





SHAURYA CHAKRA

Indian Army				
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01	JC-442366M NAIB SUBEDAR SREEJITH M, SENA MEDAL, 17TH BATTALION THE MADRAS REGIMENT (Posthumous)	Indian Army		<p style="text-align: right;">08 JULY 2021</p> <p>On 08 July 2021 at 0650hrs, Naib Subedar Sreejith M, Sena Medal as Quick Reaction Team Commander while carrying out search in densely forested and rugged terrain observed movement of two to three terrorists.</p> <p>The Junior Commissioned Officer tactically deployed his team and engaged the terrorists with effective fire denying them to break contact and escape. Amidst intense firefight, he observed two terrorists trying to break the cordon, the Junior Commissioned Officer displaying tactical acumen crawled to the flank and brought down effective fire, eliminating one terrorist in face to face gun fight. The other terrorists retaliated with Under Barrel Grenade Launcher fire and hand grenades in which, the Junior Commissioned Officer sustained multiple injuries and started bleeding profusely. Undeterred and regardless of his grievous injuries, refused to get evacuated and continued to fire before succumbing to his injuries.</p> <p>For his act of conspicuous gallantry, selfless leadership and supreme sacrifice beyond call of duty, Naib Subedar Sreejith M, Sena Medal has been awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CLICK HERE</p>
02	No. 3002089Y HAVILDAR ANIL KUMAR TOMAR, THE RAJPUT REGIMENT/ 44 RASHTRIYA RIFLES (Posthumous)	Indian Army		<p style="text-align: right;">25-26 DECEMBER 2020</p> <p>On 25 December 2020, based on input of presence of 2-3 unidentified terrorists, a cordon and search operation was launched in village in Kashmir.</p> <p>Hav Anil Kumar Tomar was leading a Combat Action Team for the operation. He was directed by the Mission Leader to readjust the cordon. While moving for the task, he came under heavy fire from the terrorists and sustained bullet injury in thigh. Displaying utmost courage in the face of enemy, he responded with accurate fire and neutralized one terrorist. Then he pursued the second terrorist, injured him and cornered him inside a house. When Mission Leader decided to address the house using an excavator, Havildar Anil Kumar Tomar, despite being injured, volunteered to guide the excavator. When the house was being addressed, the injured second terrorist emerged from the house firing indiscriminately. He engaged the second terrorist and neutralized him on the spot and subsequently fell unconscious. He was evacuated from the location but succumbed to his injuries and laid down his life in the line of duty.</p> <p>For his indomitable spirit and exceptional bravery under grave mortal danger</p>

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03	<p>16113819N HAVILDAR KASHIRAY BAMMANALLI THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS/ 44TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	<p>Indian Army</p>		<p><u>01-02 JULY 2021</u></p> <p>Based on specific input regarding presence of 04-05 terrorists in village in Pulwama district, a cordon and search operation was launched on 01 July 2021.</p> <p>Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli was Combat Action Team leader and laid a cordon towards likely escape route along the orchards. At 2315 hours, the terrorists tried to flee by lobbing grenades and firing indiscriminately in the direction of Havildar Kashiray. He responded with accurate fire and pushed the terrorists back inside the house. At 2350 hours, in yet another desperate attempt to break the cordon, the terrorists lobbed grenades and brought heavy fire on Havildar Kashiray. Despite sustaining grievous injury on his chest, he brought down accurate fire and eliminated terrorist. Despite bleeding heavily, sensing danger to his flank, he crawled forward to a vantage position and accurately engaged three other terrorists from close range, thereby saving lives of his Combat Action Team members. The terrorist were subsequently neutralized. In doing so, Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli made the supreme sacrifice.</p> <p>For his indomitable spirit and exceptional bravery in elimination of one terrorist, saving lives of his team members and for making the supreme sacrifice, Havildar Kashiray Bammanalli has been awarded “SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p> <p>CLICK HERE</p>
