

CITATION

05 January 2022

Since March 2020, Major Sandeep Kumar exhibited exceptional resoluteness and fortitude during five successful operations resulting in elimination of 13 terrorists.

On 05 January 2022 at 0430 hours, during a specific operation in, Pulwama district (Jammu and Kashmir), three terrorists equipped with modern assault rifles and night vision devices opened indiscriminate fire on search party on Major Sandeep from a cowshed. Maintaining tactical composure, he swiftly retaliated fire and re-deployed his team to prevent terrorist escape. Undeterred by terrorist fire and with utter disregard to personal safety, the officer crawled ahead under covering fire provided by his buddy and closed in to the cowshed in an open area without any cover. The terrorists opened indiscriminate fire on Major Sandeep and his buddy. Displaying unflinching loyalty, he pushed his buddy away from grave danger, exposing himself to heavy terrorist fire. In an act of unparalleled courage, he engaged terrorists in a face to face gun fight eliminating one terrorist and grievously injuring another terrorist. Terrorist eliminated was identified as a Category 'A++' terrorist.

For displaying supreme leadership and exemplary courage beyond the call of duty, Major Sandeep Kumar awarded of **SHAURYA CHAKRA**