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KIRTI CHAKRA				
01	IC-78103L MAJOR DIGVIJAY SINGH RAWAT , 21 ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)	Indian Army		<p>05 Jan & 26 Mar 2023</p> <p>Immediately on insertion in Manipur, Troop commander of 21 PARA (Special Forces), Major Digvijay Singh Rawat established an innovative and thorough intelligence network, which enabled him to map all Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) accurately through painstaking efforts.</p> <p>During an operation, Major Rawat received intelligence of VBIGs planning to target a VIP scheduled to visit Manipur. Based on this intelligence, Major Rawat activated his source to mislead the insurgent groups towards own ambush location. The source successfully channelised the insurgent group in intended area, where, on being challenged by own party, terrorists opened heavy fire using automatic weapons. Without losing momentum and undaunted by hostile fire, Major Rawat tactfully maneuvered his party to engage the terrorists and himself crawled to a flank and eliminated one Self Style Captain and injured another in a display of superlative skills. As per intelligence, Self Style Major and Self Style Captain were masterminds of ambush on Assam Rifles. Similarly, during another operation, the officer received intelligence of infiltration of VBIGs cadres. Using his knowledge of the area, he established close knit surveillance grid and successfully apprehended three senior cadres by physically overpowering them in a close quarter combat.</p> <p>For dedication to duty, unmatched valour, raw courage and tactical acumen in challenging combat conditions, Major Digvijay Singh Rawat is awarded with “KIRTI CHAKRA”.</p>
02	SS-45933F, DEEPENDRA VIKRAM BASNET , 4 th BATTALION THE SIKH REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p>15 to 18 Jun 2023</p> <p>Deependra Vikram Basnet was the commander of an ambush deployed in Keren sector of Kupwara district along the Line of Control on 15 June 2023. This ambush was deployed on receipt of intelligence regarding likely infiltration by a group of five terrorists.</p> <p>His surveillance team spotted these terrorists and provided early warning to him. Showing outstanding presence of mind in a high pressure situation, he quickly re-adjusted his troops to trap the terrorists.</p> <p>Post-midnight on 16 June 23, as the terrorists entered the ambush, he brought down heavy fire onto them. The leading terrorist, firing indiscriminately, threw grenades onto Major Deependra and his team. Realising the grave danger to his men, unmindful of his own safety, the officer crawled towards the terrorist amidst heavy fire and killed him at a close range. In the ensuing firefight, he came face to face with a second</p>

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				<p>terrorist. Without second thought, he engaged this terrorist in fierce hand to hand combat and killed him with his combat knife.</p> <p>He continued to resolutely control the operation and assisted in elimination of a third terrorist who was pinning down his team. The officer risked his life to safeguard his troops and ensured success of the operation. The operation eliminated five heavily armed foreign terrorists.</p> <p>For planning and executing a clinical operation without own casualty, raw courage and outstanding combat leadership, Major Deependra Vikram Basnet Singh is awarded with “KIRTI CHAKRA”.</p>
03	MS-20323K, ANSHUMAN SINGH , ARMY MEDICAL CORPS/ 26 TH BATTALION THE PUNJAB REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p style="text-align: right;">19 Jul 2023</p> <p>Captain Anshuman Singh was commissioned into the Army Medical Corps on 19 March 2020. The Officer joined 26 PUNJAB as Medical Officer for Chandan Complex under Operation MEGHDOOT.</p> <p>During the night of 19th July 2023, Chandan Dropping Zone witnessed a major fire incident. The officer heard the call of fire and rushed out of his Fibre Glass Hut. He rescued 4 to 5 individuals from the adjacent Fibre Glass Hut which was covered in smoke and was on the verge of catching fire. He directed individuals to a safe location. Then he saw that the Medical Investigation room was engulfed in fire. He went inside his Fibre Glass Hut to retrieve the medical aid box, however, he could not make his way out as the flames had spread and engulfed his shelter because of high velocity winds. He could not be rescued despite repeated efforts. His mortal remains were retrieved from the shelter after the fire was doused.</p> <p>Captain Anshuman Singh exhibited exceptional bravery and resolve of the highest order with utter disregard to his own safety. For his act of valour and sacrifice reflects the finest traditions of the Indian Army, Capt Anshuman Singh is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p>
04	4576018L, PAWAN KUMAR YADAV , 21 TH BATTALION THE MAHAR REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p style="text-align: right;">22 to 23 Jun 2023</p> <p>Based on intelligence input of likely infiltration, Havildar Pawan Kumar Yadav led an Ambush team and on receipt of fresh and specific intelligence of infiltration by 4-5 terrorists, he promptly volunteered to lay ambush in a densely forested area along the LC in Kupwara district.</p> <p>He displayed indomitable courage in laying ambush in close proximity of enemy post. When his team was fired upon from a close distance, displaying intrepid nerves of steel, he voluntarily moved ahead and crawled under indiscriminate firing of terrorists despite heavily mined terrain and thick vegetation, eliminated one</p>

