

## *Kirti Chakra*

### **SHRI ABDUL RASHID KALAS, HEAD CONSTABLE, JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

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As the party approached the target house, the terrorists fired upon them indiscriminately. However, to avoid civilian casualties, the operational commander directed for safe evacuation of civilians trapped in the cordoned area including the target house. While the evacuation process was taking place, the rescue parties came under heavy volley of fire. Irrespective of odds the team continued the evacuation and at the same time kept on retaliating. However, during fierce fire fight SI Azad Ahmad, HC Abdul Rashid Kalas and few Army personnel received serious bullet wounds but they kept on retaliating and evacuating civilians without caring for their lives. Thereafter the team engaged in the operation intensified the retaliation from the front and gunned down the dreaded terrorists in due course.

During the operation, Shri Abdul Rashid Kalas, Head Constable displayed valour and exemplary raw courage in engaging and eliminating hardcore terrorists and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

**SHRI PINTU KUMAR SINGH, INSPECTOR/GD, CRPF  
(POSTHUMOUS)  
SHRI SHYAM NARAIN SINGH YADAVA, HEAD CONSTABLE/GD,  
CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR, CONSTABLE, CRPF (POSTHUMOUS)**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 a search operation was launched by 92 Bn CRPF, 22, RR, and SOG Handwara.

On reaching the target village the troops cordoned all the suspected houses and plugged the possible escape routes. A fierce encounter ensued which continued the whole night. Meanwhile, amidst the heavy gun battle, the target house caught fire and collapsed and firing from the terrorists' side also stopped.

On 01 March 2019, a joint team of CRPF and SOG was formed to search the area, afresh. During the search, Inspector /GD Shri Pintu Kumar Singh entered a nearby cowshed and observed something suspicious in the haystacks. Suddenly, one of the terrorists, hiding in the haystacks opened fire. Shri Pintu Kumar Singh immediately retaliated, along with HC/GD Shri Shyam Narain Singh Yadava and Ct/GD Shri Ramhit Yadav.

The trio charged towards the terrorist and injured him, however before they could neutralize him, suddenly another terrorist emerged from the corner of the cowshed and opened indiscriminate fire towards them. In this deadly attack, Shri Pintu Kumar Singh, Shri Shyam Narain Singh Yadava sustained multiple bullet injuries. The badly injured personnel were not able to advance any further, yet, they held onto their position and kept on firing towards the terrorists.

The firing from terrorists subdued for a while. Taking advantage of the lull, Shri Dipak Kumar, Commandant while providing cover fire directed his team to evacuate Insp/GD Shri Pintu Kumar Singh and HC/GD Shri Shyam Narain Singh Yadava, while he along with Ct/GD Shri Ramhit Yadav. In the process, Ct/GD Shri Vinod Kumar suffered serious bullet injuries and attained martyrdom. Inspector/GD Shri Pintu Kumar Singh also succumbed to his injuries and attained

martyrdom. Subsequently, all the injured personnel were evacuated to the hospital. During treatment, HC/GD Shri Shyam Narain Singh Yadava succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom.

The operation continued and lasted for more than 34 hours, wherein two dreaded terrorists were neutralized by the troops. Inspector/GD Shri Pintu Kumar Singh, Head Constable/GD Shri Shyam Narain Singh Yadava and Constable/GD Shri Vinod Kumar showed most conspicuous gallantry beyond the call of duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

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**SHRI GH MUSTAFA BARAH, SGCT, J&K POLICE, (POSTHUMOUS)  
SHRI NASEER AHMAD KOLIE, SGCT, CONSTABLE, J&K POLICE  
(POSTHUMOUS)**

On 01.03.2019, a specific intelligence was generated by Handwara Police about some terrorists hiding in village Baba Gund and an Ops was launched along with Army and CRPF.

The village had a difficult geographical location and the Target house inside the village posed further challenges of reaching the place without alerting the hiding terrorists. Thus there was a requirement of a smaller team to approach the Target area and put a small cordon before the main party could follow and surround the Target area. Sgct Mustafa Barash and Sgct Naseer Ahmad Kolie volunteered to lead a small group of some members and reached the target house, accepted this challenge in the face of a grave threat.

The Party reached the target area, recede it and put a small cordon around the house inviting the main party. While the main party was approaching, the hiding terrorists opened up a heavy volume of firing and the smaller team led by Sgct Mustafa Barash and Sgct Naseer Ahmad Kolie had to engage them till the main party could surround the area. During this exchange of fire, these two brave Police personnel along with three CRPF men suffered bullet injuries and got seriously injured. All the five of them later succumbed to injuries but it ensured that the terrorists did not escape or leave the target house till the main party came and subsequently the exchange of fire continued for some hours and in the ensuing encounter two terrorists were eliminated and huge quantity of weapons/ammunition were recovered from their possession.