04	<p>3196376N HAVILDAR PINKU KUMAR THE JAT REGIMENT / 34TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	<p>Indian Army</p>		<p><u>27 MARCH 2021 TO 28 MARCH 2021</u></p> <p>On 27 March 2021, Havildar Pinku Kumar was part of the inner cordon during an operation in Kashmir. Havildar Pinku and his buddy Sepoy Sushil Rathi were covering the most likely escape route of the terrorists.</p> <p>At approximately 2015 hours on 27 March 2021 in a bid to escape, two terrorists rushed out of the target house towards the street while firing indiscriminately and lobbing grenades. In a split second decision, Havildar Pinku tactically re-oriented his position, engaged them with aimed-accurate fire and instantly eliminated one hardcore terrorist. In the ensuing exchange of fire the second terrorist took a detour and hid himself behind retaining wall of a house. Mindful of risk to own life, Havildar Pinku stealthily closed on to the hiding terrorist and engaged him in close combat. In the exchange of fire, Havildar Pinku injured the second terrorist however, sustained grievous Gun Shot Wound on his head and later succumbed to his injuries.</p> <p>For displaying conspicuous bravery disregarding his personal safety and laying</p>

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05	<p>2624461M SEPOY MARUPROLU JASWANTH KUMAR REDDY, 17TH BATTALION THE MADRAS REGIMENT (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	<p>Indian Army</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><u>08 JULY 2021</u></p> <p>On 08 July 2021 at 0650hrs, Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Kumar Reddy as Scout Number 2 while carrying out search in densely forested and rugged terrain observed move of terrorists and immediately engaged them. In the ensuing firefight, Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Kumar Reddy brought effective fire and blocked the most likely route of escape of the terrorists. He displayed raw courage and eliminated one terrorist in face to face gun fight. While he crawled forward to engage other terrorists, he saw his Team Commander severely injured due to terrorist's fire. He immediately lobbed grenades to pin down the terrorists and swiftly crawled towards his Team Commander to pull him to cover. In doing so, he came under heavy and effective fire of terrorists and sustained grievous injuries but disregarding his personal safety continued to engage the terrorists and pulled his Team Commander under cover, before succumbing to his injuries.</p> <p>For display of conspicuous bravery, courage under fire and unparalleled esprit-de-corps, Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Kumar Reddy has been awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLICK HERE</p>
06	<p>G/5008754Y RIFLEMAN RAKESH SHARMA, 5 ASSAM RIFLES</p>	<p>Indian Army</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><u>23 MAY 2021</u></p> <p>Rifleman (General Duty) Rakesh was part of an ambush after receiving information of move of insurgents for extortion and killing of civilians in a village in Assam on 22/23 May 2021.</p> <p>The operational contact was established at 0200 hours and heavy firefight with the column had confirmed neutralization of four insurgents. At 0400 hours, Rifleman Rakesh sensing a gap in the ambush, reorganized his location along with his buddy Rifleman Robinson. While shifting to bridge the gap, they drew heavy fire from the tail end of the ambush. Rifleman Rakesh spotted two insurgents fleeing the ambush in cover of dense foliage and immediately pursued through woods under covering fire of his buddy and closed in to cut off escape route. Rifleman Rakesh shot dead one fleeing insurgent but being out of cover he drew heavy fire from the second insurgent. Displaying nerve of steel and quick thinking, he crawled to take cover of a fallen tree. Showcasing superlative combat shooting he shot dead the second insurgent also.</p> <p>For his exceptional tactical acumen, selflessness, inspiring leadership and courage beyond compare while eliminating two dreaded insurgents, Rifleman Rakesh Sharma has been awarded "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLICK HERE</p>