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				<p>fleeing terrorist. Second terrorist was still on run. With total disregard for his own safety, he continued chasing second terrorist under overwhelming fire. Despite being physically exhausted, he exhibited raw courage by successfully neutralising second terrorist in hand to hand combat.</p> <p>For conspicuous gallantry, intrepidity and heroism at risk of his life above and beyond call of duty resulting in elimination of two hardcore foreign terrorists, Havildar Pawan Kumar Yadav Singh is awarded with "KIRTI CHAKRA".</p>
05	<p>9114288Y, ABDUL MAJID, 9TH BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)</p>	Indian Army		<p>22 to 23 Nov 2023</p> <p>Havildar Abdul Majid was a squad commander of 9th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) operating in Jammu and Kashmir since 2011.</p> <p>On 22 November 2023, during a search operation in forested areas of Rajouri district, his squad moved into evacuate Captain MV Pranjal of 63 Rashtriya Rifles Battalion who was mortally wounded due to terrorist's fire. Bringing down heavy fire to pin down the terrorists, he crawled forward and evacuated the officer to safe area and returned back to his position. Displaying exceptional tactical acumen he manoeuvred his squad near the natural cave where the terrorists were hiding and firing indiscriminately. Despite being hit by a bullet in his leg during firing and bleeding profusely he closed in with the terrorist hiding in the cave and lobbed a grenade inside, which forced the injured terrorist to come out of the cave. Sensing danger to own troops, Havildar Majid swiftly changed his position and charged towards the terrorist killing him at close quarters before succumbing to his injuries.</p> <p>For his exceptional courage, selflessness and most conspicuous gallantry while evacuating a mortally wounded officer and then neutralising a hardcore foreign terrorist, Havildar Abdul Majid is awarded with "KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p>
06	<p>2710816W, PAWAN KUMAR, THE GRENADEIERS/55TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES</p>	Indian Army		<p>27 to 28 Feb 2023</p> <p>On 27 February 2023, specific input was received regarding presence of terrorists in a village of South Kashmir's Pulwama district. Sepoy Pawan Kumar displayed exceptional tactical acumen in laying an impregnable cordon.</p> <p>Sepoy Pawan Kumar led search from the front and volunteered to undertake room intervention alongwith his buddy. As he approached the first floor, hiding terrorists resorted to grenade lobbing and indiscriminate firing. Displaying operational composure, Sepoy Pawan Kumar retaliated with restraint to prevent collateral damage while preventing terrorists escape. Sensing grievous danger to his colleagues, in an act of supreme courage and indomitable spirit, he dashed ahead and engaged</p>

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				<p>one terrorist in a hand to hand combat and snatched his weapon before eliminating him at very close quarters while injuring second terrorist. In this intense fire fight, Sepoy Pawan Kumar sustained fatal gunshot wounds and laid down his life in the highest traditions of Indian Army. Terrorist eliminated was identified as Category 'A', terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying undaunted courage and unparalleled devotion beyond call of duty, Sepoy Pawan Kumar is awarded with "KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p>
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01	IC-76640X, MANEO FRANCIS PF, 21 ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)	Indian Army		<p>04 to 05 Jan 2023</p> <p>Major Maneo Francis PF, the Assault Team commander of 21 Para (SF) has been operating in Manipur since 2022. Within a short duration, he developed an immaculate intelligence network and kept close surveillance on terrorist activities in Manipur, resulting in accumulation of accurate intelligence of Valley Based Insurgent Groups.</p> <p>On receipt of reliable intelligence of likely sabotage activity on a VIP Major Francis planned an operation to foil the plan by the terrorists. Through painstaking efforts and protracted surveillance done over a long period, he identified likely crossing point of insurgent group near a Border Pillar and laid an ambush at the site. Four heavily armed personnel were moving towards the ambush site. On being challenged, the terrorists opened heavy fire using automatic weapons. In retaliation, unmindful of personnel safety, he quickly manoeuvred and outflanked the insurgents and successfully eliminated a</p> <p>Self Style Major, Commander of an insurgent group and injured another insurgent at close range using his superior combat skills. As per intelligence, Self Style Major and Self Style Captain were masterminds of</p>



