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**SS-43887Y MAJOR DAVID MANLUN
THE NAGA REGIMENT, 164 INFANTRY BATTALION
(TERRITORIAL ARMY) (HOME & HEARTH) NAGA (POSTHUMOUS)**

During an operation in June 2017, contact with a group of militants was established by the column under Major David Manlun in Northern Nagaland. A fierce firefight ensued immediately, wherein the militants lobbed grenades towards the position of Major David Manlun injuring him and three other ranks. Despite bearing the brunt of militant's fire and grenade blast, Major David Manlun, with utter disregard to his personal safety, moved forward and opened fire from close range to pin down the militants, thus preventing them from causing further casualty to own troops and eliminated three militants. Major David Manlun succumbed to his injuries shortly thereafter.

Major David Manlun displayed conspicuous bravery and leadership of the highest order and made supreme sacrifice in fighting with the militants.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

4188533W NK CHANDRA SINGH

**KUMAON SCOUTS, 13TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES
(POSTHUMOUS)**

In November 2016, Naik Chandra Singh was part of stop group during a Cordon and Search Operation in a village in Sopore district of Jammu and Kashmir. The target house in which two militants were holed up was cordoned by the Company. Militants brought down heavy volume of fire on the stops and attempted to escape. Firing his weapon, one militant charged towards Naik Chandra Singh and tried to break the cordon. Naik Chandra Singh was grievously wounded in the exchange of fire. However, unmindful of his personal safety, he continued to engage the heavily armed militant and neutralised him. This gallant selfless action ensured safety of other troops, as well as elimination of a dreaded militant. Naik Chandra Singh later succumbed to his injuries.

Naik Chandra Singh displayed act of bravery and made supreme sacrifice while performing a gallant act beyond the call of duty.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-71967M MAJOR SATISH DAHIYA
ARMY SERVICE CORPS, 30TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES
(POSTHUMOUS)**

During search operation for three foreign militants in a village in Bandipura district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Satish Dahiya isolated the suspected house by putting a tight cordon, placing himself at the likely escape route. The holed up militants suddenly rushed out, firing indiscriminately. Undeterred, Major Satish Dahiya engaged them and eliminated one militant. Seeing the ferocity of his retaliation, remaining two militants hid themselves using folds of ground and continued to fire. In this exchange of fire, Major Satish Dahiya was hit on his chest but killed the second militant before falling down. Third militant, also injured in this fire fight, ran towards the house. Refusing evacuation, Major Satish Dahiya continued to direct his men who closed in towards the house and eliminated the third militant. The officer later succumbed to his injuries.

Major Satish Dahiya displayed his inspirational leadership and gallantry throughout the operation till his martyrdom.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**PID-036364 CONSTABLE MANZOOR AHMAD NAIK
JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE, 42ND BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

Constable Manzoor Ahmed Naik of Jammu and Kashmir Police was part of the team tasked to place the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) on the target house during a joint operation. Displaying raw courage and nerves of steel and using tactical blanket, he placed the IED for demolition of the house. The individual again volunteered to be part of team tasked to clear the debris. Displaying excellent field craft, he closed in to the site when the militant opened indiscriminate fire. In an exemplary display of valour and unmindful of personal safety, he engaged the militant at close range allowing the search team to extricate safely. Despite being gravely injured he continued firing injuring the militant and ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Constable Manzoor Ahmed Naik displayed sheer grit and unflinching devotion to duty in engaging the militant and made supreme sacrifice for the nation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

903038-L SERGEANT KHAIRNAR MILIND KISHOR INDIAN AIR FORCE (GARUD) (POSTHUMOUS)

Based on specific information, a cordon was laid at night on 10 October 2017 for search of terrorists on the outskirts of Hajin village in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir. On 11 October at 0440 hrs, five to six heavily armed terrorists charged out of their hideout firing and lobbing grenades towards the position of Sergeant Khairnar Milind Kishor. He retaliated and pinned them down with his accurate fire. However, due to the intense fire and lobbing of grenades by terrorists, Sergeant Milind was hit by flurry of bullets and shrapnel. In spite of being grievously injured, the air warrior held his position and maintained precise fire on terrorists preventing their escape. With the escape route blocked, terrorists resorted to indiscriminate firing and closed in towards Sergeant Milind. In the resulting close quarter fight, Sergeant Milind shot down one terrorist and grievously injured another. However, he was hit by bullets and later on succumbed to his injuries.

