

DETAILS OF GALLANTRY AWARDEE
(CHAKRA SERIES)

Name : **Arun Kumar Pandey**

Weather Posthumous : **No**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	IC-72371Y	
Rank	Major	
Unit	44th Battalion The Rashtriya Rifles	
Father's Name	Shri. Shrikant Pandey	
Mother's Name	Smt. Leela Pandey	

CITATION

09-10 JUNE 2020

On 09 June 2020, Major Arun Kumar Pandey received a specific intelligence of five terrorists in a village of Jammu and Kashmir. As mission leader, based upon in depth knowledge of terrain and deep sense of terrorist modus operandi, he was able to pin point likely location of the terrorists in huge orchard with dense undergrowth.

Major Arun, based on his appreciation, sited a gap free cordon and led the search for terrorists. He observed suspicious movement in the dense undergrowth, towards which he advanced tactically with his buddy. Suddenly, he came under indiscriminate fire from the hidden terrorist, which he retaliated after taking cover in the folds of ground. Unmindful of his safety, he crawled forward through the burst of terrorist fire and neutralized him by own fire. In doing so, he came in line of fire of another terrorist. Major Arun swiftly rolled sideways and moved forward to engage him at close quarter, thereby neutralizing him.

For his outstanding leadership and unparalleled courage wherein he neutralized two hardcore terrorists, Major Arun Kumar Pandey is recommended for the award of **“SHAURYA CHAKRA”**.

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Name : **Ravi Kumar Chaudhary**

Weather Posthumous : **No**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	SS-45282W	
Rank	Major	
Unit	55th Battalion The Rashtriya Rifles	
Father's Name	Shri. Chaman Lal	
Mother's Name	Smt. Radha Devi	

CITATION

03 JUNE 2020

Since April 2019, Major Ravi Kumar Chaudhary participated and exhibited exceptional resoluteness, unsurpassed fortitude and supreme leadership qualities during conduct of four successful operations of Battalion, resulting in elimination of 13 terrorists.

On 02 June 2020, specific input about presence of three terrorists in a Village of Jammu and Kashmir was received. Once presence of terrorists was confirmed on 03 June 2020 at 0620 hours, the officer showcasing superb puissance and exemplary leadership, re-aligned the cordon. To draw the attention of hiding terrorists, Officer alongwith his buddy crawled forward under intense terrorist fire. Realising this, hiding terrorists opened indiscriminate fire and fired Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) Grenades and rushed out in a bid to escape. Appreciating grave danger to his buddy, displaying unflinching courage, he pushed him aside, exposing himself to heavy terrorist fire. Maintaining his tactical composure, officer effectively engaged fleeing terrorists at close range resulting in elimination of one terrorist and grievously injuring other terrorist.

For displaying conspicuous bravery and unparalleled courage resulting in elimination of one dreaded terrorist, Major Ravi Kumar Chaudhary is recommended for the award of "**SHAURYA CHAKRA**".

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Name : **Ashutosh Kumar**

Weather **Posthumous** : **YES**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	IC-83765X	
Rank	Captain	
Unit	18th Battalion The Madras Regiment	
Father's Name	Shri. Rabindra Bharti	
Mother's Name	Smt. Gita Devi	

CITATION

08 NOVEMBER 2020

Captain Ashutosh Kumar was performing the duties of Ghatak Platoon Commander deployed at a post close to line of control in Jammu and Kashmir.

On 08 November 2020, on receipt of information of likely escape of terrorists Late Captain Ashutosh proceeded to establish stops along the likely routes of escape. At 0630 hours cut off group led by Late Capt Ashutosh observed move of escaping terrorists. The officer displaying raw courage continued to maintain contact and closed in with the terrorists. While closing in, the scout of the group sustained a bullet injury. Sensing grave danger to own troops and seeing the terrorist escape, officer with utter disregard to his personal safety and displaying grit of steel while being completely exposed to terrorist fire, with complete calmness took an aimed shot and brought down the terrorist at a very close range. In the ensuing gunfire he sustained a gunshot wound and succumbed to injuries on the spot.

For displaying indomitable courage and professional acumen of highest order in saving his fellow soldier's life and eliminating hardcore terrorist with utter disregard to his own safety, Captain Ashutosh Kumar is recommended for the award of **"SHAURYA CHAKRA" (POSTHUMOUS)**.