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				<p>ambush on Assam Rifles. He continued engaging the balance insurgents who were following the leading four thus ensuring safety of his men.</p> <p>Major Francis resolute leadership, raw courage under fire, precise intelligence which foiled a major insurgent attack as confirmed from the recoveries. For meticulous planning, gallant and selfless act, Major Maneo Francis PF is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
02	SS-47915X, AMANDEEP JAKHAR, 4 TH BATTALION THE SIKH REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p>15-18 Jun 2023</p> <p>Major Amandeep Jakhar was part of cut-off group of an ambush deployed in Keren sector of Kupwara district along the Line of Control on 15 June 2023. This ambush was deployed on receipt of intelligence regarding likely infiltration by a group of five terrorists.</p> <p>On 16 June 2023, as the ambush was sprung, two terrorists tried to escape while firing indiscriminately towards the officer and his team. Major Amandeep, despite being under heavy fire, tactically pursued these two terrorists. In this action he came face to face with one terrorist whom he killed in fierce hand to hand combat. Another terrorist had taken cover behind a tree and brought down heavy automatic and grenade fire. Sensing grave danger to his troops, Major Amandeep unmindful of his personal safety, moved closer to this terrorist to draw him out of cover. As the terrorist took aimed fire onto the officer and got exposed, his buddy eliminated this terrorist.</p> <p>The officer put his own life at risk to save his troops and ensured that the operation is a success. The operation resulted in elimination of five heavily armed foreign terrorists.</p> <p>For displaying raw courage, leading his men from front and</p>


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				outstanding decision making under a combat situation, Major Amandeep Jakhar is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA" .
03	IC-83609N, MV PRANJAL, THE CORPS OF SIGNALS/ 63 RD BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	Indian Army		<p>19 to 23 Nov 2023</p> <p>On 22 November 2023, based on information about terrorist presence in forested areas of Rajouri district, Captain M V Pranjal was leading a small team surveillance operation in an area which also included civilian presence consisting ladies and children.</p> <p>While maintaining stealth under cover, he spotted move of two terrorists, who too spotted him and opened fire. Sensing danger to the ladies and children, disregarding his own safety, he rushed out and pushed them out of danger and simultaneously engaged the terrorists from minimum cover. Despite his team size and heavy fire, he continued maintaining contact with the terrorists till arrival of additional troops. In the process, he succumbed to a fatal gunshot wound.</p> <p>The unflinching bravery displayed while saving the lives of civilians and sustaining contact with the terrorists leading to their elimination has been exemplary. The terrorists eliminated were identified to be masterminds behind the killing of civilians and targeting of security forces in the region. This success has dealt a decisive blow to terrorists in the area.</p> <p>For his display of unparalleled and selfless courage under fire in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, Captain M V Pranjal is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p>


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04	IC-86211K, AKSHAT UPADHYAY, 20 TH BATTALION THE JAT REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p>27 to 28 May 2023</p> <p>On the intervening night of 27-28 May 2023, Captain Akshat Upadhyay and his party established a temporary operating base. At 0300hr he observed one house catching fire at a distance in the village and also noticed movement of a large mob towards the village. Captain Akshat Upadhyay deployed his party tactically and ordered to fire illumination round for better observation. As soon as illumination round was fired, his party came under effective heavy automatic fire from the direction of the burning house. Under heavy fire Captain Akshat Upadhyay immediately moved tactically and led his team towards the rear of the mob. He warned the mob not to burn the houses but he was again fired upon. Captain Akshat Upadhyay retaliated the fire thus eliminating four insurgents and apprehending five along with war like stores. The action forced remainder mob to disperse thus saving the village and lives of 200 villagers.</p> <p>For this act of exceptional courage, unparalleled bravery under heavy fire in utter disregard to his personal safety, highest standards of tactical acumen, swift and resolute action in a challenging situation, Captain Akshat Upadhyay is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
05	JC-573009A, BARIA SANJAY KUMAR BHAMAR SINH, 21 TH BATTALION THE MAHAR REGIMENT	Indian Army		<p>12 to 23 Jun 2023</p> <p>Based on intelligence inputs from various agencies of a likely infiltration, Naib Subedar Baria Sanjay Kumar Bhamar Singh was part of an ambush since 12th June 2023. He kept his team motivated even after 11 days when contact was not imminent. On 22nd June, when the ambush was called off for rest and recoup, specific intelligence input of infiltration by 4-5 terrorists was received. Though physically drained and exhausted, he volunteered to be</p>


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				<p>part of the ambush in General Area Kala Jungle.</p> <p>At 23 Jun 2023, when terrorists came within effective firing range but could not be engaged due to the defiladed position of the ground, he volunteered to move ahead to establish contact with the terrorists. Displaying intrepid nerves of steel, he took immediate control of the situation and co-ordinated effective, swift and aggressive retaliatory fire towards the terrorist group and moved in heavily mined terrain with undulating ground and thick vegetation. With total disregard to his own safety he continued engaging terrorists under overwhelming fire neutralising one hard core terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying indomitable courage and devotion beyond call of duty resulting in elimination of one hardcore terrorist, Naib Subedar Baria Sanjay Kumar Bhamar Sinh is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
06	G/95821X, SANJAY KUMAR, 9 ASSAM RIFLES	Indian Army		<p>13 May 2023</p> <p>On 13 May 2023, Havildar Sanjay Kumar received an input pertaining to presence of four armed insurgents.</p> <p>At 1100 hours a column was launched under one Officer and at around 1230 hours column reached the general area. Havildar Sanjay Kumar spotted two armed insurgents at short distance (08 Meters) and challenged them but the armed insurgents with their automatic weapon opened fire on him. Havildar Sanjay Kumar was hit by a bullet on his right calf however, the individual showing utter disregard to his personal safety, displayed raw courage and tactical acumen and quickly deployed his Light Machine Gun at a dominating height having great knowledge of terrain. The Non Commissioned Officer ensured that his</p>