Sergeant Khairnar Milind Kishor displayed indomitable spirit, exceptional courage, disregard of personal safety in the face of enemy and made supreme sacrifice in fighting with the armed terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**905119-N CORPORAL NILESH KUMAR NAYAN
INDIAN AIR FORCE (SECURITY)
(POSTHUMOUS)**

Based on specific information, a cordon was laid at night on 10 October 2017 for search of terrorists on the outskirts of Hajin village in Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir. At 0440 hrs on 11 October, five to six heavily armed terrorists charged out of their hideout, firing and lobbing grenades towards the position of Corporal Nilesh Kumar Nayan. He quickly retaliated by heavy and accurate fire preventing escape of the terrorists. During the gun battle, his track leader was injured. He provided covering fire to ensure his safety. The terrorists now directed massive fire towards his position due to which he was hit by a volley of bullets. However, displaying exemplary courage, Corporal Nayan held his ground and killed one terrorist. The remaining terrorists now directed all firing towards him. In the consequent battle, Corporal Nayan injured another terrorist. However in the melee, he suffered fatal bullet injuries.

Corporal Nilesh Kumar Nayan displayed extreme valour, determination and highest order of camaraderie in fighting with the terrorists and made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-35479Y Lieutenant General Balwant Singh Negi, UYSM, YSM, SM, VSM**, ADC, Infantry
2. IC-38311X Lieutenant General Satish Kumar Dua, UYSM, SM, VSM, Infantry
3. IC-38679A Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Infantry
4. Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, AVSM (02151-N), Flag Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command
5. Air Marshal Shyam Bihari Prasad Sinha, AVSM, VM (16053) Flying (Pilot)
6. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, AVSM, VM (16026) Flying (Pilot)
7. IC-35960X Lieutenant General Shравan Kumar Patyal, UYSM, SM, Infantry
8. IC-39818L Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma, AVSM, Corps of Engineers
9. MR-03992M Lieutenant General Arup Kumar Das, Army Medical Corps
10. Vice Admiral Arun Kumar Bahl, AVSM, VSM (50693-K), Project Director, Advance Technology Vessels Programme
11. IC-35919F Lieutenant General Amarjeet Singh, AVSM**, SM, Infantry **(Retired)**
12. IC-35923K Lieutenant General Jagbir Singh Cheema, AVSM, VSM, Infantry **(Retired)**
13. Air Marshal Mahesh Kumar Malik, AVSM, VSM (15743) Administration **(Retired)**
14. IC-38691F Major General Jatinder Singh Bedi, Artillery Regiment **(Retired)**

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SHRI CHETAN KUMAR CHEETA
COMMANDANT, 45 BATTALION, CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE

On 14 February 2017, during a joint operation against two foreign militants hiding in Parry Mohalla, PS-Hajin, Distt Bandipora, Jammu and Kashmir, displaying tactical acumen and raw courage, Shri Chetan Kumar Cheeta, Commandant, 45 Battalion, Central Reserve Police Force along with his team moved stealthily towards the target house and spotted a militant behind a haystack in the compound. In a split moment, he sprang out of his position and charged at the militant and neutralized him. Meanwhile, other militant showered a barrage of bullets towards Shri Cheeta and his team followed by carpeting of UBGL shells. Shri Cheeta and his fellow men sustained several gunshot wounds and splinter injuries. Severely wounded Shri Cheeta continued to goad the troops to retaliate and himself kept firing at the militant preventing any further loss to own troops.

Shri Chetan Kumar Cheeta displayed exemplary bravery, raw courage, exceptional leadership qualities and indomitable fighting spirit risking his own life in neutralizing the hardcore terrorists.

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IC-66219P MAJOR VIJAYANT BIST 4TH BATTALION THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY

On 06 June 2017 at 2140 hours, Major Vijayant Bist spotted infiltration in Chorgali forest of Uri district of Jammu and Kashmir. In the intense firefight, some terrorists infiltrated into Goalta forest. On 07 June, Major Vijayant tracked the terrorists. While closing in with the terrorists, first scout of the patrol got injured. Under heavy volume of fire from the terrorists, Major Vijayant, unmindful of his personal safety, crawled forward and pulled his colleague almost 30 meters behind cover. Undeterred and regardless of personal safety, he carried out hot pursuit of escaping terrorists under adverse weather conditions. His perseverance fructified on 09 June when the terrorists were sighted again. In ensuing firefight, he dashed forward, unmindful of terrorist's heavy fire, and lobbed grenades while firing on them, and neutralized one terrorist. The second terrorist charged towards the patrol and came face to face with Major Vijayant, who eliminated him at point blank range.

