## NAME : MAJOR VIJAY VERMA

Whether Posthumous : No

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA   |           |
|-------------------|--|-----------|
| Year              | 2023   |           |
| Service No        | IC-76052K  | (72.5°)   |
| Rank              | MAJOR  |           |
| Unit              | THE RAJPUT REGIMENT/<br>44 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA<br>RIFLES |           |
| Father's Name     | SHRI JAGDISH PARSAD VERMA  |           |
| Mother's Name     | SMT KIRAN VERMA  | Mary mary |

## <u>CITATION</u>

05 Oct 2022

Since October 2021, Major Vijay Verma has exhibited inspiring leadership during conduct of 10 successful operations, resulting in elimination of 22 hardcore terrorists.

On 04 October 2022, upon receiving inputs of terrorists presence in village in Shupiyan district 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 notorious terrorist who had earlier fatally injured a Police Officer.

Concurrently, at around 0540 hours, Major Vijay received inputs of terrorist movement in a nearby village, approximately seven kilometers from his location. Displaying situational awareness and without disturbing the tactical balance of his team, he marshalled critical resources to facilitate launch second operation in the nearby village which resulted in elimination of one terrorist.

For displaying exemplary leadership and conspicuous gallantry in eliminating one hardcore terrorist, Major Vijay Verma is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

| NAME<br>Whether Posthumous | : MAJOR VIKAS BHAMBHU, SENA MEI<br>: Yes         | DAL     |
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| Award Recommended          |  | 1 1 1   |
| Year                       | 2023   | 36      |
| Service No                 | IC-76877P  |         |
| Rank                       | MAJOR  | ALL DO  |
| Unit                       | THE ARMY AVIATION/ 252 ARMY<br>AVIATION SQUADRON |         |
| Father's Name              | SHRI BHAGIRATH BAMBHU                            |         |
| Mother's Name              | SMT SUKHWANDI BAMBHU                             | D THERE |
| 2. NAME                    | : MAJOR MUSTAFA BOHARA                           |         |
| Whether Posthumous         | : Yes  |         |
| Award                      | SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)                      |         |
| Year                       | 2023   |         |
| Service No                 | IC-81741P  |         |
| Rank                       | MAJOR  |         |
| Unit                       | 252 ARMY AVIATION SQUADRON                       |         |
| Father's Name              | JAKIUDDIN  | =       |
| Mother's Name              | FATEMA   |         |

## **CITATION**

21 Oct 2022

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.

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.

In recognition of their unfathomable courage, fortitude and professionalism of exceptional order, Major Vikas Bhambhu and Major Mustafa Bohara are awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

## NAME : MAJOR SACHIN NEGI

Whether Posthumous : No

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA   |    |
|-------------------|--|----|
| Year              | 2023   |    |
| Service No        | IC-79120X  | 00 |
| Rank              | MAJOR  | 4  |
| Unit              | THE GRENADIERS/ 55 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION<br>THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES |    |
| Father's Name     | LATE NAIB SUBEDAR BHOOPENDER<br>SINGH NEGI                         |    |
| Mother's Name     | SMT BHAGESHWARI DEVI   |    |

### **CITATION**

01 Nov 2022

Since November 2020, Major Sachin Negi has exhibited exceptional professionalism and bravery in six successful operations resulting in elimination of 14 terrorists.

Based on specific input of terrorist movement, Major Negi planned and established a Mobile Vehicle Check Post at 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 retaliated immediately while simultaneously readjusting the teams to cover likely escape routes. In a daring act of indomitable courage and leadership of the highest order, officer crawled ahead to close in towards the terrorists location. The terrorists in a bid to escape, rushed out and came face to face with Major Negi at a distance of less than five meters. Displaying raw courage and nerves of steel, the officer dashed out of his cover with utter disregard to personal safety and engaged the terrorists, eliminating one terrorist and injuring another.