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				<p>section does not come under effective fire while pinning the armed insurgent down. In this exchange of heavy automatic fire, he ensured the safety of his entire column even while being injured.</p> <p>For his humane act and selfless service and unflinching bravery under cross firing with armed insurgents, Havildar Sanjay Kumar is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
07	G/5031618P, ALOK RAO, 18 ASSAM RIFLES	Indian Army		<p>03 May & 10 May 2023</p> <p>On 03 May 2023, ethnic riots erupted in Manipur and the situation quickly deteriorated in the entire state. To control the worsening situation, columns of 18 Assam Rifles were deployed. Rifleman Alok Rao was part of an Internal Security column deployed in the most sensitive area in the district. The Column was tasked to occupy a highest tactical feature overlooking the villages involved in violent activities.</p> <p>On 10 May 2023, Rifleman Alok Rao was deployed in the Light Machine Gun Bunker. At around 1130 hours, 10 - 12 suspected armed insurgents were seen moving to his position. Rifleman Alok Rao realising an imminent danger to his position and to his colleagues challenged the armed group who opened fire without warning. He therefore effectively returned fire in which two/three insurgents sustained injuries and were forced to flee thereby saving his colleagues. However, in the ensuing firing Rifleman Alok Rao also sustained a gunshot wound and was evacuated to Military Hospital wherein he succumbed to his injuries.</p> <p>For his exemplary courage, bravery, and immaculate application of intelligence during operation, and utter disregard to his personnel safety,</p>

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				Rifleman Alok Rao is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)" .
08	SHRI PARSHOTAM KUMAR	CIVILIAN		<p>05-06 Aug 2023</p> <p>Shri Parshotam Kumar, resident of district Rajouri is a farmer by profession and Village Defence Committee Member. He is a go getter with a panache of service to the nation ingrained in him and has been responsible for ensuring the safety and security of his village.</p> <p>In August 2023, while in the jungle with his family collecting fire wood, he spotted two suspicious armed individuals with rucksacks resting in close vicinity to his location. Realizing the imminent danger to the village, he quietly moved his family members to safety of their house and fetched his weapon while also alerting other members of Village Defence Committee, Police and the Army. While the forces were closing in, unmindful of his safety, he tailed the two terrorists and with raw courage and excellent field craft, he closed in to the terrorists and engaged them from a close distance. He maintained contact with the other till security forces closed in. His brave act led to the neutralization of one foreign terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying astute patriotism, courage and heroism under fire Shri Parshotam Kumar for his inspirational act of valour is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>