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01	Shri Dilip Malik, Cy. Commandant, 205 CoBRA Bn, CRPF, Barwadhi, PS-Barachatti, Gaya-824201	CRPF. MHA		<p>Based on an intelligence input, regarding the movement of a group of CPI Maoist cadres, led by Abhijeet Yadav@ Banwari, ZCM, in Chakarbandha Forest, under distts of Gaya and Aurangabad, Bihar, an operation was launched by CoBRA 153 and 159 CRPF along with Bihar Police, on 24/25 July, 2019.</p> <p>2. As per plan, the CoBRA Strike Teams reached close to the target area, in civilian pattern vehicles and, thereafter, advanced towards the target, cross country, while taking all precautions and maintaining surprise and secrecy. After traversing in the dark night and manoeuvring through dense thorny forest, while braving incessant rain and treacherous terrain, the Strike Teams entered their respective target areas and commenced tactical search. On 25 July 2019 morning, Strike team-I while searching the area, reached Satnadia nallah and bifurcated into 2 sub teams. They continued the search, moving, parallelly, to cover a large area. After searching the area around Satnadia Nallah, Sub Team-I moved towards a hill, south of Satnadia Nallah. While negotiating the slope, the troops noticed an IED, planted on a track, going uphill. Immediately, Team Cdr Sh Dilip Malik, DC, alerted the troops, and after quick planning, started to approach the height, from two directions. Hardly had the teams advanced a few paces, a heavy volume of fore came on the leading Section of Team-I, from the dominating heights. Before the troops could react, the firing was followed by the blasting of 5 IED, in a series. The leading section, comprising of Shri Dilip Malik, DC, HC/GD Dhanaraju Matta, Ct/GD John Thro, HC/RO Sompal Singh, HC/GD Godke Prakash R, Ct/GD Mushahid Ali, Ct/GD Hardev Sainin and Ct/GD Sirsath Vikash were badly trapped in the killing zone of Maoists. Acting promptly, they immediately took cover and started retaliating the attack.</p> <p>3. A serious threat loomed over the lives of the troops. Assessing the situation, Shri Dilip Malik, DC, intensified the counter attack, and relayed the information to the Command Base, about the encounter. Amidst the heavy exchange of fire, Shri Dilip Malik, DC, along with other trapped team personnel, advanced by crawling and firing toward the Maoists. But the move did not deter them, as they were entrenched behind the safe cover of boulders and trees and occupying dominating heights. The Maoists had also fortified their defence by planting IED, on the approach routes, which were being blasted intermittently.</p> <p>4. Assessing the critical situation and need of the hour, Shri Dilip Malik, DC, took a bold decision to launch a full throttle frontal attack. Leading from the front, along with Ct/GD John Thro, HC/GD Sompal Singh and HC/GD Dhanaraju Matta, he advanced right into the face of Maoist defence, using fire and move tactics. Negotiating the slope, under heavy firing the troops reached near the Maoist position. The unexpected and audacious move of CoBRA commandos stunned the Maoists. Before they could respond, Shri Dilip Malik, DC, displaying unparalleled bravery, fired heavily from standing position and shot down one Maoist. However, as the Maoists were occupying safe positions, it didn't take them long to recover. They blasted an IED just in front of the advancing troops. Exhibiting sharp reflexes, the troops not only saved themselves from the impact of the IED but prepared for another counter attack.</p> <p>5. Analyzing the emerging situation and threat of IED, Shri Dilip Malik, DC, chalked out another quick counter action plan. He, along with HC/GD Dhanaraju Matta, Ct/GD John Thro and HC/RP Sompal Singh, moved to attack the left flant of hte Maoists, while ordering HC/GD Godke Prakash R, Ct/GD Mushahid Ali and Ct/GD Sirsath Vikash to attack from the right flank. At the same time Shri Dilip Malik, DC, also ordered the remaining troops to fire UBGL, at the Maoist position.</p> <p>6. While the Maoists were busy attacking the left flank, the UBGL fire from the rear Section and a new counter attack from the right flank left them shocked. Using this opportunity, the brave personnel, on the right flank charged towards the Maoists and neutralised two of them. Meanwhile, Shri Dilip Malik, DC,</p>