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Name : **Vikas Khatri**

Weather Posthumous : **No**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	IC-80468Y	
Rank	Captain	
Unit	16th Battalion The Rashtriya Rifles	
Father's Name	Shri. Jashwant Singh Khatri	
Mother's Name	Smt. Sumitra Devi Khatri	

CITATION

09 TO 17 DECEMBER 2020

Officer whilst on a special task of area domination patrol in Jammu & Kashmir under the challenging terrain at Height of 12000 feet in subzero temperature in the upper reaches of Peer Panjal Range under the odds of inclement weather covered approx Four Kilometers of distance at night of 12/13 December 2020 spotted foot trails on the fresh snow, displayed a high degree of initiative immediately following upon the foot trails detected the presence of terrorists holed-up in a dhok, cordoned the area by tactically siting the stops thereby blocking the exit routes, paving the way for culmination of operation, neutralization of two terrorists and apprehension of one terrorist.

On 12 December, the officer displaying nerves of steel alongwith his buddy Naik Gurdeep Singh maintained vigil of target dhok throughout night and on 13 December 2020 successfully effected the apprehension of one local terrorist. During the ensuing firefight, he brought down effective Light Machine Gun fire alongwith Lance Naik Khushkarn Singh despite heavy retaliation, successfully eliminated one foreign terrorist.

For the gallant action, dynamic leadership and raw courage displayed by the officer in the Operation, Capt Vikas Khatri is recommended for the award of **“SHAURYA CHAKRA”**.

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Name : **Mukesh Kumar**

Weather Posthumous : **No**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	16026460F	
Rank	Rifleman	
Unit	9th Battalion The Rashtriya Rifles	
Father's Name	Shri. Girwar Singh	
Mother's Name	Smt. Rukma Devi	

CITATION

16-17 JULY 2020

Rifleman Mukesh Kumar was part of cordon and search operation launched on 16 July at 2345 hours based on specific intelligence of likely presence of terrorists in a remote village of Jammu and Kashmir.

At 0510 hours, as civilians were being evacuated from the target house, Rifleman Mukesh received a radio call of a suspect approaching his side of the cordon. Rifleman Mukesh controlled own fire to prevent casualty to civilians but was mentally alert to discern a weapon that a civilian was concealing under his clothing. On being challenged, the civilian, who was a terrorist, attempted to draw up his weapon to fire but Rifleman Mukesh physically wrestled with the terrorist, who was shocked by the ferocity of the assault. He kept attacking the terrorist with the butt of his weapon inspite of sustaining a Gunshot wound. Unmindful of his injuries, Rifleman Mukesh neutralised the terrorist from point blank range ensuring no injuries to own troops or the civilians.

For displaying exceptional courage and valour, inspite of sustaining gunshot injury, to indulge in a hand-to-hand duel and to eliminate terrorist, Rifleman Mukesh Kumar is recommended for the award of "**SHAURYA CHAKRA**".

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Name : **Neeraj Ahlawat**

Weather Posthumous : **No**

Award Recommended	Shaurya Chakra	
Year	2021	
Service No	3208099H	
Rank	Sepoy	
Unit	34th Battalion The Rashtriya Rifles	
Father's Name	Mr. Brij Bhan	
Mother's Name	Smt. Vinod Devi	

CITATION

20-21 JUNE 2020

On 20 Jun 2020 Sepoy Neeraj Ahlawat was part of the initial cordon during an Operation in Jammu and Kashmir, in which one hardcore Pakistani terrorist was eliminated.

At approximately 1650 hours, a keen and alert Sepoy Neeraj observed terrorists firing indiscriminately towards the inner cordon in a bid to escape, taking cover behind civilians, using them as human shields. Exercising extreme restraint and displaying composure in the face of a rapidly escalating situation, Sepoy Neeraj waited for an opportune moment and fired accurately on the fleeing terrorists. One of the terrorists was eliminated on the spot. The second terrorist opened heavy fire towards Sepoy Neeraj at close range. Despite grave danger, Sepoy Neeraj showed indomitable courage to hold onto his position and continued engaging the second terrorist, injuring him and damaging his sophisticated M-4 Assault Rifle, which he was compelled to abandon. The gallant actions of Sepoy Neeraj led to elimination of a Pakistani terrorist.

For displaying exceptional gallantry beyond call of duty and nerves of steel, Sepoy Neeraj Ahlawat is recommended for the award of "**SHAURYA CHAKRA**".