NAME : **DIGVIJAY SINGH RAWAT** 

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA	
Year	2024	
Service No	IC-78103L	
Rank	MAJOR	
Unit	21 <sup>ST</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE	
	REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)	
Father's Name	SHRI DIGAMBAR SINGH RAWAT	W W
Mother's Name	SMT VIJAYLAXMI RAWAT	

#### **CITATION**

05 Jan & 26 Mar 2023

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.

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.

For dedication to duty, unmatched valour, raw courage and tactical acumen in challenging combat conditions, **Major Digvijay Singh Rawat** is recommend for the award of "KIRTI CHAKRA".

NAME : **DEEPENDRA VIKRAM BASNET** 

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA	
Year	2024	
Service No	SS-45933F	(745)
Rank	MAJOR	
Unit	4 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE SIKH REGIMENT	9
Father's Name	SHRI AMAR BAHADUR KASHATRY BASNET	Water
Mother's Name	SMT KALPANA BASNET	

### **CITATION**

15 to 18 Jun 2023

Major 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.

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.

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 terrorist. Without second thought, he engaged this terrorist in fierce hand to hand combat and killed him with his combat knife.

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.

For planning and executing a clinical operation without own casualty, raw courage and outstanding combat leadership, **Major Deependra Vikram Basnet** is recommended for the award of "**KIRTI CHAKRA**".

NAME : **ANSHUMAN SINGH** 

Whether Posthumous : YES

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)	
Year	2024	
Service No	MS-20323K	(iii) ii
Rank	CAPTAIN	
Unit	ARMY MEDICAL CORPS/ 26 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE PUNJAB REGIMENT	500
Father's Name	SHRI RAVI PRATAP SINGH	
Mother's Name	SMT MANJU SINGH	INSTRUMENTAL PROPERTY.

#### **CITATION**

19 Jul 2023

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.

During the night of 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

NAME : PAWAN KUMAR YADAV

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA	
Year	2024	-
Service No	4576018L	
Rank	HAVILDAR	
Unit	21 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE MAHAR REGIMENT	1
Father's Name	LATE SHRI CHANDGI RAM YADAV	
Mother's Name	SMT LALEE DEVI	

#### **CITATION**

22 to 23 Jun 2023

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.

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 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.

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** is recommended for the award of **"KIRTI CHAKRA"**.

NAME : **ABDUL MAJID** 

Whether Posthumous : YES

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)	
Year	2024	
Service No	9114288Y	1000
Rank	HAVILDAR	
Unit	9 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)	
Father's Name	MOHD RASHID	
Mother's Name	PARVEEN AKHTER	

### **CITATION**

22 to 23 Nov 2023

Havildar Abdul Majid was a squad commander of 9th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) operating in Jammu and Kashmir since 2011.

On 22 November 2023, during a search operation in forested areas of Rajouri district, his squad moved in to 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.

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 recommend for the award of "**KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)**".

NAME : PAWAN KUMAR

Whether Posthumous : YES

Award Recommended	KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)
Year	2024
Service No	2710816W
Rank	SEPOY
Unit	THE GRENADIERS/ 55 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES
Father's Name	SHRI SHISHU PAL
Mother's Name	SMT BHAJAN DASSI



#### **CITATION**

27 to 28 Feb 2023

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.

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 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.

For displaying undaunted courage and unparalleled devotion beyond call of duty, **Sepoy Pawan Kumar** is recommended for the award of "KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

NAME : MANEO FRANCIS PF

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	
Year	2024	7.5
Service No	IC-76640X	
Rank	MAJOR	
Unit	21 <sup>ST</sup> BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)	
Father's Name	SHRI K PUKEHO	
Mother's Name	SMT H SAZA SUSAN	

#### **CITATION**

04 to 05 Jan 2023

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.

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 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 ambush on Assam Rifles. He continued engaging the balance insurgents who were following the leading four thus ensuring safety of his men.

