. IC-40360Y Lieutenant General Asit Bhailal Mistry, AVSM, SM, VSM, The Infantry **(Retired)**
7. IC-40382X Lieutenant General Arvind Dutta, AVSM, VSM, The Infantry **(Retired)**
8. IC-40302P Lieutenant General Ravendra Pal Singh, AVSM, VSM, The Mechanised Infantry **(Retired)**
9. Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM (02470-N) **(Retired)**
10. Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM (02459-N) **(Retired)**
11. Air Marshal Surendra Kumar Ghotia, VSM (16575) Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
12. Air Marshal Rajiv Dayal Mathur, AVSM, VSM (16772) Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
13. IC-40471W Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Mukesh Kumar, SM, The Infantry
14. Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat, VSM (17227) Administration/Fighter Controller **(Retired)**

UTTAM YUDDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-41860H Lieutenant General Shantanu Dayal, AVSM, SM, VSM, The Garhwal Rifles, Headquarter 4 Corps
2. IC-42004X Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita, AVSM, SM, VSM, The Kumaon Regiment, Headquarter 3 Corps

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. Vice Admiral Kiran Manikrao Deshmukh, VSM (41147-R)
2. Air Vice Marshal Bavisetti Chandra Sekhar (17726) Flying (Pilot)
3. IC-39868W Lieutenant General Sunil Srivastava, VSM**, The Regiment of Artillery (**Retired**)
4. Vice Admiral Kalidoss Srinivas, NM, VSM (40999-B) (**Retired**)
5. IC-43245K Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Ns Raja Subramani, SM, VSM, The Infantry
6. IC-43285L Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Devendra Pratap Pandey, VSM, The Infantry
7. IC-43370N Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Johnson P Mathew, VSM, The Infantry
8. IC-43472K Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Pradeep Chandran Nair, YSM, The Infantry
9. IC-44504N Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Gurbirpal Singh, VSM, The Infantry
10. IC-43686A Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Sanjiv Rai, SM, VSM, The Infantry
11. IC-44498L Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Ram Chander Tiwari, SM, The Infantry
12. IC-43216P Major General Bhanu Pratap Singh, The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers

13. IC-43330M Major General Jasbir Singh Sandhu, The Infantry
14. IC-44036Y Major General Atul Rawat, The Mechanised Infantry
15. IC-47223H Major General Sanjeev Chauhan, YSM, The Infantry
16. Air Commodore Makarand Ranade, VM (18586) Flying (Pilot)
17. IC-43407K Major General Surender Pavamani, SM, The Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
18. IC-45211P Major General Rajesh Kundra, SM, Brigade of The Guards **(Retired)**
19. IC-45297Y Major General Shammi Raj, SM, The Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
20. IC-45582X Major General Kalika Prasad Singh, YSM, The Infantry **(Retired)**
21. MR-05005H Major General Sanjay Darshan Behera, The Army Medical Corps **(Retired)**
22. MR-04921X Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Vivek Sharma, The Army Medical Corps **(Retired)**
23. Rear Admiral V Mohan Doss, VSM (50948-R) **(Retired)**
24. Air Vice Marshal Amar Prasad Babu Guttikonda, VM (17714) Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
25. Air Vice Marshal Nikhil Ramesh Chitnis, VSM (17826) Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) **(Retired)**
26. Air Vice Marshal Sattaru Bhanoji Rao, VSM (18243) Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) **(Retired)**
27. Air Vice Marshal Laxmi Narain Sharma (18338) Education **(Retired)**

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**4282386X SEPOY KARMDDEO ORAON, 8TH BATTALION
THE BIHAR REGIMENT**

Sepoy Karmdeo Oraon of 8 BIHAR was deployed on a post on the line of control as Light Machine Gunner. On 29 December 2018 at 1630 hours the post received intense automatic fire from enemy posts.

Sepoy Karmdeo Oraon observed four terrorists firing and rushing towards the post which could endanger troops holding it. Sounding alarm, he engaged terrorists with Light Machine Gun during which he received a bullet on his Bullet Proof Patka and fell down. Realizing criticality of the situation, showing acute presence of mind, with utter disregard to his personal safety, he immediately rushed out of his bunker, lobbed nine grenades and engaged terrorists in close quarter battle. This gallant action resulted in elimination of two terrorists. Continuing focused aggression, he rushed back to Light Machine Gun and recommenced firing thus ensuring that terrorists made no further attempt.

Sepoy Karmdeo Oraon showed stupendous gallantry and undaunting bravery in pursuance of operational task.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

4101010K RIFLEMAN AJVEER SINGH CHAUHAN, 6TH BATTALION THE GARHWAL RIFLES

Rifleman Ajveer Singh Chauhan was a part of Bela IV ambush point in Tangdhar Sector, District Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir on 18 August 2018.

He, with his alertness, picked up suspicious movement on improved Anti Infiltration Obstacle System at 1215 hours. He moved to a tactical position along with his buddy, Rifleman Preetam Singh but was fired upon by terrorists. Maintaining his composure, he told his buddy to lie down and using field craft, both of them crawled to the nearest tree and took cover. Rifleman Ajveer, despite indiscriminate fire of terrorists, maintained fire control and also directed his buddy to conserve ammunition while not allowing terrorists to break contact. When the terrorists had exhausted their ammunition, two terrorists tried to escape towards the Line of Control. Seeing this, he crawled ahead of the tree cover and engaged both the terrorists at close range, eliminating both of them. He further crawled to a side and fired accurately towards the third terrorist thereby pinning him down, who was neutralised by his buddy, Riflemen Preetam.