For displaying exemplary leadership and valour of the highest order, Major Sachin Negi is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

## DETAILS OF GALLANTRY AWARDEE

# (CHAKRA SERIES)

## NAME : MAJ RAJENDRA PRASAD JAT

Whether Posthumous : No

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA   |    |
|-------------------|--|----|
| Year              | 2023   | 20 |
| Service No        | SC-00905H  |    |
| Rank              | MAJOR  |    |
| Unit              | THE DOGRA REGIMENT/ 62 <sup>ND</sup> BATTALION<br>THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES |    |
| Father's Name     | SHRI RAM SINGH   | R  |
| Mother's Name     | SMT SANTOSH DEVI   |    |

# **CITATION**

### 10 Aug 2022

Major Rajendra Prasad Jat has exhibited unparalleled valour and exceptional leadership in OPERATION WATREHAL leading to elimination of three hardcore terrorists.

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 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.

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.

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".** 

# DETAILS OF GALLANTRY AWARDEE (CHAKRA SERIES)

#### : MAJ RAVINDER SINGH RAWAT

Whether Posthumous : No

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA  |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Year              | 2023  |   |
| Service No        | SC-00971L   | 4 |
| Rank              | MAJOR   |   |
| Unit              | THE ARMOURED CORPS/<br>44 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA<br>RIFLES |   |
| Father's Name     | SHRI BADAR SINGH RAWAT  |   |
| Mother's Name     | SMT JAMUNA RAWAT  |   |

# **CITATION**

#### 30 Aug 2022

Since March 2020, Major Ravinder Singh Rawat has exhibited inspiring leadership during conduct of 11 successful operations, resulting in elimination of 28 hardcore terrorists.

On 30 August 2022, an input was received 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.

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.

For displaying exemplary leadership and supreme gallantry, Major Ravinder Singh Rawat is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

### **DETAILS OF GALLANTRY AWARDEE**

## (CHAKRA SERIES)

#### NAME

#### : HAVILDAR VIVEK SINGH TOMAR

Whether Posthumous : Yes

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)                       | 12 |
|-------------------|---|----|
| Year              | 2023  |    |
| Service No        | 16013482F   |    |
| Rank              | MAJOR   |    |
| Unit              | 5 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE RAJPUTANA<br>RIFLES | 1  |
| Father's Name     | HARI SINGH TOMAR                                  |    |
| Mother's Name     | MUNNI DEVI  |    |



## **CITATION**

10 Jan 2023

On 10 January 2023 at 0800 hours, Havildar Vivek Tomar while being deployed at forward post at an of altitude of 18300 feet in Central 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, Havildar Vivek 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.

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.

For displaying distinctive raw courage and extreme bravery with utter disregard to personal safety leading for safety of life of his comrades, Havildar Vivek Singh Tomar is awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

## NAME : BHIM SINGH

Whether Posthumous : No

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA   |   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Year              | 2023   |   |
| Service No        | 16022160H  | - |
| Rank              | NAIK   |   |
| Unit              | THE RAJPUTANA RIFLES/<br>9 <sup>th</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA<br>RIFLES |   |
| Father's Name     | MR DEVI LAL  |   |
| Mother's Name     | MRS RESHMA LAL   |   |

## **CITATION**

26 Sep 2022

Naik Bhim Singh, has been serving as Combat Team Commander. On 26 September 2022, on receiving intelligence about presence of terrorist group in a village in south Kashmir, he led the initial team of cordon and search operation.

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 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 by lobbing grenades was made by the terrorist and injured 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.

During operation, Naik Bhim displayed audacious bravery, heroic courage and valour with utter disregards for personal safety, Naik Bhim Singh is recommended for the award of **"SHAURYA CHAKRA"**.

Name : KULBUSHAN MANTA

Whether Posthumous : Yes

| Award Recommended | SHAURYA CHAKRA<br>(POSTHUMOUS)  |        |
|-------------------|---|--------|
| Year              | 2023  | 60     |
| Service No        | 13779235X   | 1 as b |
| Rank              | RIFLEMAN  |        |
| Unit              | THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR<br>RIFLES/ 52 <sup>ND</sup> BATTALION THE<br>RASHTRIYA RIFLES |        |
| Father's Name     | SHRI PRATAP SINGH   |        |
| Mother's Name     | SHRIMATI DURMA DEVI   |        |

#### **CITATION**

## 26 Oct 2022

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.

Based on human intelligence received from Jammu and Kashmir Police, the search party led by the Scout Riflemen 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 attempted to chase the fleeing terrorist and engaged him with heavy fire thus saving lives of own troops from terrorists fire. As a result of this gallant action, one terrorist was captured alive in this Operation while Rifleman Kulbushan Manta later succumbed to the injuries.

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)".