Major Vijayant Bist displayed conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage beyond the call of duty and exemplary leadership in eliminating two terrorists.

UTTAM YUDDH SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-39185H Lieutenant General Ajae Kumar Sharma, YSM, SM, Infantry, Headquarters 16 Corps

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. IC-39130Y Lieutenant General Rajeev Chopra, Infantry
2. IC-39380A Lieutenant General Podali Shankar Rajeshwar, VSM, Regiment of Artillery
3. IC-39436F Lieutenant General Satinder Kumar Saini, YSM, VSM, Infantry
4. IC-39624H Lieutenant General Pradeep M Bali, VSM, Infantry
5. IC-39073H Lieutenant General Sanjeev Kumar Shrivastava, Corps of Engineers
6. IC-40235P Lieutenant General Gopal R, SM, Infantry
7. IC-40031H Lieutenant General Sanjeev Kanal, Regiment of Artillery
8. IC-40753P Lieutenant General Manmohan Jeet Singh Kahlon, ARMD
9. IC-41072Y Lieutenant General Rajeev Sirohi, VSM, Infantry
10. Surgeon Vice Admiral Pawar Alhad Anant, VSM (75256-K), Director General Medical Services (Navy)
11. Air Marshal Pawan Kapoor, VSM & Bar (35311) Medical **(Retired)**
12. IC-40795F Major General Sanjeev Narain, Infantry
13. IC-41183W Major General Suresh Chandra Mohanty, Brigade of The Guards
14. IC-45050X Major General Tejbir Singh, SM, Infantry

15. MR-05596P Major General Madhuri Kanitkar, VSM, Army Medical Corps
16. IC-42004X Major General Rana Pratap Kalita, SM, VSM, Infantry
17. Rear Admiral Inder Paul Singh Bali, VSM (50825-K) **(Retired)**
18. Air Vice Marshal Diptendu Choudhury, VM, VSM (17335) Flying (Pilot)
19. Air Vice Marshal Om Prakash Tiwari, VSM (16678) Flying (Navigator)
20. IC-49650X Brigadier Gambhir Singh, Garhwal Rifles, Headquarters 63 Mountain Brigade
21. Air Commodore Inderpal Singh Walia, VM (19518) Flying (Pilot)
22. Air Commodore Tejbir Singh, VM (19958) Flying (Pilot)

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**SHRI CHANDAN KUMAR, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT
(IRLA-9056), CRPF**

&

SHRI AMAR NATH MISHRA, CONSTABLE, CRPF

On receipt of information about presence of Maoists in forest area of Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar, Shri Chandan Kumar, Assistant Commandant led a small team of intrepid Troopers against the Maoists on 08 January 2016. Constable Amar Nath Mishra was also part of this team. The Maoists on noticing the team of Shri Chandan Kumar unleashed a volley of fire at it. Shri Chandan Kumar, without caring for the bullets, decided for a frontal and headlong advance straight in the Maoists' line of fire. Shri Chandan Kumar and Constable Amarnath Mishra came face to face to a Maoist's sentry post. The two Maoists positioned inside the post opened indiscriminate fire and tried to escape. But in an audacious move, they dashed close to the Maoists and gunned them down. Finding themselves cornered, the Maoists tried to flee with their guns firing heavily. But Shri Chandan Kumar and Shri Amarnath Mishra continued their advance. Two of the Maoists made a bid to flee towards their direction while firing heavily at them, but the duo jumped to their sides, fired and injured the Maoists who rushed back into the thick jungle. During the search of the area, four bodies of Maoists were recovered.

Shri Chandan Kumar, Assistant Commandant and Shri Amar Nath Mishra, Constable exhibited exemplary courage, leadership qualities and selfless devotion to the duty during the operation against Maoists.

