

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-34019L Lieutenant General Deependra Singh Hooda, UYSM, AVSM, VSM and Bar / Infantry
2. IC-34350Y Lieutenant General Kamaljit Singh, AVSM and Bar / Armoured Corps
3. Air Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, AVSM, YSM, VM, ADC (15405) Flying (Pilot)
4. Air Marshal Shirish Baban Deo, AVSM, VM, VSM, ADC (15681) Flying (Pilot)
5. IC-34098L Lieutenant General Harminderjit Singh Sachdev, AVSM, SM/ Infantry
6. IC-34775X Lieutenant General Ravindra Vasantrao Thodge, AVSM, SM, VSM/ Infantry
7. IC-34890X Lieutenant General Srinivasan Lakshmi Narsimhan, AVSM and Bar, VSM/ Infantry
8. IC-35226K Lieutenant General Kocherlakota Gopala Krishna, AVSM, SM, VSM/ Infantry
9. IC-31633P Lieutenant General Arun Kumar Sahni, UYSM, SM, VSM/ Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
10. IC-35040A Lieutenant General Rakesh Mohan Mittal, AVSM, SM, VSM/ Corps of Engineers **(Retired)**
11. IC-31663M Lieutenant General Rakesh Nandan, AVSM, SM / Army Air Defence **(Retired)**
12. IC-34392L Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, UYSM, AVSM, VSM/ Infantry **(Retired)**
13. Vice Admiral Saroj Kumar Jha, AVSM, NM (01866-R) **(Retired)**

KIRTI CHAKRA

CONSTABLE GAUTAM KOCH, ASSAM ARMED BRANCH (POSTHUMOUS)

At about 0030 hours on 23 June, 2014, on receiving a specific information about presence of some armed United Peoples Liberation Army (UPLA) insurgents in a house at Ramsing Hanse Gaon under Diphu Police Station, an operation was launched by Police team which included Armed Branch Constable Gautam Koch. They encircled the house where some insurgents were hiding. On being asked to surrender, the armed insurgents came out of the house and started firing indiscriminately on the security forces. Immediately Constable Gautam Koch, with his sheer courage and presence of mind, retaliated the firing and confronted them face to face. As a result, one insurgent was killed on the spot. However, Constable Gautam Koch too sustained bullet injury on his head and later died in the hospital.

Constable Gautam Koch displayed indomitable courage, determination and conspicuous gallantry and made supreme sacrifice in fighting with the insurgents.

KIRTI CHAKRA

JC-571195H NAIB SUBEDAR RAJESH KUMAR, THE MAHAR REGIMENT / 30TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)

On 28 October, 2014 at 0600 hours during a Search & Destroy operation in Wadarbala Forest of Kupwara district of Jammu & Kashmir, Naib Subedar Rajesh Kumar made a dash across the steep slopes of Wadarbala Forest and blocked the Nala through which terrorists were escaping. The terrorists opened indiscriminate fire at close range. In a display of raw courage and utter disregard to his personal safety, he crawled forward and killed one terrorist. Remaining terrorists holed up under a rock. Determined to eliminate them, Naib Subedar Rajesh Kumar continued to close in. In a desperate attempt, two terrorists charged upon him. In spite of his injury, Naib Subedar Rajesh Kumar eliminated one more terrorist before making the supreme sacrifice.

Naib Subedar Rajesh Kumar displayed gallantry of the highest order and made the supreme sacrifice while fighting with the terrorists.

KIRTI CHAKRA

HEAD CONSTABLE RAJESH ATRA, SPECIAL TASK FORCE, DURG, CHHATTISGARH

On receipt of an intelligence input about the presence of armed CPI (Maoist) extremists near village Pidmel, Distt. Sukma in Chhattisgarh, Special Task Force (STF) Team, which included Head Constable Rajesh Atra, launched an offensive operation against the extremists on 11 April, 2015. After the Platoon commander was hit by a bullet from the extremists and died on the spot, Head Constable Rajesh Atra suo motto took command of the team. He showed great presence of mind and moved ahead by breaking through the Maoist ambush with the help of Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) fire. However, about 800 mtrs ahead the party was caught in a second ambush. The Maoist planted a third ambush around 500 mtrs ahead. Head Constable Rajesh Atra fired the UBGL cell killing three Maoists. Head Constable Rajesh Atra not only led his team back to safety but ensured that all the injured police personnel were brought back.

