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**SUBEDAR MAJOR (HONORARY CAPTAIN) YOGENDRA SINGH
YADAV (Then, GRENADIER)**

SERVICE NUMBER	2690572
RANK	Subedar Major Retd. (Honorary Captain) (Then, Grenadier)
NAME	Yogendra Singh Yadav
SON OF	Ram Karan Singh Yadav
RESIDENT OF (Village/District/State)/ DOMICILE	Village Aurangabad Ahir, Bulandsahar, Uttar Pradesh
UNIT/REGIMENT/CORPS	18 GRENADIERS
SERVICE	Indian Army
DATE OF ENROLMENT/ COMMISSION	27 December 1996
AWARD/DATE OF ACTION	Param Vir Chakra / 3/4 July 1999
WAR/BATTLE/OPERATION	Kargil War
OTHER AWARDS WITH DATE	



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Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav was born on 10 May 1980 to Late Sepoy Ram Karan Singh Yadav and Sentra Devi in village Aurangabad located near small town of Ahir, Bulandsahar, in Uttar Pradesh. He completed his primary education at a village school and after Class V, went on to join Sannota Sri Krishna College in Bulandshahr. His father, Ram Karan Singh had served with 11 KUMAON as a soldier and had played an active role in the India-Pakistan Wars of 1965 and 1971. As Yogendra and his brother grew up, listening to the fascinating stories of valour and courage narrated by their father, they harboured dreams of joining the Army. His elder brother, Jitendra Singh Yadav was also recruited into the Indian Army in the Artillery regiment. Yogendra belonged to a blood line where bravery was ingrained and was destined to follow in the footsteps of his father and brother. He was recruited into the Grenadiers Regiment on 27 December 1999 at the age of 16.

During the Kargil war of 1999, the Pakistani intruders had surreptitiously occupied positions on Tiger Hill complex besides other winter vacated posts. Point 5062, named the Tiger Hill at 16,608 feet was one of the most important objectives during Op Vijay. It is one of the most dominating and awe-inspiring features in the Dras sector. Tiger Hill was the pivotal post around which the intruders' defences were based. Occupation of Tiger Hill facilitated the enemy with a commanding view of the Srinagar-Leh National Highway 1A. Firmly entrenched on Tiger Hill complex, enemy could effectively interdict vehicular movement with observed artillery fire, thus seriously interfering with the lifeline of the Ladakh region.

18 GRENADIERS, which had already lost two valiant officers, Lt. Col R. Viswanathan and Major Rajesh Singh Adhikari during Tololing Operations, was given the near impossible task of capturing the Tiger Hill on the night of 3/4 July 1999. 8 SIKH, which was occupying dominating heights around the South-Eastern and Northern part of Tiger Hill, was tasked to provide the firm base. At 1900 hours, the multi-direction attacks began in freezing rain, commencing with a nearly 12-hour vertical climb from Southern and North - Eastern approach using fixed ropes. Lt Balwan Singh led the Ghatak Platoon of 18 GRENADIERS from the dangerous North-Eastern approach. Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav was the lead Ghatak. He had eagerly volunteered to lead the attack. To reach the objective his team had to fix the ropes on the cliff face for his platoon to climb. As his leading team climbed to reach enemy position, heavy fire from the enemy fatally wounded his Team Commander and two teammates and almost stalled the advance. Grenadier Yogendra was also severely wounded, but knowing the gravity of the situation he continued to climb towards the enemy positions. He crawled towards the enemy position but sustained multiple bullet injuries.



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Unmindful of his injuries and hail of enemy bullets, he continued pushing towards the enemy position and lobbed grenades inside enemy bunker and fired with his weapon, killing four enemy soldiers in close combat and thus silenced the automatic weapon fire. During the charge to clear the enemy bunkers he again sustained multiple bullet injuries but refused to be evacuated even in critical condition. This heroic deed of Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav motivated his platoon to capture Tiger Hill Top and thus the vital objective was achieved. This decisive victory sealed the fate of Pakistan's Kargil misadventure.

Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav was honoured with the Param Vir Chakra for his extraordinary gallant act. He is the youngest recipient of this coveted award till date. He retired from army on 31 December, 2021 in the rank of Honorary Captain. 18 GRENADIERS won unit citation for the Battle of 'Tiger Hill'. Historically, GRENADIERS originated in early 17th Century as Storm Troopers who moved ahead of attacking troops, throwing grenades on the entrenched and barricaded enemy. The GRENADIERS of Indian Army have a long and illustrious history of valour and sacrifice, dating back several centuries. The first battalion of GRENADIERS was raised on 12 Nov 1779. The Regiment reflects the true picture of unity in diversity as it comprises of Jats, Rajputs, Dogras, Kayumkhanis, Muslims, Ahirs, and other Indian castes. 18 GRENADIERS lived up to the true traditions on The GRENADIERS Regiment and the Indian Army during the Kargil war.