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09	(09883-K) LT BIMAL RANJAN BEHERA,	Indian Army		<p style="text-align: right;">06 Mar 23</p> <p>On 06 Mar 23 ONGC reported an operational emergency and sought IN's diving assistance urgently. Armada Sterling V, a Fuel Production Storage and Offloading(FPSO) vessel deployed off Kakinada for a major Offshore development project, critical for the nation's Energy Security, had to abruptly suspend operations due to entanglement of fishing nets at the Fuel Extraction Mechanism/ turret area. Lt Bimal Ranjan Behera was part of the Diving team deployed to render assistance. At the FPSO, a vertical dive of 18 feet to bilge keel followed by horizontal dive of 100 feet athwart ships was required to reach the turret to restore operations. The underwater conditions were perilous. The vessel's complex u/w fitments, menacing currents, sharp barnacles and the bulbous bow presented a ferocious waterbody. Diving to depths of even few feet was gravely risky. Divers were unable to merely stabilise. Lt Bimal Ranjan Behera stepped up fearlessly as lead diver. At about 1000h on 12 Mar 23 as soon as the officer dived, the waters brutally assaulted him, throwing him bodily aft leaving him instantly breathless. The officer gallantly fought against these ruthless waters and descended 18 feet to reach the bilge keel. Without respite the officer continued diving. As the enormous turbulence swirled and pushed, he precariously hung onto the bottom chain, hauled himself and the long umbilical, advancing barely few inches at a time, and successfully reached the turret area traversing 100 feet athwart ships. Fighting complete exhaustion, the</p>
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10	29507, SHAILESH SINGH, Indian Air Force/ 152 Helicopter Unit	Indian Air Force		<p>On 11 Feb 23, officer was detailed to fly the No. 2 Helicopter in the lead formation of a very audacious and daring Special Heliborne Operation targeting Anti National Elements in the core of their highly guarded location. The mission required flying at ultra-low level in thickly forested area with troops on board and to insert them in a small clearing with tall trees around for storming ops. With unfamiliarity and high probability of hostile firing from ground made the task even more daunting. As he approached the landing zone with 24 troops on board, the helicopter came under intense firing by automatic weapons from all directions. Displaying immaculate presence of mind, he immediately ordered retaliatory fire which inflicted heavy damage to the hostile elements. Displaying exceptional courage, he skilfully carried out evasive manoeuvres from firing zone. His aircraft sustained 35 bullet hit marks causing damage to critical systems and injuring six troops, including the flight engineer in the cockpit. The bullet hits damaged the left fuel transfer pump and the flight gunner reported heavy leak in the cargo compartment. There was heavy fuel leak inside the helicopter with an imminent threat of fire and explosion. Shortly afterwards, the other fuel transfer pump also failed and the fuel dropped to critical levels. Undeterred and unfazed, he remained calm and focused and took timely decision to divert to the nearest helipad at a distance of 22 kms, and recovered the helicopter and all personnel safely.</p> <p>In spite of multiple hits to his aircraft and crew, and various</p>
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				<p>aircraft system failures in hostile environment, which could have led to disastrous consequences, he flew the aircraft safely after giving befitting retaliatory fire to the ANE. He displayed exceptional combat orientation, calm composure and flawless decision making which resulted in saving twenty-eight lives as well as the costly aircraft.</p>
11	<p>36810, HRISHIKESH JAYAN KARUTHEDATH, Indian Air Force/ 41 Squadron Air Force</p>	Indian Air Force		<p>On 24 May 23, he was detailed to fly on a Routine Transport Role mission as captain from Pathankot to Delhi in a Do-228 aircraft with two ground crew on-board. On final approach course, while selecting the landing gear down, three greens were not obtained and hydraulic pressure was reading zero. In face of a grave situation endangering the aircraft and its occupants, he maintained his composure, correctly identified the emergency and promptly carried out go around actions. Understanding the dense traffic situation at Delhi International airport, he decided to proceed to Hindan airfield for visual inspection of the landing gear. On carrying out all actions as per Pilot Operating Handbook and selecting landing gear with emergency means, the three greens were not obtained. Amidst this rapidly deteriorating situation in air, he displayed exceptional courage and situational awareness and decided to carry out a belly landing after burning additional fuel. Despite his limited experience, he took control of the situation, displayed excellent Crew Resource Management and directed his co-pilot to take any</p>

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				<p>additional inputs for lowering landing gears from the supervisor available on ground through Radio Telephony while he continued to fly the aircraft accurately. Having decided to belly land on Hindan runway, he displayed flawless crew coordination and spatial orientation to execute a perfect belly landing at dusk time. He stopped the aircraft on the runway centerline, ordered a quick exit and ensured safe evacuation of the crew from the aircraft.</p> <p>He did not allow a life-threatening situation to overwhelm him despite having a serious fire hazard on touchdown. He led from the front, displayed exceptional courage and highest order of professionalism to save the aircraft and lives of its occupants.</p>
12	11225, Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, 205 CoBRA	Indian Air Force		<p>On 25th February, 2022, based on an intelligence input, about the presence of an armed group of Naxals in Chhakarbandha forest area around Langorahi, PS Madanpur, Distt Aurangabad, Bihar, a special SADO was launched by 205 CoBRA, 47 CRPF and Bihar Police. Team No. 01, 02 & 10 of 205 CoBRA along with A Coy of 47 CRPF, were tasked to hit the target area.</p> <p>At about 1455 hrs, the troops of 47 CRPF, Team No 10 under command Shri Varinder Pal Singh, DC, along with Team No 01 under command of Shri Aneesh A S, AC, and Team No 02, under command of Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, proceeded towards Kariba Dhoba strategically. ShVarinder Pal Singh, DC, conducted a thorough analysis of the terrain, taking into account the modus operandi of the Naxals and the presence of IEDs in the area.</p>