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02	Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, Asst. Comdt, CRPF, 54 Bn, CRPF, Srinagar	CRPF. MHA	<p>On 18th May 2020, an input was received about the presence of the terrorists, in Kani Mazar, Nawakadal, PS Safakadal, Srinagar (J&K). Accordingly an operation was launched by Valley QAT. 4 HITs (House Intervention Teams) of Valley QAT were tasked to search the target area.</p> <p>2. Troops laid the initial cordon, the following day. At around 0235 hrs, when the teams were searching the suspected houses and evacuating civilians, the terrorists opened fire on the team of Shri Rahul Matur, DC and Shri Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh AC followed by hurling grenades, in a bid to escape. In the sudden attack, Ct/GD Sonu of Valley QAT was hit by grenade splinters. The troops immediately took positions and retaliated, forcing the terrorists to retreat into the house. Meanwhile, Ct/GD Sonu was evacuated to 92 Base Hospital.</p> <p>3. The terrorists were asked to surrender, but in vain. They again suddenly came out from the target house, firing indiscriminately, and ran into an adjacent house. A fierce exchange of fire ensued between Valley AQT and the terrorists. Meanwhile, the law & order situation erupted. It was, then, decided to clear the three storeyed building, by house intervention, to avoid any further delay. HITs consisting of Shri Narender Yadav, 2IC, along with Ct/GD Shinva Kant, Shri Rhul Mathur, DC along-with Ct/GD Shri Krishnendu Dutta and Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC along with Ct/GD Shri Saroj Kumar entered the house. Moving tactically, they cleared the ground floor and moved towards the first floor. As Shri Narender Yadav, 2IC along with his buddy, entered a room, the terrorist threw a grenade and fired at them. The troops immediately took cover and retaliated. In the process, Shri Narender Yadav, 2IC got hit by splinters. Despite injuries, he continued the counter attack. Meanwhile, Shri Rahul Mathur, DC, Ct/GD Shiva Kant and Ct/GD Krishnendu Dutta also reached the spot and augmented the retaliation. The coordinated counter attack resulted in the neutralisation of the terrorist.</p> <p>4. However, in between, the second terrorist escaped from the target house. Shri Loukrakpam Ibomcha Singh, AC and Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC along with their buddies Ct/GD Shri Susheel Kumar and Ct/GD Shri Saroj Kumar, chased the terrorist, following the blood trail. During the chase, the troops noticed some blood stains on the handle of a gate. Immediately, they cordoned the house and commenced the search. The moment Ct/GD Saroj Kumar opened the door of one of the bathrooms, on the ground floor, the terrorist lobbed a grenade, resulting in splinter injuries to Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC and</p>

			<p>Ct/GD Saroj Kumar Shri Loukrakpam Ibmocha Singh, AC and Ct/GD Susheel Kumar, who were just behind immediately took positions and fired at the terrorist.</p> <p>5. The terrorist hurled another grenade, which exploded in the close proximity of the troops, raised dust, compromising the visibility. Trying to take advantage, the terrorist again tried to escape but Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC, despite being injured, fired at him from a close range, thereby preventing his escape. Finding himself encircled, the terrorist in a last attempt lobbed another grenade. Being at a close distance, Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC, again got hit by splinters. However, Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC undeterred by his grievous injuries, engaged the terrorist, along with Ct/GD Saroj Kumar. Meanwhile, Shri Loukrakpam Ibmocha Singh, AC and Ct/GD Susheel Kumar also fired at the terrorist. The effective firing by these committed soldiers led to the neutralisation of the terrorist.</p> <p>6. During the post encounter search the dead bodies of two terrorists were recovered along with ammunitions. The slain terrorists were later identified as Junaid Ahmed Sehrail, Divisional Commander, Cat A and Tariq Ahmed Sheik both of HM.</p> <p>7. In recognition of extreme valour and exemplary determination, in the face of extreme danger, despite being injured, Shri Anirudh Pratap Singh, AC has been awarded 'Shaurya Chakra'.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLICK HERE</p>
