







Independence Day, 2023 - Recipients of Gallantry Awards


S.No.	Rank and name	Service	Photo	Citation
KIRTI CHAKRA				
1.	015130652 Late Shri Dilip Kumar Das, INSP/GD, 210 CoBRA, CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)	MHA		02 – 03 Apr 21 On 02 Apr 21, on a specific input, received from SP Office, regarding presence of DVCM Maddanna and Tanti Kamlesh @ Gandhi along with 35-40 cadres of CPI (Maoist) in the jungle area of Vill Aliguda and Jonaguda under PS Tarrem, Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, a joint special operation was planned by DIG Ops Bijapur and SP Bijapur.
2.	951180664 Late Shri Raj Kumar Yadava, Head Constable /GD, 210 CoBRA, CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)	MHA		After a detailed briefing about intelligence input, joint teams departed from ops base Tarem on April 2, 2021, at 23:30 hrs. Divided into six strikes, the teams moved towards the target area of Vill Jonaguda. The strikes were led by various commanders: CC Vasudev for Strike I (STF+DRG), SI Dharam Singh Tulavi for Strike II (DRG), Sh Manish Kumar for Strike III (Platoon No 01 of A coy of 241 CRPF with 06 teams of 210 CoBRA and State Police), Sh Sandeep Dwivedi (overall commander) for Strike III, Sh Shailendra Kumar for Strike IV (troops of 168 CRPF), Sh Pankaj Dwivedi for Strike V (troops of 153 & 168 CRPF), and Sh Indranil Dutta for Strike VI (troops of 153 CRPF). All teams proceeded to their assigned locations in Vill Jonaguda.
3.	115132629 Late Shri Bablu Rabha, Constable/GD, 210 CoBRA, CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)	MHA		At around 0915 hrs, all strikes reached hillock 221. At 0925 hrs, strike 3 received real-time information about 40-50 armed Maoists moving from Vill Tekalguriam towards height 221. Strike 3 under Shri Manish Kumar, DC monitored Maoist movement from height 221. Updated intelligence at 1030 hrs indicated the presence of 50-60 armed Maoists near the foothills of Pandu Metta at height 317. While moving to GR (N 18-25-960, E 81-01-941), troops observed Maoist movement and informed the ops commander. Intense barrage of gunfire and explosive assaults were unleashed by the Maoists from the northern side of height 221. Sh Manish Kumar, DC, fired two HE bombs towards Pandu Metta, causing severe injuries and forcing the Maoists to retreat. Sh Sandeep Dwivedi, 2 IC, and other commandos also engaged the fleeing Maoists. The troops assumed a defensive posture and countered the
4.	155132904 Late Shri Sambhu Roy, Constable C/GD, 210 CoBRA, CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)	MHA		



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SHAURYA CHAKRA				
1.	IC-76052K MAJOR VIJAY VERMA, THE RAJPUT REGIMENT, 44 TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	Army		<p style="text-align: right;">05 Oct 2022</p> <p>Since October 2021, Major Vijay Verma has exhibited inspiring leadership during conduct of 10 successful operations, resulting in elimination of 22 hardcore terrorists.</p> <p>On 04 October 2022, upon receiving inputs of terrorists presence in a village in Shupiyan district of Jammu & Kashmir, launched cordon and search operation being the mission leader. While placing initial cordon, three terrorists fired indiscriminately lobbing grenades on the cordon in a bid to escape. Realising mortal danger to troops, officer along with his buddy closed in, bringing heavy fire onto 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 injuring other two. Neutralised terrorist was identified as a notorious terrorist who had earlier fatally injured a Police Officer.</p> <p>Concurrently, at around 0540 hours, Major Vijay received inputs of terrorist movement in a nearby village, approximately seven kilometres from his location. Displaying situational awareness and without disturbing the tactical balance of his team, he marshalled critical resources to facilitate launch of second operation in the nearby village which resulted in elimination of one more</p>

