

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

No. 13-Pres/2015 – The President is pleased to approve the award of the “**Kirti Chakra**” to the under mentioned persons for the acts of conspicuous gallantry:-

1. **IC-74786M CAPTAIN JAIDEV, THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT  
(SPECIAL FORCES) / 3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES**

[Effective date of the award: 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014]

In the evening of 19 June 2014, 3 Rashtriya Rifles received intelligence about presence of three terrorists in Buts village of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir. A joint operation of 3 Rashtriya Rifles and 10 PARA (SF) was launched. Captain Jaidev swung into action and rushed with a small team of seven to seek a contact.

While deploying, Captain Jaidev saw movement of three suspected terrorists 15 meters ahead, who on being challenged opened indiscriminate fire injuring the officer and his buddy grievously. Seeing that his buddy, who had killed one terrorist, was losing blood fast, the officer dragged him to safety. Undeterred by the injuries in the leg and chest and bleeding profusely, Captain Jaidev in an audacious display of raw courage, displaying conspicuous gallantry and bold fighting spirit, closed in with remaining terrorists under heavy fire and shot them at close quarters. The dying terrorist again fired at Captain Jaidev, injuring him in the face. Despite his near fatal injuries, the officer refused to be evacuated till the termination of operations. In the operation, Captain Jaidev personally neutralised two wanted terrorist commanders.

Captain Jaidev displayed dauntless courage and extraordinary valour under heavy fire from close quarters with terrorists in face of certain death.

2. **JC-602970Y NAIB SUBEDAR KOSH BAHADUR GURUNG  
1 GORKHA RIFLES / 15TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA  
RIFLES**

[Effective date of the award: 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014]

Naib Subedar Kosh Bhadur Gurung was leading Ghatak Platoon in an operation located above 12500 feet at general area of Sundarmali of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir.

A group of heavily armed terrorists attempting infiltration was bringing down effective fire on the Ghatak Platoon using assault rifles and Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) taking advantage of darkness and big rocks in the area. Sensing grave danger to his buddies and that the terrorists could escape, the JCO displaying nerves of steel and exceptional field craft crawled through a volley of bullets to close in with terrorists. Realising that only one person could move through the gap between big rocks, he alone tactfully manoeuvred to an advantageous position and lobbed grenades and pinned down the terrorists. He then crawled closer upto ten meters and accurately fired through a small gap between rocks to eliminate one terrorist. Now, the second terrorist started firing and pounced on him. With equal ferocity, the JCO pulled out his Khukri and charged at him. A hand to hand fight ensued, when he pushed the terrorist to the ground and killed him.

Naib Subedar Kosh Bahadur Gurung displayed conspicuous gallantry in the face of terrorist fire.


3. **JC-531276A SUBEDAR AJAY VARDHAN**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE GARHWAL RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)**

[Effective date of the award: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014]

Subedar Ajay Vardhan, Platoon Commander of Alpha Company, 14 Garhwal Rifles was deployed at 13000 feet near Line of Control at Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir.

On 01 December at 2100 hours while leading an operational team, established contact with infiltrating terrorists at Point 4053. Despite heavy enemy fire, harsh terrain and subzero temperatures, he engaged the terrorists with Light Machine Gun and Rifle fire, and passed crucial information regarding location and strength of terrorists to Battalion Headquarters. Deploying his column tactically, he engaged the terrorists shooting dead one at close quarters. While administering first aid to a wounded soldier, he observed another wounded member of his team being encircled by two terrorists. With utter disregard to personal safety, he charged at the terrorists, killing the second at point blank range and engaged another thereby saving the wounded soldier. The remaining terrorists charged at him. Despite sustaining multiple gun shots to his head and body, he pulled the wounded soldier to safety, continued leading his men and attained martyrdom.

Subedar Ajay Vardhan displayed exemplary initiative, camaraderie, conspicuous courage beyond call of duty and outstanding bravery in fighting with the terrorists.

  
(Suresh Yadav)  
OSD to the President