03	<p>Shri Ajeet Singh, Head Constable (GD)Commandant-204, CoBRA, CRPF, Karanpur, Jagdarpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh (Posthumously)</p>	<p>CRPF. MHA</p>	<p>On specific input, about the presence of prominent Maoist leaders, in the general area of Irrapalli, an operation, involving 5 teams of 204 CoBRA, 3 Platoons of 151 CRPF, 9 teams each of 201, 206 and 208 CoBRA was launched on 09 February 2020.</p> <p>2. The teams of 204 CoBRA and 151 CRPF left Tippapuram Base Camp, around 1700 hours. Advancing cross country, the troops reached near the target area around 0530 hours on 10th February 2020 and divided into 3 Strike Teams. Team 1, under the command of Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, was tasked to cover the nearby hill, 264, Team 2 to lay cut offs around the target area, while Team 3, led by Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, advanced to hit the main target. When the troops had advanced approx 200 m, 3-4 Maoists were seen trying to plant IED. The troops chased the Maoists, who managed to escape, leaving behind an IED, weighing approx 5-7 kg and other items, which was destroyed, in situ.</p> <p>3. At around 0800 hours, Team 3 reached the main target area and started searching the surroundings. For effective and speedy search, Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, asked the Team 2 Commander, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC to reach the target area and join them. During the search, warlike stores were recovered from the area. This place was not only a Training Camp of the Maoists but the veritable bastion of 1st Bn PLGA.</p> <p>4. Meanwhile, a group of heavily armed Maoists encircled the troops and opened indiscriminate fire at them. The troops, immediately, took positions and retaliated. During the fierce exchange of fire, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC saw some Maoists fleeing from the right side of height, 264 and chased them. On the other side Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, displaying raw courage charged towards the Maoists, along with Ct/GD Sourabh Bhadouriya. The audacious counter attack broke the Maoists ranks and they fled from the site leaving their dead cadre behind. While chasing the Maoists, the troops recovered the dead body of a Maoist, wearing black uniform, along with a backpack, containing explosives.</p> <p>5. Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, continued the search of the area and reached height. 262. After dominating the area, he asked Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, who was chasing the Maoists, to reorganise, while Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, along with his team, was approaching height. 264, the Maoists, in large</p>

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05	Shri Purnanand, Constable (GD), Commandant-204, CoBRA, CRPF, Karanpur, Jagdalpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh (Posthumously)	CRPF. MHA	<p>On specific input, about the presence of prominent Maoist leaders, in the general area of Irrapalli, an operation, involving 5 teams of 204 CoBRA, 3 Platoons of 151 CRPF, 9 teams each of 201, 206 and 208 CoBRA was launched on 09 February 2020.</p> <p>2. The teams of 204 CoBRA and 151 CRPF left Tippapuram Base Camp, around 1700 hours. Advancing cross country, the troops reached near the target area around 0530 hours on 10th February 2020 and divided into 3 Strike Teams. Team 1, under the command of Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, was tasked to cover the nearby hill, 264, Team 2 to lay cut offs around the target area, while Team 3, led by Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, advanced to hit the main target. When the troops had advanced approx 200 m, 3-4 Maoists were seen trying to plant IED. The troops chased the Maoists, who managed to escape, leaving behind an IED, weighing approx 5-7 kg and other items, which was destroyed, in situ.</p> <p>3. At around 0800 hours, Team 3 reached the main target area and started searching the surroundings. For effective and speedy search, Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, asked the Team 2 Commander, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC to reach the target area and join them. During the search, warlike stores were recovered from the area. This place was not only a Training Camp of the Maoists but the veritable bastion of 1st Bn PLGA.