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**JC-414170P NB SUB SURENDRA SINGH
4TH BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCE)**

In August 2016, during the search operation, the militants tried to escape firing indiscriminately towards the search party. With utter disregard to his personal safety, Naib Subedar Surendra Singh rushed towards the boulders where militants had taken cover. Militants lobbed two hand grenades towards him. He remained unnerved and closed in towards the militants. This audacious move made the militants panic and they started firing indiscriminately at him. He ran over a higher boulder coming directly on top of the two militants and shot one of them at a close quarter range. Seeing this move the second militant started firing and lobbed a grenade towards Naib Subedar Surendra Singh. Showing heroic initiative and unparalleled tactical acumen, he inched closer to the militant and shot him down at very close quarters.

Naib Subedar Surendra Singh displayed raw courage, selflessness, intrepidity at the risk of his life in elimination of two terrorists.

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**2616368W SEPOY VENKATARAO ABOTULA
8TH BATTALION THE MADRAS REGIMENT**

In October 2016, while on sentry duty at post in an Army Camp in Kupwada district of Jammu and Kashmir, Sepoy Venkatarao Abotula, during the morning hours, observed suspicious movement 25-30 meters outside fence and immediately alerted the Guard Commander and other guards in the adjacent bunker. He returned to the post and challenged the two suspicious individuals attempting to close in towards the fence. On being challenged, they opened indiscriminate fire. He immediately retaliated with accurate fire pinning down the militants outside the fence. In the exchange of fire, militants were grievously wounded. Despite injuries, the militants continued to engage the sentry post. Unmindful of grave risk to his life, Sepoy Abotula fired through the loop hole and killed one militant.

Sepoy Venkatarao Abotula's gallant, bold and swift actions prevented a sneak attack and resulted in elimination of three foreign militants.

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SHRI P. TRINADHA RAO
ASSISTANT ASSAULT COMMANDER, ANDHRA PRADESH
&
SHRI CHIKKAM G.V. RAMACHANDRA RAO
SENIOR COMMANDO (5966), ANDHRA PRADESH

During the operation against Maoists by Greyhounds commandos in the forested hilly area of Ramgurha village on Andhra Odisha Border on 24 October, 2016, the Greyhounds neutralized two Maoists after a fierce gun battle and chased about 60-70 Maoists. Shri P. Trinadha Rao, Assistant Assault Commander with a small group of Commandos crossed the Nala under intense fire from the Maoists. On noticing 20 – 25 Maoists running towards Ramgurha village, they chased them back towards the hillock. The Maoists climbed the hillock and launched an avalanche of fire at the Greyhounds Commandos. Shri P. Trinadha Rao received bullet injuries but remained undaunted. He led a small team and neutralized three Maoists and forced others to descend the hillock on the Southern and South-Eastern sides.

When Senior Commando Shri Chikkam G.V. Ramachandra Rao sensed that the Maoists would escape from the Southern and Eastern sides of the hillock, he quickly ran from the western side of the hillock to the eastern side under intense fire from the Maoists. He moved from place to place and fired upon the Maoists giving the impression that the Commandos were present everywhere. In spite of one of his colleagues being hit by a bullet, Shri Ramachandra Rao continued to fight with more determination and fired two shells from his UBGL which resulted in neutralizing five Maoists and injuring several others.

Shri P. Trinadha Rao, Assistant Assault Commander and Shri Chikkam G.V. Ramachandra Rao, Senior Commando showed extraordinary commitment beyond the call of duty and tremendous courage in the face of heavy odds, and played a major role in neutralizing the Maoist attack.

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**2708834 SEPOY ARIF KHAN
THE GRENADIERS REGIMENT, 55TH BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

In March 2017, on receipt of input about presence of two militants in a village in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, cordon around the target area was laid discreetly. Sepoy Arif Khan was part of the cordon. Displaying high state of alertness, he observed suspicious movement of two civilians, who jumped out of the window and were trying to escape the cordon. Sepoy Arif Khan immediately challenged them. On being challenged, they immediately opened fire towards Sepoy Arif Khan. Sepoy Arif Khan showing nerves of steel, exemplary courage and with utter disregard to personal safety, fired back immediately eliminating one militant on the spot and preventing the escape of another militant.

Sepoy Arif Khan displayed exemplary courage and presence of mind during the operation against militants, resulting in elimination of one hardcore militant.