Rifleman Ajveer Singh Chauhan displayed raw courage, presence of mind and with utter disregard to personal safety and neutralized two terrorists and successfully eliminated the infiltration bid.

CONSTABLE ZAKER HUSSAIN, CRPF

In the morning of 12th September 2018, on receiving information about the presence of 03 foreign terrorists near Jhajhar Kotli by CRPF, a joint Search and Destroy Operation was launched.

At 1055 hrs on 13th September 2018, upon receiving a specific input about the presence of 03 foreign terrorists in a house in Dheerti village a small team rushed to the site of which constable Zaker Hussain was a member.

On sensing the presence of troops near the house, terrorists opened heavy fire upon them. Shri Harshpal Singh, Deputy Commandant alongwith his buddy Ct. Zaker Hussain crawled sideways to find a position to launch an effective counter attack. Terrorists sensed their move and fired successive grenades upon them.

With the combined efforts of Shri Harshpal Singh, Deputy Commandant and Constable Zaker Hussain one terrorist was neutralized on the spot and the remaining two were injured.

Both Shri Harshpal Singh and Constable Zaker Hussain got hit in the firing of terrorists. Bullets hit Shri Harshpal Singh in his chest and Constable Zaker Hussain near his thigh. But like a true warrior, the duo got stubborn to fight the battle and refused to leave the ground. Despite, the heavy bleeding, the duo brave hearts continued their onslaught against the terrorists giving them no scope for respite and venturing out from their fortified positions.

Under the cover fire by his team, the duo was evacuated to hospital for treatment. The remaining two terrorists were neutralized by his team in the successive exchange of fire and recovered arms, huge cache of ammunition & explosives.

Like a true soldier and battle-mate, Constable Zaker Hussain fought along with his commander without caring for his life. He displayed exemplary bravery in keeping with the highest tradition of the force.

SHRI SUBASH CHANDER, HEAD CONSTABLE, J&K POLICE

On 19th October, 2018, a Joint Naka was established by police component of Baramulla and 53 Bn CRPF at Kralhar national Highway railway crossing, Baramulla. The checking of vehicles and pedestrians was being carried out by the Naka party headed by HC Shri Subash Chander.

At 13.30 PM, a black colour Scorpio vehicle plying towards Baramulla town was signalled by Naka party to stop for regular checking. All the passengers in the vehicle were asked to prove their identity as per laid down procedure. Suddenly, a passenger boarding the vehicle took out an AK-47 Rifle and fired upon HC Subash Chander, who by then had realized the intentions of the terrorist and had taken defensive position had a miraculous escape. With about 08 more people boarding in the vehicle, it was extremely difficult moment for him to take action against the terrorists and at the same time save innocent human lives. The terrorist tried to take one civilian hostage and as cover to escape. The civil passenger somehow managed to escape while one terrorist was still in vehicle and holding other 03 more passengers including 02 ladies as hostages, other terrorist suddenly got off the vehicle, while firing indiscriminately. HC Subash Chander with utmost presence of mind and superb marksmanship aimed at the terrorist who got killed in exchange of fire. The huge challenge was to secure the 03 civilian. HC Subash signalled them to get off from the vehicle while he diverted the attention of the terrorists. HC Subash suddenly threw a stunt grenade towards the road side which exploded with a bang, this diverted the attention of terrorist for some moments and in the spurt of moment, the passengers deboarded the vehicle giving ample room to HC Subash Chander to take on the terrorist and with covering fire from other Police/CRPF/Army parties, the heavily armed terrorist was eliminated.

While safeguarding the lives of 04 civilians in an extremely dangerous situation, HC Shri Subash Chander displayed extreme bravery and eliminated 02 hardcore Pakistani terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

SHRI SABLE DNYANESHWAR SHRIRAM, CONSTABLE, 53 BN CRPF, BARAMULLA, J&K

On 19 October 2018, C coy of 53 Bn was deployed for Naka duty at old Joint Interrogation Centre (JIC) Kralhar, under PS & District Baramulla (J&K), along with the component of SOG Baramulla. Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram was assigned the task of providing cover to the SOG personnel who were checking the vehicles plying on the Srinagar – Baramulla road.

At about 1330 hours, a black Scorpio was stopped by the Naka party. There were two male passengers, two female passengers alongwith the driver. The moment the vehicle came to a halt the occupants were requested by the civil police personnel to step down and cooperate in the search process.

The female passengers suddenly got down from the vehicle and in a panic ran in different directions. Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram, suspecting mischief started closing towards the suspected vehicle. The militant who was sitting on the co-driver seat was again asked to get down from the vehicle. Realizing that he was surrounded, he reluctantly got down from the vehicle. Suddenly, in a flash, he drew out a pistol from his jacket and fired at the person conducting the search of the vehicle which missed the target. By this time, Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram had reached close to the vehicle. The militant, finding him close, fired a volley of bullets upon him. Displaying sharp reflexes, Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram saved himself from the deadly attack and through his accurate fire; he eliminated the terrorist on the spot.

In the meantime, taking the advantage of the ongoing encounter, the second male occupant got down from the vehicle and fled, firing with his AK- rifle and simultaneously lobbing grenades to dissuade the SFs from pursuit. Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram, who by then has neutralized the first militant, ran after the fleeing militant. Militant was trying every bit to escape from the site. At this juncture, Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram decided to launch a final attack and throwing all cautions to the wind, came out of his cover and under the covering fire of his fellow troops, took a precise shot on the militant and neutralized him on the spot.

Constable Sable Dnyaneshwar Shriram showed exemplary bravery, raw grit and extraordinary commitment to duty under extreme adversity, in keeping with the highest traditions of the CRPF.