Head Constable Rajesh Atra displayed exemplary leadership, tactical acumen, and conspicuous gallantry in the face of fierce gun battle with the Maoist extremists.

KIRTI CHAKRA

IC-61357M LIEUTENANT COLONEL NECTAR SANJENBAM, SHAURYA CHAKRA, 21ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)

During a raid on insurgent camp on 08 June, 2015 in Manipur, Lieutenant Colonel Nectar Sanjenbam along with his buddy proceeded to neutralize the sentries at the insurgent camp post. Moving stealthily, the officer approached the post and, in a daring operation, succeeded in eliminating both insurgents. Observing movement in a bunker 30 meters from his position, he along with his buddy crawled towards the bunker and closed in undeterred. Unmindful of his personal safety, he lobbed a grenade and in yet another daring action entered the bunker, killing four insurgents. He then ordered the fire assault with Rocket Launchers into the camp which lasted approximately 20 minutes with heavy volume of rockets and small arms fire by the insurgents from 10 to 12 other bunkers. Lt Col Nectar, thereafter, ensured the safe return of the raiding team.

Lt Col Nectar Sanjenbam, SC, displayed meticulous planning, conspicuous gallantry, bold and daring action under most challenging conditions.

UTTAM YUDDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-35471M Lieutenant General Bipin Rawat, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM / Infantry Headquarters 3 Corps
2. IC-35206W Lieutenant General Konsam Himalay Singh, AVSM, YSM / Infantry Headquarters 16 Corps

BAR TO ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-35173W Lieutenant General Raymond Joseph Noronha, AVSM, SM / Infantry
2. IC-35919F Lieutenant General Amarjeet Singh, AVSM, SM / Infantry

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-34028M Lieutenant General Aniruddha Chakravarty, VSM / Infantry
2. IC-34954X Lieutenant General Amit Sarin, SM, VSM / Army Ordnance Corps
3. IC-35115M Lieutenant General Jagbir Singh, SM, VSM / Mechanised Infantry
4. IC-34838P Lieutenant General John George, VSM / Regiment of Artillery
5. IC-35602M Lieutenant General Ashok Bhim Shivane, VSM / Armoured Corps
6. IC-35915L Lieutenant General Rajeev Tewari / Armoured Corps
7. Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, VSM (02540-Y), Chief of Staff, Headquarter Western Naval Command
8. Vice Admiral Murlidhar Sadashiv Pawar, VSM (02483-T), Director General, Project Seabird
9. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, VSM (02619-A), Deputy Commander-in-chief Headquarters Strategic Forces Command
10. IC-34708M Lieutenant General Gopal Singh Bisht, VSM / Corps of Signals
(Retired)

11. IC-38487H Major General Pampapati Doddappa Hallur, VSM / Infantry
12. IC-39522M Major General Jaiveer Singh Negi, YSM, VSM and Bar / Infantry
13. IC-39656L Major General Dinesh Sharma, VSM / Infantry
14. IC-40314K Major General Chandi Prasad Mohanty, SM, VSM / Infantry
15. IC- 40360Y Major General Asit Bhailal Mistry, SM, VSM / Infantry
16. IC-40500A Major General Yogesh Kumar Joshi, Vir Chakra, SM / Infantry
17. IC-40716F Major General Manoj Pande, VSM / Corps of Engineers
18. Rear Admiral Rajasekhara Sarma Sishtla, VSM (50832-A), Admiral Superintendent Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatnam
19. Air Vice Marshal Shaik Mahaboob Subhani (16865)Accounts
20. Air Commodore (now Air Vice Marshal) Sunil Padegaonkar, VSM (17279), Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical)
21. Air Vice Marshal Praveen Kumar, VSM (15970) Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical) **(Retired)**
22. Air Commodore Tejinder Singh Sareen, VM (17138) Flying (Pilot)
23. Air Commodore Kallappa Hollannavar Suresh, VSM (18124) Flying (Pilot)
24. Air Commodore Manish Khanna, VM (18554) Flying (Pilot)
25. Air Commodore Sunil Kashinath Vidhate, VM (18825) Flying (Pilot)

SHAURYA CHAKRA

IC-73653K CAPTAIN (NOW MAJOR) VARUN KUMAR SINGH, THE RAJPUT REGIMENT / 44TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES