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				<p>the cover of boulders and trees to evade capture.</p> <p>During the strong counter offensive attack against the Naxals, ShriBibhor Kumar Singh, AC, along with HC/RO Shri Surendra Kumar Yadav and HC/GD Shri Suman Kumar Pandey, came under the impact of IED blast triggered by the Naxals. As a result, Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, and HC/RO Shri Surendra Kumar Yadav sustained severe and critical injuries. Despite the gravity of the wounds, Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, displayed remarkable bravery and continued to lead and direct his troops with unwavering determination, even in the face of a life-threatening situation.</p> <p>Notwithstanding his critical condition, Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, fearlessly, exemplified extraordinary valor, courage, and strength, even after losing his left foot. Undeterred by his impaired mobility, he maintained his firing position behind cover and continued to provide covering fire to support his troop's further advancement. Despite unimaginable pain and agony, he ensured zero vacuums in command and control, and continued to give vital directions to the troops effectively, The unparalleled leadership and unwavering resolve of Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, served as a tremendous inspiration to all those around him.</p> <p>As a result of their courageous efforts, the troops of 205 CoBRA successfully reached the hilltop and gained control of the dominating position. The Naxals were compelled to fall back, but while retreating they continued to fire</p>
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				<p>intermittently. In retaliation, the troops of 205 CoBRA responded with a strong counter attack and their brave actions and collective effort turned the tide, forcing the Naxals to retreat resulting in securing the hilltop by the forces. The remarkable determination and leadership of Shri Bibhor Kumar Singh, AC, along with the unwavering resolve of the troops, ensured the success of the operation, despite the challenging circumstances. During the operation, large quantities of IED making materials were recovered from the incident site.</p>
13	JKPS116050, Shri Mohan Lal, Distt. Srinagar	J&K Police		<p>On 14.06.2022 a specific input was received from an asset of (PC) Srinagar regarding movement/presence of unknown terrorist/s carrying illegal arms/ammunition in Bemina area of District Srinagar. It was also revealed that the terrorist/s have plans to carry out fidayeen attack type activity on NHW from Pantha Chowk Parimpora axis by attacking police/ SFs/ convoy/ deployment in the wake of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2022. Acting on the tip-off and to get the positive location/ proper identification of the terrorist/s, immediately Police teams of District Srinagar/ Police Component Srinagar were constituted and deployed to the area.</p> <p>In order to chase the terrorist/s, avoid any untoward incident and to take appropriate action, a small team led by Shri Mohan Lal, Dy SP, Police Component, Srinagar established a special Naka at JVC Bernina Bypass, Srinagar. The officer along-with his buddies positioned at the front of</p>

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				<p>ambush party so as to cover up the most possible route which was leading to nearby the SKIMS Bernina (JVC), which always remains abuzz of patients and their attendants besides common civilian. The installation could have been exploited by terrorist/s to escape or to carry-out their nefarious designs after confronting with the police party. The terrorist/s being a 'fidayeen squad' when reached near the naka/ambush, resorted to indiscriminate firing on the naka party and ran towards the nearby build-up area flanked by the Government hospital on one side and a CRPF Camp on the other side.</p> <p>Shri Mohan Lal, Dy SP along-with his buddies kept on advancing towards the targeted area amid operational tactics and soon after the officer and his buddy reached closer, the hiding terrorists suspected their movement and lobbed grenades amid indiscriminate firing towards the officer and his buddy resulting into multiple splinter injuries to the officer, However, the officer while displaying incomparable bravery & uncommon courage and without caring for his life even after getting injured removed his buddy from the firing area.</p> <p>Further leading his team from the front amid displaying exemplary leadership, the officer Shri Mohan Lal, Dy SP remained firm and showed nerves of steel. In order to restrict the movement of terrorists towards the Government hospital where civilian, patients/attendants including women and children were present and to avoid any hostage like situation at the said installation, the officer challenged the terrorists.</p>
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				<p>The terrorists in retaliation opened discriminate fire besides lobbed grenades towards the officer. The officer, sensing imminent threat to the lives of civilians, kept on advancing in the volley of fire, without caring for his personal life and displaying indomitable courage and neutralized 01 terrorist in a face of gunfight from very close range with his personal weapon and inflicted injuries to the 2nd terrorist. The identification of the eliminated terrorist was later on revealed as terrorist Commander "Rahi Bhai @ Abdullah Gojri, R/O Pakistan an "A+" category terrorist of LeT outfit". Arms/ammunition was recovered from the possession of slain terrorist.</p> <p>Shri Mohan Lal while displaying uncommon courage moved towards the nearby area leading his small team where the 2nd terrorist had taken refuge behind a cemented structure after being injured. Noticing the movement of police team, the terrorist opened indiscriminate firing besides lobbing grenades resulting into injuries to some other personnel. At this stage, sensing imminent threat to the lives of his team members, Shri Mohan Lal without caring for his life, left his cover and advanced bravely towards the terrorist and neutralized him with his assault rifle from a very close range, The identification of the said eliminated terrorist was later on revealed as "Adil Hussain Mir @ Musaib S/o Altaf Hussain Mir R/o Liver Srigufwara Anantnag, a Pakistan trained "B" category terrorist of LeT outfit. These eliminated terrorists were involved in a number of terror attacks in the valley. The operation</p>
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				<p>was concluded without any collateral damage and elimination of these terrorists is a big jolt to LeT terrorist network in South/ Central Kashmir Range.</p> <p>The instant anti-terrorist operation at Bemina near JVC Srinagar, falling within the J/D of P/S Bernina was one of the most daunting and challenging owing to presence of terrorists in a very critical location adjacent to 02 sensitive installations viz; Government Hospital on one side and CRPF Camp on other side.</p> <p>The whole operation concluded successfully without any collateral damage due to exceptional and conspicuous bravery, commitment to duty, indomitable will and passion displayed by the officer.</p>
14	EXK022280, Shri Amit Raina, Distt. Srinagar	J&K Police		<p>On 03.01.2022, a specific input was received from reliable sources to the effect that some unknown terrorists possessing illegal arms/ammunition are hiding in a house of Manzoor Ahmad Dar S/o Ab. Ahad Dar R/o Wanihama Batpora at Dar Mohalla Wanihama Gasoo area of District Srinagar with the intention to attack Police/SFs within the Srinagar city. In order to get the positive location/proper identification of the terrorists, police teams of District Srinagar/Police Component Srinagar/Valley QAT CRPF/24 RR were constituted immediately to identify the exact location and to neutralize the terrorists without any collateral damage.</p> <p>The teams so constituted started intensifying search in the said area and succeeded in the zeroing of the house wherein the terrorist was hiding. In the meantime, the</p>