				<p>terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying exemplary leadership and conspicuous gallantry in eliminating one hard core terrorist, Major Vijay Verma is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
2.	<p>IC-76877P MAJOR VIKAS BHAMBHU, SENA MEDAL, 252 ARMY AVIATIONS QUADRON (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	Army		<p>21 Oct 2022</p> <p>On 21 October 2022, Major Vikas Bhambhu, as a pilot and Major Mustafa Bohara, as a Co-pilot were on Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance mission in RUDRA Helicopter along border in Arunachal Pradesh. At 1028 hours post successful mission completion, 20 Kilometer to the border, the helicopter caught fire in a catastrophic manner. This was an unprecedented catastrophic failure. There was rapid loss of altitude and variation in attitude with aircraft in extremities of limits. Both the pilots being in extreme physical and mental stress in a life threatening situation maintained exemplary composure and tried to regain control and fly away from built up area and ammunition point of Mugging to save precious lives.</p> <p>Both the Pilots had the liberty to land in open area near Mugging, however, this could have resulted in loss of civilian lives and damage to ammunition point due to fire. Facing a deadly situation Major Vikas Bhambhu and Major Mustafa Bohara, instead of saving their own life, displayed extraordinary courage and flying skills, steered the aircraft and crash landed away from habitat area making supreme sacrifice in highest traditions of Indian Army.</p> <p>In recognition of their unfathomable courage, fortitude and professionalism of exceptional order, Major Vikas Bhambhu and Major Mustafa Bohara are awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p>
3.	<p>IC-81741P MAJOR MUSTAFA BOHARA, 252 ARMY AVIATION SQUADRON (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	Army		<p>01 Nov 2022</p> <p>Since November 2020, Major Sachin Negi has exhibited exceptional professionalism and bravery in six successful operations resulting in elimination of 14 terrorists.</p> <p>Based on specific input of terrorist movement, Major Negi planned and established a Mobile Vehicle Check Post at a village in Pulwama district of Jammu & Kashmir. On being challenged, the terrorists in the vehicle opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades on him. Displaying composure, presence of mind and tactical acumen, Major Negi</p>
4.	<p>IC-79120X MAJOR SACHIN NEGI, THE GRENADIERS, 55TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES</p>	Army		<p>01 Nov 2022</p> <p>Since November 2020, Major Sachin Negi has exhibited exceptional professionalism and bravery in six successful operations resulting in elimination of 14 terrorists.</p> <p>Based on specific input of terrorist movement, Major Negi planned and established a Mobile Vehicle Check Post at a village in Pulwama district of Jammu & Kashmir. On being challenged, the terrorists in the vehicle opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades on him. Displaying composure, presence of mind and tactical acumen, Major Negi</p>


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5.	<p>SC-00905H MAJOR RAJENDRA PRASAD JAT, THE DOGRA REGIMENT, 62ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES</p>	Army		<p>10 Aug 2022</p> <p>Major Rajendra Prasad Jat has exhibited unparalleled valour and exceptional leadership in OPERATION WATREHAL leading to elimination of three hardcore terrorists.</p> <p>The officer planned and led the troops through inclement weather, terrain maintaining surprise trapping terrorists inside a house. Post contact, he led a team under hostile fire and engaged the terrorists forcing them to expose their location. Major Rajendra displaying presence of mind and tactical guile effectively engaged the terrorists. However, the terrorist engaged his buddy with effective fire. Sensing mortal danger to his buddy and not caring about his personal safety, Major Rajendra moved out of cover, crawled forward and engaged the terrorist in close quarters. This daring act led to elimination of one hardcore terrorist.</p> <p>Subsequently, second terrorist ran out of the house hurling grenades and firing towards his team, Major Rajendra again changed his position, effectively engaging and injuring the terrorist.</p> <p>For his conspicuous bravery and stout leadership in going beyond the call of duty in the face of grave and imminent danger to his men, Major Rajendra Prasad Jat is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
6.	<p>SC-00971L MAJOR RAVINDER SINGH RAWAT, THE ARMOURED CORPS, 44TH BATTALION THE</p>	Army		<p>30 Aug 2022</p> <p>Since March 2020, Major Ravinder Singh Rawat has exhibited inspiring leadership during conduct of 11 successful operations, resulting in elimination of 28 hardcore terrorists.</p> <p>On 30 August 2022, an input was received</p>

	RASHTRIYA RIFLES			<p>regarding presence of three terrorists in a village in Shupiyan district. While laying initial cordon, the officer spotted three terrorists trying to flee towards dense orchards. The officer immediately relocated himself to cover the escape route. On spotting his stop, the terrorists lobbed a grenade and opened indiscriminate fire towards his position in a bid to break cordon. He retaliated with precise fire and injured one terrorist who was subsequently neutralised by his buddy and thus prevented the terrorists from escaping.</p> <p>Another terrorist hiding in concrete drain, taking advantage of dense undergrowth & diminishing light, opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades on stops. Realising mortal danger to his troops, the officer took extraordinary initiative under grave mortal danger, approached close to the terrorist, entered the drain and eliminated him in close gunfight. The terrorist was identified as a hard core terrorist, who had earlier escaped cordons thrice injuring own troops.</p> <p>For displaying exemplary leadership and supreme gallantry, Major Ravinder Singh Rawat is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
7.	16013482F HAV VIVEK SINGH TOMAR, 5TH BATTALION THE RAJPUTANA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)	Army		<p style="text-align: right;">10 Jan 2023</p> <p>On 10 January 2023 at 0800 hours, HavildarVivekTomar while being deployed at forward post at an altitude of 18300 feet in Siachen Glacier under Operation MEGHDOOT noticed thick smoke emanating from a snow tent which could have resulted in massive fire accident at forward post in Glacier leading to possible threat to life of soldiers and loss of property. Having assessed the severity of situation, HavildarVivek Singh immediately rushed inside to contain the situation. With total disregard to personal safety, individual entered inside through dense smoke and managed to contain the situation with great difficulty and prevented major fire incident at the post.</p> <p>Due to inhalation of smoke particles and injury to wind pipe his health deteriorated and he could not be evacuated from the forward post due to inclement weather conditions. He fought fearlessly for 36 hours, but made supreme sacrifice on 11 January 2023.</p> <p>For displaying distinctive raw courage and extreme bravery with utter disregard to personal safety leading for safety of life of</p>