</p> <p>4. Meanwhile, a group of heavily armed Maoists encircled the troops and opened indiscriminate fire at them. The troops, immediately, took positions and retaliated. During the fierce exchange of fire, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC saw some Maoists fleeing from the right side of height, 264 and chased them. On the other side Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, displaying raw courage charged towards the Maoists, along with Ct/GD Sourabh Bhadouriya. The audacious counter attack broke the Maoists ranks and they fled from the site leaving their dead cadre behind. While chasing the Maoists, the troops recovered the dead body of a Maoist, wearing black uniform, along with a backpack, containing explosives.</p> <p>5. Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC, continued the search of the area and reached height. 262. After dominating the area, he asked Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, who was chasing the Maoists, to reorganise, while Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, along with his team, was approaching height. 264, the Maoists, in large numbers, opened heavy fire upon them. The troops again took positions and retaliated, the party commander directed Scouts Ct/GD Purnanand and Ct/GD Pawan Kumar to attack the Maoists from the flanks. Displaying exemplary courage and bravery, Scout Ct/GD Purnanand and ct/GD Pawan Kumar advanced towards the Maoists. Amidst the raining bullets, Ct/GD Purnanand moved out of his cover and attacked the Maoists, from the flanks, under the covering fire of Ct/GD Putta Pawan Kumar. However, in the process, Ct/GD Purnanand got hit by bullets. Despite, being severely injured, Ct/GD Purnanand resolutely continued firing at the Maoists, till he fell down.</p> <p>6. Seeing his colleague falling, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC instructed Ct/GD Vikas Kumar to reach him and give first-aid,</p>

			<p>while he, along with Ct/GD Bibha Basu Mahata and Ct/Gd Pawar Pandurang, gave covering fire. Ct/GD Vikas Kumar, despite knowing that his life would be at grave risk, reached Ct/GD Purnanand, for providing first aid, but he, also, got hit by bullets and attained martyrdom. Sensing the situation deteriorating, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, motivated his commandos and charged at the Maoists, from the front. In the fierce exchange of fire, Shri Prashant Kumar, DC, also got hit by bullets, in the abdomen and fell down, but kept commanding and guiding his troops to fight. Seeing his commander down, HC/GD Ajeet Singh took the lead and held the front against the Maoists. He called the Ops Commander for reinforcements as Maoists had started encircling them. Thereafter, HC/GD Ajeet Singh Came out of the cover and fired HE Bombs on Maoists, to break their dominance. Seeing him in the open, Maoists opened indiscriminate fire at HC/GD Ajeet Singh, inflicting severe bullet injuries on him. Despite being seriously wounded, HC/GD Ajeet Singh did not lose his composure and fought gallantly, till the support from other teams reached there.</p> <p>7. On the other side, while countering the attack of the Maoists, Ct/GD Putta Paswan Kumar, also got hit by a bullet, on his neck. Immediately, his fellow commando, Ct/GD Bibha Basu Mahata came in his support and fired UBGL grenades at the Maoists. His fearless and daring act broke the advance of Maoists, Meanwhile, Ct/GD Pawar Pandurang also joined Ct/GD Bibha Basu Mahata and augmented the counter attack. Using fire and move tactics, the duo advanced towards the Maoists; however, in the process, the duo also got hit. In spite of their grave injuries, they continued the counter attack. Seeing the critical situation at the front, Ct/GD Anil Kumar, who was fighting at the rear, rushed to support the leading component. Amidst the heavy exchange of fire, he reached the vanguard and augmented the counter attack. His timely support not only saved the lives of his fellow commandos but also prevented the Maoists from encircling the troops.</p> <p>8. Meanwhile, Shri Sushil Kumar Pandey, DC also joined the front component, along with Ct/GD Ganesh Narayan Sharma and Ct/GD Sourabh Bhadouriya and launched a frontal attack. This unified counter attack broke the Maoist ranks and forced them to retreat. The slain Maoist was identified as Karam Hunga. In recognition of their most extraordinary and conspicuous act of gallantry Ct/GD Purnanad has been award Shaurya Chakra (Posthumously).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLICK HERE</p>
