

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

No. 11-Pres /2018 – The President is pleased to approve the award of the “**Kirti Chakra**” to the under mentioned person for the acts of conspicuous gallantry:-


**IC-66219P MAJOR VIJAYANT BIST, 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE  
JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY**

{Effective date of the award: 06 June 2017}

On 06 June 2017 at 2140 hours, leading an ambush in Chorgali Forest of Uri district of Jammu and Kashmir, Major Vijayant Bist spotted infiltration and immediately engaged them. In the intense firefight, some terrorists infiltrated in to Goalta forest.

At 0500 hours on 07 June, Major Vijayant tracked the terrorists and at 1140 hours engaged them in a fierce firefight. While closing in with the terrorists, first scout of the patrol Rifleman Raj Paul got injured. Under heavy volume of fire from the terrorist, the officer unmindful of his personal safety, crawled forward and pulled his colleague almost 30 meters in an undulating ground behind cover. The terrorists continued to engage the patrol with heavy fire. Undeterred, he regardless of personal dangers, carried out hot pursuit of escaping terrorists. Displaying tactical acumen and extraordinary physical courage, he moved forward and engaged the fleeing terrorist and thus prevented their escape. The officer motivated his team to continue search of terrorists for next 48 hours under adverse weather conditions. His perseverance fructified on 09 June at 1345 hours when the terrorists were sighted again. In ensuing firefight, officer dashed forward, unmindful of terrorist's heavy fire and lobbed grenades while firing on them. In this daring act he neutralized one terrorist. However, the second terrorist charged towards the patrol and came face to face with the officer and during the fight Major Bist 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.

  
(P. Praveen Siddharth)  
Officer on Special Duty