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				<p>identified target house was encircled by the initial party. It was learnt that LeTcommander Hafiz @ Hamza @ Abu Ukasha R/o Pak category "A" was present inside the target house. The teams of SOG Srinagar, Valley QRT and 24-RR discussed the plan for launching an operation in the said area. After proper planning, it was decided that to conceal the identity and maintain surprise, a small team consisting of SOG Srinagar, Valley QRT and 24-RR will launch operation in the area. One small team headed by Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector No.1116/S of Police Component Srinagar alongwith his buddy covered the house from rear side and another small team from front side.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector alongwith his buddy identified and located the target house and placed initial cordon. The houses inside the cordon were separated by either high tin sheets or by big boundary walls. In order to move from one house to another, he had to cross these barriers under constant threat from the terrorist. Despite the challenges, he maintained the surprise and reached close to the target house.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector deployed himself and his buddy to cover the most likely escape root of the terrorist. Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector along with his team evacuated the civilians to the safer place. Leading his team from the front he remained determined and showed nerves of steel. As he was advancing towards the target house, the hiding terrorist noticed the presence and lobbed grenades</p>
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				<p>on them, in which he and his buddy had a narrow escape.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector displaying utmost courage in the face of enemy, responded with controlled fire making the terrorist to run in another direction. Finding himself from other side also as the 2nd team of SOG, Valley QRT and 24-RR cornered the terrorist from other side of the house, the terrorist ran to take cover. The dreaded terrorist took cover behind a cemented structure and boundary walls of the target house and started firing indiscriminately.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector along with his buddy kept on engaging the terrorist and moved close to the terrorist. Finding Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector in close proximity, the terrorist fired heavily towards the officer. Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector, retaliated heavily and made him run for life. The other team of SOG, Valley QRT and 24-RR also retaliated and the terrorist was injured.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector realised that the terrorist is injured and decided to eliminate the terrorist. Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector left his cover and without caring for his life, advanced towards the terrorist who was hiding behind a pillar and was retaliating effectively despite being injured and in a face-to-face gunfight with the terrorist neutralized him without any collateral damage.</p> <p>Later on, the dead body of the killed terrorist was recovered from the scene of encounter and his identity was ascertained as foreign terrorist namely Hafiz @ Hamza @ Abu Ukasha R/o Pak, "A" category of LeT outfit.</p>
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				<p>The operation was concluded without any collateral damage and the elimination of the said terrorists is a big jolt to the LeT terrorist network in South/ Central Kashmir Range. The killed terrorists namely Hafiz @ Hamza @ AbuUkasha R/o Pak "A" Category of LeT Outfit, was also involved in a number of terror attacks.</p> <p>Shri Amit Raina No. No.1116/S, PID No. EXK-022280, Asst. Sub-Inspector of Police Component, Srinagar, not only took front in elimination of the LeT Commander but also due to display of his exceptional and conspicuous bravery, indomitable will, passion to succeed and uphold the honour and integrity of the nation in the face of heavy odds and professional tactics attributed to the tremendous grit, determination and exemplary valour because of which the whole operation concluded successfully. For display of conspicuous bravery, exceptional leadership, courage under fire and never say die spirit under most challenging circumstances, Shri Amit Raina, Asst. Sub-Inspector of Police Component, Srinagar, is strongly recommended for award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
15	<p>ARP995924, Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar , Distt. Srinagar</p>	J&K Police		<p>On 03.01.2022 at around 1420 hours a specific input was received from reliable sources that terrorists possessing illegal arms/ammunition are roaming in a Shalimar Garden of District Srinagar. In order to get the proper identification of the terrorist immediately police teams of District Srinagar/ Police Component Srinagar/ Valley GAT CRPF were constituted to identify the exact location and to neutralize the</p>