				his comrades, Havildar Vivek Singh Tomar is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)" .
8.	16022160H NAIK BHIM SINGH, THE RAJPUTANA RIFLES, 9TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	Army		<p style="text-align: right;">26 Sep 2022</p> <p>Naik Bhim Singh, has been serving as Combat Team Commander. On 26 September 2022, on receiving specific intelligence about presence of terrorist group in a village in South Kashmir, he led the initial team of cordon and search operation.</p> <p>Naik Bhim Singh positioned himself in a tactically critical location. While civilians were being evacuated from the operation area, the terrorist opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades towards civilians and injured an officer. Displaying exceptional situational awareness, Naik Bhim pinned down the terrorist with accurate fire and extricated the injured officer towards safely. Sensing grave danger to his team, Naik Bhim crawled towards holed up terrorist and took a risky position. At 1910 hours, second attempt to escape was made by the terrorist by lobbing grenades and injuring two civilians. In a split second reaction, Naik Bhim charged out of his position, completely surprising the terrorist and neutralised him at point blank range.</p> <p>During operation, Naik Bhim displayed audacious bravery, heroic courage and valour with utter disregards for personal safety, Naik Bhim Singh is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
9.	13779235X RIFLEMAN KULBUSHAN MANTA, THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR RIFLES, 52ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)	ARMY		<p style="text-align: right;">26 Oct 2022</p> <p>Rifleman Kulbushan Manta was deployed in Operation RAKSHAK (Jammu and Kashmir) and was part of joint Jungle operation which was launched in Baramulla district of North Kashmir in October 2022.</p> <p>Based on human intelligence received from Jammu and Kashmir Police, the search party led by the Scout Rifleman Kulbushan Manta reached in close proximity of two terrorists. Sensing the threat, terrorists made a desperate attempt to flee. Rifleman Kulbushan Manta immediately swung into action and attempted to capture one of the terrorist alive. In the ensuing hand-to-hand combat, he overpowered the terrorist. The second terrorist frightened by the bold action opened up indiscriminate fire in which Rifleman Kulbushan Manta received a gunshot wound in his leg. Regardless of the grievous injury, he</p>

				<p>attempted to chase the fleeing terrorist and engaged him with heavy fire thus saving lives of own troops from the terrorists' fire. As a result of this gallant action, one terrorist was captured alive in this operation while Rifleman Kulbushan Manta succumbed to the injuries.</p> <p>For his exemplary courage, immense tactical acumen, audacity and an indomitable spirit in the face of danger, Rifleman Kulbushan Manta is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p>
10.	LATE SHRI SAIFULLAH QADRI, SG. CONSTABLE, J&K POLICE (NOW POSTHUMOUS)	MHA		<p style="text-align: right;">10 Apr 22</p> <p>On 10.04.2022, a specific input was received from reliable sources regarding presence of some unknown terrorists in Bishamber Nagar, Konkhan Dalgate Srinagar. Teams of local police and CRPF were constituted to cordon off the area to locate the hiding terrorists under the close supervision of SSP Srinagar. During the search in the suspected area, the terrorists who were hiding in the house of one Shri Javid Ahmad Bhat opened indiscriminate firing upon the search party followed by hurling of grenades to manage their escape from the locality. The fire was retaliated by the search parties bravely and effectively and in the exchange of heavy fire between the two sides, six (06) personnel received bullet injuries which include four (04) police personnel from Police Component Srinagar.</p> <p>Continuous tracking and follow-up on leads extracted from sources by SgCt. Shri Safiulla Qadri (deceased-killed by terrorists on 24.05.2022) pin pointed the exact location of hiding of terrorists. Accordingly, an operation plan was chalked out by IGP Kashmir, SSP Srinagar and SP PC Srinagar. According to the plan, SgCt Shri Safiulla Qadri was tasked to lead the inner cordon as he had already gained the tactical guile, professionalism and proficiency in various other counter terrorists operations so as to target the suspected house with precision without causing any collateral damage as the terrorists had put the family members including-women and children to hostage. As the inner cordon closed in the suspected house, the inner cordon party headed by SgCt. Shri Safiulla Qadri dashed forward and reached near the door of the target house and positioned themselves in such a manner so as to ensure safe evacuation</p>