Sgct Mustafa Barash and Sct Naseer Ahmad Kolie displayed exemplary courage in leading a smaller party to the target and engaging the terrorists in fire. Both of them suffered injuries and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

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**SHRI MAHAVEER PRASAD GODARA, SUB-INSPECTOR  
(EXECUTIVE), CISF (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

On 06-03-2019, Shri Mahaveer Prasad Godara, SI was deployed as shift in-charge in 'A' shift from 0500 Hrs to 1300 hrs at CGO complex, New Delhi. Suddenly, at about 0830 'hrs, a fire incident was reported from the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Pt Deen Dayal Anyodaya Bhawan, CGO complex where the office of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is located. On getting information regarding fire, he rushed to the spot for clearing the area. While he was evacuating the stranded personnel with his Quick Response Team on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, a partition wall collapsed and copious amount of smoke billowed out engulfing the response team led by, SI/Exe Shri Mahaveer Prasad Godara. While the other team members retreated quickly, he was still looking out for possible survivors, and could not extricate himself from the spot. He was taken to AIIMS Hospital immediately, where doctors declared him as dead.

Shri Mahaveer Prasad Godara, Sub-Inspector (Executive) displayed bravery, raw courage, utmost dedication and commitment to duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

**SHRI ARSHAD KHAN, INSPECTOR, JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE  
(POSTHUMOUS)**

On 12.06.2019, as the ROP of the CRPF deployed on the K.P Road initiated withdrawal, a fidayeen (Suicide) terrorist affiliated to the proscribed terror outfit Jesh-e-Mohammad (JeM) attacked them near Oxford Presentation School on K.P. Road with granades and indiscriminate firing. The terrorist was armed with an AK 56 Rifle loaded with armour piercing rounds. The attack resulted in death of 5 CRPF personnel and injuries to several others. Even after inflicting damage on the forces, the terrorist did not flee from the spot and instead waited for reinforcement to arrive in a bid to maximize the forces causality.

On receiving the information about the incident, Inspr. Arshad Khan, SHO PS Anantnag, rushed towards the spot. He was the first respondent to reach the spot. On seeing the terrorist firing upon the SFs, Inspr Arshad Khan confronted the armed terrorist from a distance of just 10-15 meters and fired upon the terrorist. The terrorist fired a volley of armour piercing rounds on the brave SHO followed by a grenade.

During the ensuing gunfight, the terrorist got hit by the bullet fired by Inspr. Arshad Khan. However, unfortunately, Inspr. Arshad Khan also received a bullet in the chest. Other officers/escort personnel who were following Inspr. Arshad Khan, retaliated the fire resulting in elimination of the terrorist.

Inspector Arshad Khan was immediately shifted to District Hospital Anantnag where from he was evacuated to 92 Base Hospital Badamibagh. After his condition worsened, he was further shifted to SKIMS Soura and then airlifted to AIIMS Delhi where he achieved martyrdom on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The injured Inspector Arshad Khan during the whole incident displayed exemplary bravery and extra ordinary commitment towards the call of duty.

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**SHRI BILAL AHMAD MAGRAY, SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER, J&K  
POLICE (POSTHUMOUS)**

On 20-08-2019, based on a special input regarding presence of terrorists in the house of Nazir Ahmad Dar, S/o Ghulam Nabi Dar, r/o Ganie Hamam Old Town Baramulla, a joint CASO was launched. Shri Bilal Ahmad Magray volunteered himself to the room intervention operational party and thereby to evacuate the entrapped civilians from the target house and to neutralize the terrorist. When SPO Bilal Ahmad was evacuating the civilians, the hiding terrorist lobbed a number of hand grenades and fired indiscriminately upon him and his operational colleagues, resulting serious injuries to him and party commander SI Shri Amar Deep and also one civilian namely Sonu Lal. Through being seriously injured sensing the danger to the civilians inside the target house, he showed indomitable courage and evacuated the injured civilian and other civilians outside the target house ensuring no further collateral damage. With utter disregard to personal safety, the buddy pair i.e. SI Amardeep and SPO Bilal Ahmad re-entered the house and held their position and engaged terrorist thereby denying any safe passage to them to break the cordon and also fired at the terrorists and incapacitated him till the time they exhausted with available ammunition and the duo losing consciousness due to excessive bleeding. He fought till he lost his consciousness and attained martyrdom.

His valiant action has ultimately led to neutralization of one terrorist, who remained chronic stone pelted during 2010, 2014 and 2016 unrest and later on joined prescribed JeM outfit.