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**15225911X GUNNER RISHI KUMAR RAY
REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY/155 FIELD REGIMENT**

In April 2017, Panzgam Garrison in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir was attacked by militants. Gunner Rishi Kumar Ray was sentry at one of the posts. On noticing the heavily armed militants firing indiscriminately and approaching his post, he effectively engaged them. He was fired upon and received a burst on his bullet proof patka but unflinched he continued to engage the militants and immediately demonstrated exceptional bravery by rushing out to pick up the weapon of a slain militant to engage other militant. In the process he suffered grievous gunshot wounds but he continued to engage the militant till he was evacuated to safety.

Gunner Rishi Kumar Ray displayed unparalleled presence of mind, exceptional bravery and gallantry beyond the call of duty with utter disregard to his personal safety in fighting with the militants.

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9109592Y LANCE NAIK BADHER HUSSAIN 4TH BATTALION THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY

On 07 June 2017, Lance Naik Badher Hussain was the leading scout of the search party into Goalta forest in Uri district of Jammu and Kashmir. Persistently searching trails of terrorists, he spotted them and immediately warned his party. In the ensuing firefight, his buddy was severely injured. Sensing danger to his buddy, he exposed himself, unmindful of his personal safety, and brought down heavy fire on terrorists, enabling others to pull back his buddy to safety but terrorists managed to escape. On 09 June at 1345 hours, when terrorists were sighted again, he established a stop and brought down accurate fire on them, killing one terrorist on the spot while severely injuring second terrorist hiding behind a log. Displaying raw courage, he crawled forward and at point blank range killed the second terrorist.

Lance Naik Badher Hussain displayed gallant act of saving a life of his buddy and courage beyond call of duty in elimination of two terrorists.

SS-44764Y CAPT ABHINAV SHUKLA

2ND BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES)

Captain Abhinav Shukla was part of the team tasked to clear the DPS Srinagar building at Badgam district of Jammu and Kashmir where two fidayeen terrorists were hiding. During close recce, the officer was injured with grenade splinters. Despite the injury, he volunteered to lead his squad and, displaying exemplary leadership, was the first to climb into the around 40 feet high complex, while firing on the move.

While clearing the top floor, Captain Abhinav drew fire from the terrorist from a close distance, injuring him with a laceration. Unmindful of his injury and the pain, he continued to fire accurately on the terrorist. In the close quarter fire fight, he eliminated one terrorist. Refusing to be evacuated, Captain Abhinav continued to guide his men and provided fire support leading to the elimination of the second terrorist.

Captain Abhinav Shukla displayed gallantry, indomitable courage and leadership resulting in successful termination of a highly complex and difficult operation.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**IC-76020F CAPTAIN ROHIT SHUKLA
THE RAJPUT REGIMENT/44TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On 03 July, 2017, on receipt of information about presence of 03-04 terrorists in village Bamun in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, Captain Rohit Shukla acted swiftly and stealthily laid a cordon around the suspected house. At 0740 hours, three persons moving out of the house, on being challenged, initiated heavy volume of fire. Unmindful of his personal safety, he engaged the terrorists, killing one of them and injuring another while the third terrorist escaped to a cluster of houses. Showing indomitable spirit, raw courage and excellent tactical acumen, Captain Rohit closed in with the injured terrorist and directed MGL fire on him forcing him to change his location. Captain Rohit took aimed shot at the running terrorist and neutralized him.

Subsequently, during the search for the third terrorist, a grenade hurled by the terrorist injured Captain Rohit in his leg. Despite being injured, he continued directing fire and personally led the evacuation of his team from the target house complex.

Captain Rohit Shukla displayed indomitable courage, initiative and bravery resulting in elimination of two hardcore terrorists.

SHAURYA CHAKRA

**2691007Y HAVILDAR MUBARIK ALI
THE GRENDADIERS REGIMENT/55TH BATTALION
THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

On receipt of input about movement of terrorists in Tahab area of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, a cordon and search operation was launched on 30 July 2017. At around 0850 hours, Havildar Mubarik Ali observed movement of two suspicious persons in a bylane and challenged them who immediately fired back at Havildar Mubarik Ali. Displaying raw courage under heavy terrorists fire, he effectively retaliated back and eliminated one of the terrorists on the spot. The second terrorist took cover and started firing at him. With utter disregard to personal safety, under heavy terrorist's fire, he crawled and changed his location to effectively engage the terrorist. In this process he got gunshot wound. However, displaying courage beyond the call of duty, Havildar Mubarik Ali neutralized the second terrorist.

Havildar Mubarik Ali displaying exemplary leadership and courage beyond call of duty, eliminated two hardcore terrorists.