On receipt of information regarding presence of terrorists in Kohrot village of Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, Captain Varun Kumar Singh deployed troops to lay an effective cordon. At around 0730 hours on 15 January, 2015 searching the 'dhoks' the terrorists resorted to indiscriminate fire and ran in opposite directions to break the cordon. Captain Varun immediately retaliated with heavy volume of fire. Two terrorists slipped into the nearby nala and took cover under a boulder. Captain Varun along with his buddy, displaying raw courage while crawling to close proximity of the boulder, received a burst of fire. He using battle craft manoeuvred towards the direction of the fire and lobbed a grenade under the boulder injuring one terrorist. The injured terrorist retaliated with heavy volume of fire. Undeterred, Captain Varun fired with pin point accuracy to neutralize one terrorist. On seeing Captain Varun in close proximity, the second terrorist under the boulder lobbed a grenade and opened indiscriminate fire on him. Displaying nerves of steel, Captain Varun charged towards the boulder and brought down accurate fire at close quarters to eliminate the second terrorist also.

Captain Varun Kumar Singh displayed exemplary leadership, courage beyond call of duty, gallantry under fire resulting in the elimination of two hardcore terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-69288W MAJOR TANUJ GROVER, THE ARMoured CORPS /
22ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On 21 February, 2015, based on input received regarding presence of terrorists in village Thagund in Sopore district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Tanuj Grover established effective cordon of the target complex. At about 1115 hours, both the terrorists, who were hiding inside the target house, started firing indiscriminately at the inner cordon. As grenades were fired from multiple grenade launcher, one terrorist came out firing on own troops. Major Tanuj Grover, showing utter disregard to his personal safety and displaying raw courage, swiftly positioned himself in front of terrorist blocking his escape and killed him at very close range. Thereafter, the second terrorist jumped out of the cowshed and started firing at the officer. In spite of heavy volume of fire directed onto him, Major Tanuj Grover closed in and eliminated the second terrorist at extremely close range.

Major Tanuj Grover displayed indomitable courage, gallantry and exhibiting outstanding leadership while killing the two terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

G/144175X HAVILDAR MAN BAHADUR CHHETRI, 44TH BATTALION THE ASSAM RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)

On 31 March, 2015, Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri, while approaching Bench Corner in Ukhrul district of Manipur, detected an ambush laid by an insurgent group People's Liberation Army (PLA) through his superb tactical acumen. Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri immediately altered the patrol and engaged the insurgents. A fierce fire fight broke out. Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri through his effective and accurate fire eliminated one PLA insurgent and injured two others. The insurgents realising that their ambush was compromised and it was difficult for them to flee, detonated a series of eleven Improvised Explosive Devices(IED) laid in conjunction. Timely detection of ambush and engaging the insurgents by Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri saved the entire patrol from the insurgent's ambush. However, in doing so Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri received splinter injuries from the Improvised Explosive Device and made the supreme sacrifice.

Havildar Man Bahadur Chhetri displayed raw courage, unequalled tactical acumen and selfless devotion to duty while fighting with insurgents before making the supreme sacrifice.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

4577583P SEPOY DHARMA RAM, THE MAHAR REGIMENT / 1ST BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)

At about 1300 hours on 25 May, 2015, a patrol party which included Sepoy Dharma Ram, came under sudden heavy volume of fire from a house in village Kanjikul at Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. Sepoy Dharma Ram exhibited exemplary presence of mind to warn his team of the direction of fire and encountered the terrorist fearlessly in a direct firefight. He selflessly put himself in the face of terrorist fire and fought with nerves of steel to prevent any team member from getting injured. During the firefight, he sustained two bullet wounds on his back and thigh. Unmindful of and undeterred from the grave injury, Sepoy Dharma Ram, although bleeding profusely, exhibited exemplary field craft to crawl to an appropriate position from where he brought accurate fire on the terrorist and injured him gravely thus neutralizing him.

Sepoy Dharma Ram displayed courage beyond the call of duty, dogged determination and gallantry and made supreme sacrifice in fighting with the terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

CONSTABLE ROCKY, 59 BATTALION, BSF (POSTHUMOUS)

On 5 August, 2015, a Border Security Force (BSF) convoy consisting of 21 vehicles carrying 522 BSF personnel came under terrorist attack near village Simrauli in Udhampur. Two militants opened a heavy volley of fire on a BSF bus from two directions causing grievous injuries to the driver and the other occupants. Constable Rocky of 59 Battalion BSF who was escorting the bus as guard, also received grievous bullet injuries and started bleeding profusely. However, he, unmindful of his injuries, effectively engaged the militants by firing bullets. He was also constantly shouting and asking the occupants of the bus to duck down to avoid casualties. When the militant was in the process of lobbing a grenade in the bus, Constable Rocky, despite grievous bullet injuries, rushed to the door and killed the militant with effective fire. In the entire operation, Constable Rocky, despite grievous bullet injuries, stood ground and fought till he breathed his last.