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**SHRI ERANNA NAYAKA, HEAD CONSTABLE/FIRE CISF  
(POSTHUMOUSLY)**

**SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR PASWAN, CONSTABLE/DCPO, CISF  
(POSTHUMOUSLY)**

**SHRI SATISH PRASAD KUSHWAHA, CONSTABLE/FIRE, CISF  
(POSTHUMOUSLY)**

On 03.09.2019 at about 0635 hrs, CISF personnel deployed at the LPG Gate duty post of ONGC Mumbai, Urban Plant, felt the smell of gas and faced trouble in breathing. Main Gate Control Room was informed in this regard.

On receiving the call from the Main Gate Control Room, the CISF Fire Wing Personnel immediately rushed to the spot along with STF.

Head Constable (Fire) Shri Eranna Nayaka along with two other CISF personnel namely Constable (Driver cum Pump Operator) Shri Mahendra Kumar Paswan and Constable (Fire) Shri Satish Prasad Kushwaha went inside the plant and started searching for the source of gas leakage. Suddenly, a blast took place inside the plant and Head Constable (Fire) Shri Eranna Nayaka who was involved in fire fighting operation was burnt alive and sacrificed his life.

Shri Eranna Nayaka, Head Constable (Fire), Constable (Driver cum Pump Operator) Shri Mahendra Kumar Paswan and Constable (Fire) Shri Satish Prasad Kushwaha displayed bravery, raw courage, utmost dedication and commitment to duty and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.



## PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-40314K Lieutenant General Chandi Prasad Mohanty, AVSM, SM, VSM, The Infantry
2. IC-40760L Lieutenant General Vadlamani Shanmukha Sreenivas, VSM\*\*, The Infantry
3. Air Marshal Arvindra Singh Butola, VM, VSM (16789) Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
4. Air Marshal Amit Tiwari, AVSM, VM (16806) Flying (Pilot) **(Retired)**
5. IC-41528M Lieutenant General Harinder Singh, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, The Infantry
6. DR-10359P Lieutenant General Sanjay Manohar Londhe, SM, The Army Dental Corps **(Retired)**
7. IC-40948A Lieutenant General Kalisipudi Ravi Prasad, VSM, The Regiment of Artillery **(Retired)**
8. MR-04428K Lieutenant General Anup Banerji, SM, PHS, The Medical Corps **(Retired)**
9. MR-04745L Lieutenant General Nardeep Naithani, The Army Medical Corps **(Retired)**
10. V-00391W Lieutenant General Pailoor Ramachandran Venkatesh, SM, The Remount Veterinary Services **(Retired)**
11. Vice Admiral MS Pawar, AVSM, VSM (02483-T) **(Retired)**
12. Vice Admiral Sishtla Rajasekhara Sarma, AVSM, VSM (50832-A) **(Retired)**
13. Air Marshal Mothlampet Sabari Gireesa Menon, VSM (17035) Administration / Air Traffic Controller **(Retired)**
14. IC-41154F Major General Alok Raj, AVSM, The Infantry **(Retired)**

**SHRI RAHUL MATHUR, DEPUTY COMMANDANT, CRPF**

Shri Rahul Mathur, Deputy Commandant was deployed in Srinagar as House Intervention Team (HIT) Commander of Valley QAT of CRPF.

On 17 Sep 20, acting upon an input about the presence of some terrorists, in a house, in Firdousabad Batmaloo, Valley QAT swung into action and cordoned the suspected house. After tactically positioning his team, he along with his two buddies entered the house, from the rear, after scaling 6 feet wall. Leading from the front, he ordered his buddies to cover the door, while he cautiously stepped inside.

He moved further, towards the gallery, where everything seemed calm, till an inmate standing near the staircase pulled out his gun and fired at Sh Rahul Mathur. Two bullets pierced his body, one in the chest and another in the abdomen. But, unmindful of the being hit, Sh Rahul Mathur proceeded ahead. Ignoring the incoming terrorist's bullets, Sh Rahul Mathur, in a quick reflex, aimed his rifle at the terrorist and took him down. Meanwhile, the other two terrorists also emerged and started firing at him, from behind the cover of the wall. By the time, Sh Rahul Mathur had also positioned himself behind a cover and a fierce gun battle, in close quarters ensued.

The realization of being hit by bullets and the sight of oozing blood could disorient anyone but the officer showed nerves of steel: calling for help would have meant endangering the lives of his buddies, who had by then positioned themselves safely outside the building. Sh Rahul Mathur ordered his buddies to fall back, while he himself moved out of the house, firing heavily towards the terrorists. Despite suffering grievous injuries, excruciating pain and blood loss he fought ferociously with the terrorists, till he evacuated his buddies to safety. Thereafter, he managed to reach there and fell unconscious due to his critical injuries.

He was evacuated to 92 Base Hospital in a very critical condition, where he battled for 10 days and survived the ordeal. Thereafter, other personnel of Valley QAT neutralized the remaining two terrorists and recovered arms and ammunition.