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CITATION

Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav (2690572), 18 Grenadiers

Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav was part of the leading team of Ghatak Platoon tasked to capture Tiger Hill on the night of 03/04 July 1999. The approach to the top, at a height of 16,500 feet, was steep, snow bound and rocky. He volunteered to be in the lead and fixed rope for his team to climb up, unmindful of the risk involved.

The enemy, on seeing his team approach the area top, opened intense automatic, grenade, rocket and artillery fire. His team commander and two of his colleagues fell to murderous enemy fire. The further advance of Ghatak Platoon was stalled. Knowing the gravity of the situation, he crawled up to the enemy position to silence it, but sustained multiple bullet injuries. Unmindful of his injuries and hail of enemy bullets, he continued towards the enemy positions and lobbed grenades inside; and fired from his weapon, killing four enemy soldiers in close combat and silenced the automatic fire.

During the charge, he again sustained multiple bullet injuries but refused to be evacuated even in critical condition. Inspired by his gallant act, the rest of Ghatak Platoon charged on to the other positions, and captured Tiger Hill Top, a national objective.

Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav, thus, displayed most conspicuous courage, indomitable spirit, grit and determination under extreme difficult situation beyond call of duty.

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VIDEO

1999 Gallantry Award | Kargil | Manoj Kumar Pandey, Vikram Batra & Major Sudhir Kumar Walia (Source: Prasar Bharti Archives)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYPA0CnH8tg>

DD Exclusive: Special Discussion with Param Vir Chakra Awardee Yogendra Singh Yadav (Source: DD News: DD Exclusive Personal Interview and Special Discussion)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0nuRIVmZIk>

Kargil: Valour and Victory, Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav (Source: History TV18 Channel)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ9QZpUj1_c

Story of Legendry Indian Army, Subedar Yogendra Yadav (Personal Interview) (Source: Tomorrow's India)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBG9do7zG08>

TDA Stories: Subedar Yogendra Singh Yadav (PVC) (Source: The Defence Archive)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FSNaPgSk2I>

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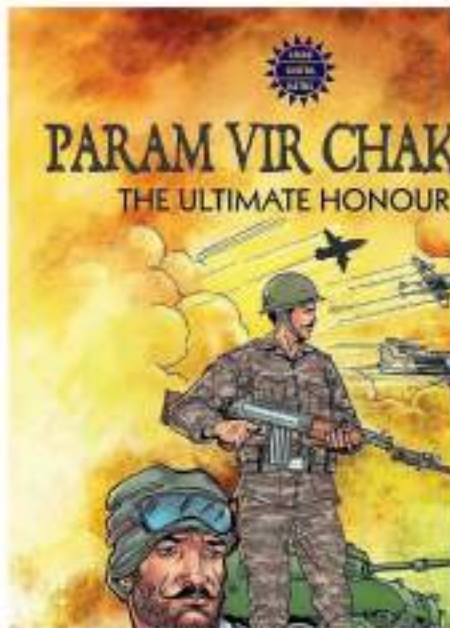
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OTHER INTERESTING RESOURCES²

- 1) Amar Chitra Katha Comics- To honour 21 Param Vir Chakra Recipients, a special comic titled 'Param Vir Chakra: The Ultimate Honour' was published on 1 January 2015. The book is the result of combined efforts by the Indian Army and Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) Roli Comics- 'Param Vir Chakra Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav: The Youngest Recipient of PVC' is a comic by Major General Ian Cardozo and Rishi Kumar. It was published in 2021 by Roli Books, India.



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- 3) Animated movie- Subedar Major Yogendra Singh Yadav| Kargil War Story (Source: Shivi TV)

[Shubedar Major योगेंद्र यादव | Kargil War Story | अखिरी सांस तक लड़ना होगा | Shivi TV - YouTube](#)

[सबसे कम उम्र में परमवीर चक्र प्राप्त करने वाले योगेंद्र यादव | Kargil War Animated Film | - YouTube](#)

- 4) A book in Hindi language, titled as 'Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav' has been published on this brave Indian soldier. It has been authored by Mr Rishi Raj. It is part of his book series 'Bravest of Brave' (वीरों के वीर). It was published by Prabhat Prakashan Pvt. Ltd. in November 2021.
- 5) A book titled 'The Brave: Param Vir Chakra Stories' by renowned author Rachna Bisht Rawat narrates engaging tales of valour of our twenty-one Param Vir Chakra awardees. It was published by Penguin, India in 2014.





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- 6) A collection of poems by Mr. Jai Samota, on the Param Vir Chakra recipients of India, titled as 'Paramvir' has been published in form of a book by Bluerose Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

