



8 J&K LI (SIACHEN)

'THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE'

8 JAK LI is one of the most decorated Bn of the Indian Army. It was raised as **First Battalion Border Scouts** in Poonch on 18 Dec 1947 to stop the ingress of Kabailies into Poonch and was later, rechristened as 8 Jammu and Kashmir Militia on 15 Apr 1948.

The Battalion was awarded the Battle Honour of **Laleali & Picquet 707** during 1971 Indo Pak war. Re-designated as 8 Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry on 27 Apr 1976.

The Battalion captured the enemy Quaid post at an altitude of 21153 ft, the highest battle field in the world. Naib Subedar Bana Singh was awarded **Param Vir Chakra**.

The Battalion was conferred with **Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation** in 2001 for exemplary performance on the Line of Control and Counter Terrorism operations.

The Battalion established the United Nation Mission in Sudan. The Battalion was bestowed with **United Nations Unit Citation** in 2007.

Naib Subedar Chuni Lal, Vir Chakra, Sena Medal laid down his life in the highest traditions of Indian Army whilst fighting against terrorists and was bestowed with the highest peace time gallantry award, The Ashok Chakra (Posthumous) in 2008.

The Battalion joined the group of elite Battalions who have been conferred with **'The Bravest of the Brave Award'**.

The Battalion was also conferred with The Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation in 2009 for its splendid performance on the Line of Control.

8 JAK LI (SIACHEN) has served as **President's Ceremonial Army Guard** from 2014 to 2017. For its sterling performance, the Battalion has been bestowed with **Western Command Army Commander's Unit Citation 2016**. Battalion has also earned the distinction of being the only Battalion to receive **APPRECIATION** from **Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India & Supreme Commander of Armed Forces** on 01 Jul 2017.

BALIDANAM VIR LAKSHANAM



5th BN THE 1st GORKHA RIFLES

5th Battalion The 1st Gorkha Rifles, was initially raised in Jan 1942 at Dharamshala and was later demobilized in Dec 1946 after an eventful innings in Baluchistan. It was re-raised on 01 Jan 1965 at Solan (HP).

The Battalion took part in OP CACTUS LILY 'East Pakistan' in 1971. The unit for its exemplary operational performance was honoured with Battle Honour 'DARSANA' and Theatre Honour 'EAST PAKISTAN' besides being awarded with three Maha Vir Chakras and two Vir Chakras.

The Battalion as part of Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka has to its credit the successful conduct of the most difficult operations in entire Jaffna Peninsula. For its operations in Sri Lanka the Battalion was awarded with two Vir Chakras and six Sena Medals.

The Battalion for its exemplary performance in Counter Insurgency Operation during OP RAKSHAK in Kupwara Sect of Jammu and Kashmir was awarded with Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation in 2000.

The unit as Air Mobile Force Reserve Battalion during its deployment in United Nations Mission in Sudan in 2008-09 was awarded with Force Commander UNMIS Unit Citation for its contribution towards the cause of peace.

For its outstanding performance in Counter Insurgency role in OP RHINO (Assam) the Battalion was awarded with the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (Eastern Command) Unit Citation in 2013.

The Motto of the Battalion is 'KAYAR HUNU BHANDA sMARNU RAMRO' which translates to 'IT IS BETTER TO DIE THAN TO BE A COWARD'. The battle cry of the Battalion is "Aayo Gorkhali!"

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