Sh Rahul Mathur, Deputy Commandant, displayed conspicuous gallantry, in the face of grave and imminent threat, without caring for his own life in safety.

## UTTAM YUDDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-41509F Lieutenant General Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon, YSM, VSM, The Infantry, Headquarters 15 Corps
2. IC-40353H Lieutenant General Paramjit Singh Sangha, AVSM, SM, The Infantry, Headquarters 16 Corps (**Retired**)

## ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-41495M Lieutenant General Nav K Khanduri, VSM, The Army Air Defence
2. IC-42288M Lieutenant General Anil Puri, SM, VSM, The Corps of Engineers
3. IC-43295P Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Ravin Khosla, SM, VSM, The Infantry
4. IC-43296X Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Vijay Kumar Mishra, The Infantry
5. IC-43444X Major General (Now Lieutenant General) P Gopalakrishna Menon, The Infantry
6. IC-43746K Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Adosh Kumar, SM, The Regiment of Artillery
7. IC-43877P Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Rajinder Dewan, VSM, The Infantry
8. IC-44545X Major General (Now Lieutenant General) Anindya Sengupta, YSM, The Infantry
9. IC-42331H Major General Arup Kumar Sasmal, The Regiment of Artillery
10. IC-42795A Major General Jalaj Bhola, The Corps of Signals
11. IC-43223L Major General Rajesh Kumar Jha, The Corps of Engineers
12. IC-43333A Major General K Narayanan, SM, The Infantry
13. IC-44473Y Major General Ravi Murugan, Brigade of The Guards

14. IC-44501A Major General Ajay Kumar Verma, The Infantry
15. IC-46002K Major General Praveen Kumar, SM, VSM, The Judge Advocate General
16. IC-47013H Major General Deepak Mehra, KC, VSM, The Infantry
17. IC-47032N Major General Pratik Sharma, SM, The Infantry
18. Rear Admiral (Now Vice Admiral) Srinivasan G, VSM (41184-Z)
19. Rear Admiral (Now Vice Admiral) Puneet Kumar Bahl, VSM (02741-B)
20. Rear Admiral (Now Vice Admiral) Rajesh Pendharkar, VSM (03130-N)
21. Air Vice Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, VM (18300) Flying (Pilot)
22. Air Commodore Manish Kumar Gupta (20439) Flying (Pilot)
23. Air Commodore Tejpal Singh, VM (20724) Flying (Pilot)
24. Air Commodore Vikram Gaur, VSM (21008) Flying (Pilot)
25. Air Vice Marshal Jonnalagadda Rajendra, VSM (18150) Administration  
**(Retired)**
26. Air Vice Marshal Sukumaran Ramakrishnan, VSM (18466) Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics) **(Retired)**

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**SHRI AMIT KUMAR, DY. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,  
JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE**

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To make the operation successful, two joint teams of Police and Security Forces under the command of DIG SKR, Anantnag/SP Pulwama were constituted to zero in the target. Both the teams positioned themselves as per the terrain. The area was sealed off and all the possible escaping routes were plugged off properly.

After strengthening the cordon, the team of PC Pulwama started searching the area to locate the terrorists. However, as the party led by DIG SKR approached the target house, the terrorists fired indiscriminately and Shri Amit Kumar, DIG SKR and his men had a narrow escape. Exhibiting highest degree of courage, Shri Amit Kumar immediately positioned himself and effectively retaliated thereby, forced the terrorists to turn defensive.

The presence of terrorists got established and the inner cordon was intensified and retaliation was firmly executed. However, to avoid civilian casualties, the operational commander (DIG SKR Anantnag) directed for safe evacuation of civilians trapped in the cordoned area including the target house. While the evacuation process was taking place, the rescue parties came under heavy volley of fire. However, keeping the morale high, DIG continued the evacuation process till it got completed. Since terrorists have occupied three different locations inside the house to attack the troops and they were frequently changing their location, it was difficult to retaliate the fire. Since the terrorists were constantly firing the specific targets, the operational team was effectively engaged in retaliation. Shri Amit Kumar and his QRT intensified the retaliation and gunned down two dreaded terrorists.

In the wee hours of Feb, 18 2019, the remaining holed up terrorist again started indiscriminate firing and made series of attempts to escape but the altered troops foiled his every attempt. One of the remaining terrorist fired indiscriminately on the troops during which Shri Amit Kumar, IPS DIG SKR Anantnag got seriously injured and was shifted to Army hospital Srinagar wherefrom, he was airlifted to AIIMS, Delhi. The joint operation team without losing courage fought bravely and neutralized the third terrorist. Huge cache of arms/ammunitions was recovered from the possession of slain terrorists.

**Shri Amit Kumar, IPS**, the then DIG SKR Anantnag shown exceptional leadership qualities, raw grit and moral courage risking his own life to secure his troops as well as the local populace.