06	Shri Kuldeep Kumar Urawan, Head Constable , 118 Bn, CRPF, Gund, Ganderbal (J&K) (Posthumously).	CRPF. MHA	<p>On 02 July 2020 at about 2100 hrs, an input was received from SOG Zakhura about the presence of heavily armed terrorists, in Malbagh (Naseem Bagh) area, Hazratbal, PS Nigeen distt Sringar. Reportedly heavily armed terrorists were hiding in an under construction two story building. Accordingly, 04 HITs (House Intervention Teams) of Valley 'QAT' rushed the target area and launched a joint cordon and search operation along-with JKP. At around 2220 hours, the troops cordoned the suspected house and commenced the search.</p> <p>2. As directed by the Team Commander of Valley QAT, Ct/GD Vivek Kumar Tiwari and Ct/GD Rejeev Kumar Poonia jumped inside the boundary wall of the target house, to open the gate. However, the hiding terrorist noticed their presence and opened indiscriminate fire towards them. Despite being caught in the open area, without any cover, the duo displayed raw courage and bravery and they hold the ground and retaliated the terrorist's firing. To aid his colleagues, HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan jumped inside the compound and fired towards the terrorist, forcing him to retreat. But, in the process, he got into the direct line of the fire of the terrorist and got hit by a bullet. HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan, ignoring his injuries, continued to counter the terrorist.</p> <p>3. Unable to sustain the heat of counter attack, the terrorist retreated into the target house. Immediately, a team,</p>

			<p>comprising of Shri Amit Kumar, AC, HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan, Ct/GD Bhammar Vasurbhai Lakhabhai, Ct/GD Kishun Pal Singh Jadon and Ct/GD Rajeev Kumar Poonia, was deputed for house intervention. As the team was about to enter the target house, the hiding terrorist began firing and lobbed grenades towards them. The team had anticipated this and was moving tactically and thus did not suffer any injury. Adopting fire and move tactics, they entered the target house. After clearing the ground floor, the troops advanced towards the first floor. Taking the stairs. Ct/GD Rajeev Kumar Poonia was asked to stay downstairs to cover the area, along with his buddy.</p> <p>4. As the troops reached the first floor, they started clearing the rooms, one by one. When HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan and Ct/GD Bhammar Vasurbhai Lakhabhai entered a room, the terrorist, who was positioned in a corner, opened a volley of fire towards them. In a close quarter gun fight, HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan injured the terrorist but also got multiple bullets hits. Meanwhile, Shri Amit Kumar, AC and Ct/GD Kishun Pal Singh Jadon also entered the room and fired at the terrorist. The terrorist tried to escape towards the ground floor, using the connected stairs, from inside that room. As he approached the ground floor, Ct/GD Rajeev Kumar Poonia fired at him, forcing him to retreat to the first floor. The terrorist, in panic, moved back to first floor, firing indiscriminately towards the search team. Shri Amit Kumar, AC; HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan, Ct/GD Bhammar Vasurbhai Lakhabhai and Ct/GD Kishun Pal Singh Jadon, without giving any further opportunity to the terrorist, opened targeted fire, and neutralized him on the spot.</p> <p>5. HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan was immediately taken to 92 Base Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom. He made the supreme Sacrifice at the altar of duty, in the highest martial traditions of the force. During the search of the target house, the dead body of one terrorist, identified as Zahid Ahmad Dass S/o Gh Mohammad Dass r/o Dasspora Waghama Bijbehara District- Anantnag of HM/ISJK was recovered, along with one AK56 Rifle, magazines, and ammunition.</p> <p>6. In recognition of his exceptional bravery unflinching courage, indomitable will and supreme Sacrifice, saheed HC/GD Kuldeep Kumar Urawan has been award 'Shaurya Chakra (Posthumously).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLICK HERE</p>
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