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 recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

NAME : **AMANDEEP JAKHAR** 

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	
Year	2024	(8.8)
Service No	SS-47915X	
Rank	MAJOR	
Unit	4 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE SIKH REGIMENT	
Father's Name	SHRI BED RAM JAKHAR	
Mother's Name	LATE SAROJ	

## **CITATION**

15-18 Jun 2023

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.

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.

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.

For displaying raw courage, leading his men from front and outstanding decision making under a combat situation, **Major Amandeep Jakhar** is recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

NAME : MV PRANJAL

Whether Posthumous : YES

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)	
Year	2024	
Service No	IC-83609N	
Rank	CAPTAIN	
Unit	THE CORPS OF SIGNALS/ 63RD BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	金色
Father's Name	SHRI M VENKATESH	ELIMINE.
Mother's Name	SMT ANURADHA KR	

#### **CITATION**

19 to 23 Nov 2023

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.

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.

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.

For his display of unparalleled and selfless courage under fire in the highest traditions of the Indian Army, Captain M V Pranjal is recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

NAME : **AKSHAT UPADHYAY** 

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	
Year	2024	
Service No	IC-86211K	( S)
Rank	CAPTAIN	
Unit	20 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE JAT REGIMENT	
Father's Name	SHRI MANOJ KUMAR UPADHYAY	
Mother's Name	SMT SUSHMA UPADHYAY	TABILL DIOUNDS

## **CITATION**

27 to 28 May 2023

On the intervening night of 27-28 May 2023, Captain Akshat Upadhyay and his party established a temporary operating base. At 0300 hr 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.

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 recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

NAME : BARIA SANJAY KUMAR BHAMAR SINH

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	-
Year	2024	00
Service No	JC-573009A	VeV
Rank	NAIB SUBEDAR	
Unit	21 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE MAHAR REGIMENT	
Father's Name	LATE BHAMAR SINGH	
Mother's Name	SMT NANDA	1

#### **CITATION**

12 to 23 Jun 2023

Based on intelligence inputs from various agencies of a likely infiltration, Naib Subedar Baria Sanjay Kumar Bhamar Sinh was part of an ambush since 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. He kept his team motivated even after 11 days when contact was not imminent. On 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 part of the ambush in General Area Kala Jungle.

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.

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 recommended for the award of **"SHAURYA CHAKRA"**.

NAME : SANJAY KUMAR

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	
Year	2024	
Service No	G/95821X	
Rank	HAVILDAR	
Unit	9 ASSAM RIFLES	1
Father's Name	SHRI LAL SINGH	
Mother's Name	SMT SUMITRA DEVI	PED



#### **CITATION**

13 May 2023

On 13 May 2023, Havildar Sanjay Kumar received an input pertaining to presence of four armed insurgents.

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 section does not come under effective fire while pining the armed insurgent down. In this exchange of heavy automatic fire, he ensured the safety of his entire column even while being injured.

For his humane act and selfness service and unflinching bravery under cross firing with armed insurgents, **Havildar Sanjay Kumar** is recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".

NAME : ALOK RAO

Whether Posthumous : YES

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)	
Year	2024	
Service No	G/5031618P	
Rank	RIFLEMAN	
Unit	18 ASSAM RIFLES	
Father's Name	SHRI VIJAY KUMAR	AOX RAO
Mother's Name	SMT MAYA DEVI	

#### **CITATION**

03 May & 10 May 2023

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.

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.

For his exemplary courage, bravery, and immaculate application of intelligence during operation, and utter disregard to his personnel safety, Rifleman Alok Rao is recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".

NAME : SHRI PARSHOTAM KUMAR

Whether Posthumous : NO

Award Recommended	SHAURYA CHAKRA	
Year	2024	
Service No	NA	
Rank	CIVILIAN	
Unit	NA	
Father's Name	SHRI PREM NATH	
Mother's Name	SMT SANTOSH DEVI	

#### **CITATION**

05-06 Aug 2023

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.

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.

For displaying astute patriotism, courage and heroism under fire **Shri Parshotam Kumar** for his inspirational act of valour is recommended for the award of "SHAURYA CHAKRA".