			<p>of the family and at the same eliminate the terrorists. As soon as the process of evacuation of trapped family was started by SgCt. Shri Safiulla and his buddies through the window of target house, the terrorists noticed the same and lobbed grenades upon them amid indiscriminate firing with sophisticated weapons resulting into injuries to some of them. The brave official without caring about his personal safety seized the initiative and engaged the terrorists. On challenging the terrorist hiding inside the target house, he drew heavy fire with utter disregard to his personal safety showing nerves of steel and succeeded in neutralizing one (01) terrorist in the face of gunfight in close quarter battle whose identification was later revealed as "Abu Arsalan @ Khalid (A-category) R/o Pakistan of LeT/TRF outfit besides inflicting injuries to second hiding terrorist. As soon as the official and his buddy entered into the target house, the second injured terrorist resorted to indiscriminate firing besides lobbed grenades upon the Police Party headed by SgCt. Shri Safiulia Qadri which was heavily retaliated by the Police Party resulting in elimination of injured foreign terrorist whose identification was later revealed as Mohammad Bhai @ Abu Qasim @ Mir Sahib RIO Pakistan Category "A" of LeT outfit.</p> <p>Specific Role of Recommendee</p> <p>However his art of establishing of surveillance, extracting leads and deft handling of counter terrorist operations had already exposed him to enemies. His action especially in Special Operation which took place on 10.04.2022 in Bishamber Nagar, had become eye sore for Pakistani handlers of terrorist. Undeterred by threats, he continued to display raw courage and showing high spirit, he fell prey to bullets on 24.5.2022 from terrorist and attained martyrdom. His ultimate sacrifice for nation has been one of most supreme and exemplary one.</p> <p>For displaying indomitable courage and undoubting bravery beyond call of duty in eliminating two Pakistani terrorists, SgCt Shri Safiuiia Qadri is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
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11.	SHRI GAMIT MUKESH KUMAR, CONSTABLE 61 CRPF	MHA		<p style="text-align: right;">19 Dec 21</p> <p>On 19th Dec 21, based on the intelligence input received from SOG, JKP about the presence of heavily armed terrorists inside Darbagh (Muftibagh), Srinagar, a joint Op. was launched by Valley QAT, CRPF and SOG, JKP. Accordingly, 3 HITs of Valley QAT, CRPF, under the supervision Sh O P Tiwari, 2 IC, 54 CRPF were formed.</p> <p>As per the plan, teams reached PP Nehru Park (RV Point) and further, troops moved in advance, in light vehicles, to ensure element of surprise and lay an initial cordon. Initially, a cordon was placed around the cluster of suspected houses to plug the possible escape routes. After some time, HITs reached the target area and started strengthening the cordon already placed by troops. While establishing fire bases near the target house, suspicious movement was noticed and conveyed on the radio sets. Taking advantage of darkness, terrorists hiding in the shed, entered the adjacent house by taking cover of the Cowshed.</p> <p>After due deliberation, it was decided to carry out the house intervention. Accordingly, two HITs, the first comprising of Sh Satendra Singh, AC and Sh Amit Kumar, AC, along with their buddies and the second team comprising of Sh Vinay Kumar, AC, SI/GD Vikash Kumar, Ct/GD Gamit Mukesh Kumar, were formed to undertake the house intervention. The first team along with all ballistic and safety equipment tactically entered the house, the team commenced the search of all corners and rooms of the house, but nothing suspicious was found.</p> <p>Thereafter, second team led by Sh Vinay Kumar, AC, entered the main target house with due safety and ballistic equipment. SI/GD Vikas Kumar along with Ct/GD Gamit Mukesh Kumar were directed to cover the right side room and stairs of the house. While entering the room, the hiding terrorist lobbed a hand grenade followed by indiscriminate fire upon the HIT. Displaying tactical acumen and nerves of steel, SI/GD Vikash Kumar Yadav and Ct/GD Gamit Mukesh Kumar took cover and retaliated effectively. Both gave cover fire to other teammates as well. Then SI/GD Vikash Kumar Yadav along with his buddy Ct/GD Gamit Mukesh Kumar advanced towards the terrorist by adopting fire and move tactics.</p>
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