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				<p>terrorist without any collateral damage.</p> <p>It was learnt that LeT Commander Mohammad SaleemParray “A++ category” is present inside the Shalimar Garden. SaleemParray @ Billa was also known as Throat-slitter and was responsible for killing 12 civilians and martyring 05 J&K Police personnel and 01 CRPF person beside injuring many. The teams of SOG Srinagar and valley QRT discussed the plan for launching an operation inside the garden. After proper planning it was decided that to conceal the identity and maintain surprise and small teams consisting of SOG and Valley QRT will launch covert operation in civvies inside the garden. One small team headed by SI Faroz Ahmad Dar ARP995924 entered the garden from front side and another small team of SOG and Valley QRT from back side. The garden was full of civilians mostly women and children. The population of the civilian inside the garden was dense towards the starting and was thin towards the end.</p> <p>Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar, SI along-with his buddy identified and located the position of the terrorist towards the end of the garden and advanced towards the terrorist. Sensing the presence of troops, the terrorist took out his weapon. Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar asked the terrorist to drop hisweapon and to surrender but he opened indiscriminate firing upon them and began running. However, the Police party immediately took laying position and had a miraculous escape.</p> <p>Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar displaying utmost courage in the face of enemy responded with controlled</p>
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				<p>fire making the terrorist to run in another direction. Finding himself trapped from other side also as the 2nd team of SOG Srinagar and Valley GRT cornered the terrorist from other side, the terrorist ran to take cover. The dreaded terrorist took an advantageous position between a cemented structure and a tree with big trunk and started firing indiscriminately. Finding civilians mostly women and children under imminent threat of life, he left his cover amid the bullets fired by the terrorist and asked his buddy to give cover fire and without caring for his life moved towards the civilians and while reaching close to the civilians, shifted them to a concrete structure towards the centre of the garden. After shifting the civilians to a safer place, he along-with another team decided to eliminate the terrorist at the earliest.</p> <p>Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar realized that terrorist is injured and decided to eliminate the terrorist. He left his cover without caring for his life, advanced towards the terrorist and in a face to face gun fight with the terrorist and neutralized him. Later on, the dead body of the killed terrorist was recovered from the scene of encounter and his identity was ascertained as Mohammad SaleemParray @ Billa, "A++ Categorized" terrorist of LeT Outfit along-with recovery of arms/ammunition.</p> <p>The operation was concluded without any collateral damage and the elimination of the said terrorist is a big jolt to the LeT terrorist network in South/ Central Kashmir Range. The above-mentioned neutralized terrorist was also</p>
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				<p>involved in a number of terrorist related activities/ attacks in the Valley.</p> <p>Shri Faroz Ahmad Dar ARP995924 not only took front in elimination of the LeT Commander but also displayed his exceptional and conspicuous bravery, indomitable will, passion to succeed and uphold the honour and integrity of the nation in the face of heavy odds and professional tactics attributed to the tremendous grit, determination and exemplary valour because of which the whole operation concluded successfully.</p>
16	<p>ARP182381, Shri Varun Singh, Distt. Srinagar</p>	J&K Police		<p>On 12.06.2022, a specific input was gleaned from reliable sources to the effect that some unknown terrorists carrying illegal arms/ ammunition are hiding in ChonchiFakeer locality of Sangam area of District Srinagar and have plans to carryout attack on police/SFs in city Srinagar. Immediately, teams of Local Police Srinagar/PC Srinagar were constituted and CASO was launched in the area. While the CASO was being launched in target locality ChonchiFaqeer, Sangam Srinagar, terrorist/s hurled grenades amid indiscriminate firing upon the police parties with the intention to kill and escape from the area. The Police parties while taking all the precautions as per the SOPs, retaliated the fire bravely & effectively without caring for their personal lives.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Shri Varun Singh, Constable alongwith his team located the suspect in the locality and approached towards the terrorist from his side. The terrorist sensing presence of personnel moving towards him resorted to fire</p>

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				<p>upon Shri Varun Singh and his buddies. However, the official swiftly pulled down himself and his buddy down to laying position and this way Shri Varun Singh and his buddy had a narrow escape. Meantime, Shri Varun Singh retaliated and caused fire injury in the leg of running terrorist. During the course, he decided to eliminate the terrorist at the earliest and cornered the terrorist from his side who was taking cover behind the trees and in the exchange of the fire, dreaded terrorist was neutralized.</p> <p>The dead body of the killed terrorist was recovered from the scene of encounter and later on identified as "Adil Ahmad Parray @ Abu Baker, an A- Category terrorist of LeT/ TRF outfit, Arms/ammunition was recovered from the possession of slain terrorist. The operation was concluded without any collateral damage and elimination of the terrorist is a big jolt to the LeT/ TRF terrorist network in Central Kashmir Range.</p> <p>Shri Varun Singh, Constable not only took front in elimination of the LeT/TRF commander but also due to display of his exceptional and conspicuous bravery, indomitable will and professional tactics attributed to the tremendous grit, determination and exemplary courage, whole operation concluded successfully.</p>
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