Constable Rocky displayed exemplary gallantry and courage under heavy odds in fighting with the militants and made supreme sacrifice.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**SHRI BIKRAMJEET, PRIVATE EMPLOYEE, PESTICIDE FACTORY,
UPL, DISTT. JAMMU, J&K**

AND

SHRI RAKESH KUMAR SHARMA, DISTT. UDHAMPUR, J&K

At about 0700 hours on 05 August, 2015, a Border Security Force BSF convoy which was on its way from Jammu to Kashmir Valley came under terrorist attack. On receipt of this information, police parties and other security forces rushed to the spot and retaliated the fire killing one terrorist whereas another terrorist managed to flee taking the advantage of dense forests. While fleeing, he made five persons including Shri Bikramjeet and Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma hostage on gun point in pursuit of getting safe passage. After covering some distance, out of five hostages, three gave slip to the terrorist and managed to escape from his clutches. But, the remaining two hostages - Shri Bikramjeet and Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma - exhibited a great sense of presence of mind when they engaged the terrorist in conversation with the objective to get an opportune time to overpower him. They seized the first available chance by grappling the terrorist and overpowered him. Shri Bikramjeet snatched AK-47 rifle from the terrorist thus disarming him whereas Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma, by jumping over him, caught hold of the terrorist from his neck and disabled him by tying him with the rope.

Shri Bikramjeet and Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma displayed great presence of mind and exemplary bravery and apprehended a dreaded militant without caring for their life.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-71516M MAJOR SANDIP YADAV, THE ARMoured CORPS / 55TH
BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On receiving information about presence of terrorists in village Ratanpur at Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on 10 August, 2015, Major Sandip Yadav, while moving cross country, noticed a suspicious movement in a paddy field. The two terrorists immediately opened indiscriminate fire at him. Major Sandip Yadav stood his ground and retaliated the fire which pinned down the terrorists. Undeterred by heavy fire and showing exceptional presence of mind, he redeployed his team which prevented the escape of terrorists. After a grueling eighteen hours of firefight, Major Sandip Yadav decided to crawl close to the terrorists in an open area. During this action, he came under heavy fire from the terrorists. Unmindful of the grave danger and showing raw courage under heavy fire with utter disregard to personal safety, he crawled close and eliminated both the terrorists.

Major Sandip Yadav displayed exemplary leadership, fearlessness in face of intense firing and gallantry in the elimination of two terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-71155Y MAJOR ANURAG KUMAR, 9th BATALLION
THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES) ATTACHED WITH
32ND BATALLION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

At about 1400 hours on 26 August, 2015, on observing suspicious movement in Lidder Panzal at Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Anurag Kumar deployed his squads before shouting a challenge which drew indiscriminate terrorist fire. Realising grave threat to his men from the ricocheting bullets, he risked his safety and closed in with and eliminated one terrorist. Major Anurag Kumar then established a cordon. At 1100 hours on 27 August, 2015, one terrorist attempting to break cordon rushed out firing indiscriminately. Unmindful of the heavy fire and displaying immense courage, Major Anurag Kumar engaged and shot dead the terrorist at close quarters.

Major Anurag Kumar displayed exceptional tactical acumen, selflessness, inspiring leadership and gallantry beyond compare while fighting with the terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-58160L COLONEL SANTOSH YASHWANT MAHADIK, SM,
THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES) / 41ST BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

At about 1215 hours on 17 November, 2015, on receiving information about movement of terrorists in the forested area near Kashmiri Manigah, Colonel Santosh Yashwant Mahadik alongwith his Quick Reaction Team (QRT) expeditiously moved to the suspected site. As the team was deploying, they came under heavy fire from terrorists hiding in the forest. Pinned down by the terrorists' fire in the open, he immediately maneuvered to outflank the terrorists and engaged them from an advantageous position. In the fire fight, however, he suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Unmindful of his grievous injuries, Colonel Santosh Yashwant Mahadik kept the terrorists pinned down till he was evacuated. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Colonel Santosh Yashwant Mahadik displayed exemplary leadership, utmost dedication to duty and gallantry and made the supreme sacrifice while fighting with the terrorists.