
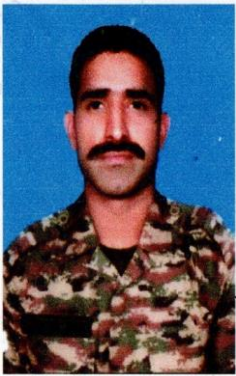





Republic Day, 2025 - Recipients of Gallantry Awards

S.No.	Rank and name	Service	Photo	Citation
KIRTI CHAKRA				
1.	IC-83449Y, MAJOR MANJIT , THE PUNJAB REGIMENT/ 22 ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	ARMY		<p>On 25 April 2024, Major Manjit assiduously trailed movement of two foreign terrorists in a village in Sopore district through responsive human intelligence as received from a credible source.</p> <p>On localizing the probable target complex, the officer established the initial cordon during which the terrorists retaliated and made several attempts to break cordon throughout the intervening night of 25 April 2024. On 26 April 2024 at 0530 Hour, one of the terrorists entered adjoining orchard favoring natural cover. The officer taking the cover of a boundary wall leading to orchard, pinned down the terrorist who was trying to shift to a cowshed at the entry of the orchard. On sensing the severity of the situation, the officer evacuated a trapped civilian and two children from the cowshed. Post evacuation, inspite of heavy volume of fire directed onto him, Major Manjit started crawling towards the terrorist. On noticing the movement of terrorist who was trying to lob a grenade at the scout, the officer engaged him in a fierce firefight and eliminated him.</p> <p>For displaying conspicuous gallantry and exhibiting outstanding leadership Major Manjit is awarded with “KIRTI CHAKRA”.</p>

2.	15240290F, NAIK DILWAR KHAN, THE REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY/ 28 TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)	ARMY		<p>Naik Dilwar Khan was part of an ambush in dense jungles of Lolab Valley, Kupwara district on 23 July 2024. At 2350 hours, his party observed two terrorists, one at very close distance. His ambush party fired at the terrorist, who in-turn charged towards them.</p> <p>Sensing grave threat from the closing -in terrorist to his team, showing complete disregard to personal safety, Naik Dilwar Khan, though under heavy volume of fire, lunged and grasped the terrorist, engaging him in hand-to-hand combat, while the other terrorist continued to fire indiscriminately from distance. During this gallant action, Naik Dilwar Khan was grievously injured. Undeterred by his injuries, he did not let go of the terrorist and killed him by firing at point blank range before succumbing to his wounds.</p> <p>For displaying indomitable courage, utter disregard to personal safety and gallantry of highest order, Naik Dilwar Khan is awarded with “KIRTI CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p>
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SHAURYA CHAKRA


1.	IC-81258L, MAJOR ASHISH DAHIYA, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS/ 50 TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	ARMY		<p>Since June 2022, Major Ashish Dahiya contributed towards neutralisation of four hardcore terrorists and three Improvised Explosive Devices across five High-risk operations. On 02 June 2024, Major Dahiya led a meticulously planned operation in a village in Pulwama district.</p> <p>During initial search, terrorists attempted to flee by firing indiscriminately and lobbing grenades to which Major Dahiya retaliated with precision and severely injured the fleeing terrorist. Amidst fierce fire fight, terrorist hurled a grenade causing splinter injuries to his operation buddy. Major Dahiya with utter disregard to his own safety, immediately crawled and got his buddy to cover. Thereafter, sensing danger to his troops, Major Dahiya displayed unmatched field craft and stealthily advanced towards the hiding terrorist. At an extreme close range, under heavy terrorist fire, Major Dahiya displayed nerves of steel and neutralised the longest surviving, A++ category terrorist outfit of South Kashmir with precision fire. After elimination of initial threat, he further exposed himself to terrorist fire and facilitated safe evacuation of his injured buddy, thereby saving his life.</p>
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				<p>For his dauntless courage, selfless commitment to men and mission, audacious planning and intrepid execution of a critical operation, Major Ashish Dahiya is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
2.	<p>IC-82035A, MAJOR KUNAL, THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS/ 1st BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES</p>	ARMY		<p>On 06 May 2024, Major Kunal was performing the duties of Company Commander of Buchru Company Operating Base during Cordon and Search Operation at a locality in District Kulgam.</p> <p>The officer based on time critical input, formulated a meticulous plan and with his tactical acumen, stealthily inducted his Quick Reaction Team and established a cordon cutting off the most likely escape routes. During the initial contact, Major Kunal alongwith his buddy Number 4590475K Sepoy Prdhan Singh Gurjar on seeing the fleeing terrorists opened warning shots around terrorists and forcing them inside the cordon. Subsequently, Major Kunal alongwith his buddy inched towards the target house under cover from Bullet Proof JCB. At this critical juncture, the officer with utter disregard to his personal safety, showing extreme sensibility, conspicuous bravery and unparalleled selflessness, crawled to a superior tactical position, effectively engaged and neutralised terrorists in a close quarter battle, who was later identified as a CAT A++ terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying astute leadership, presence of mind and indomitable courage under fire resulting in elimination of a hardcore terrorist and act of bravery, Major Kunal is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
3.	<p>IC-83753H, MAJOR SATENDER DHANKAR, THE ARMOURED CORPS/ 4TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES</p>	ARMY		<p>Major Satender Dhankar has exhibited exceptional valour and leadership in conduct of a Counter terrorist operation in Doda District, resulting in elimination of three foreign terrorists.</p> <p>On receipt of input regarding presence of three terrorists in a Dhok (mud house) in impenetrable jungles in Doda district. On receiving the input, officer displayed immaculate tactical acumen and quickly established cordon of the target area.</p> <p>Terrorists after sensing the cordon, opened indiscriminate fire on the cordon party. The Officer immediately brought accurate fire and eliminated the first fleeing</p>



terrorist. Appreciating grave danger to his buddy, he pushed his buddy out of the line of fire, exposing himself to heavy fire, during which, one bullet even grazed past his thigh. Exhibiting indomitable spirit and courage with utter disregard to his safety, officer crawled ahead and brought effective fire on terrorists thus disabling terrorists from bringing fire on own party.

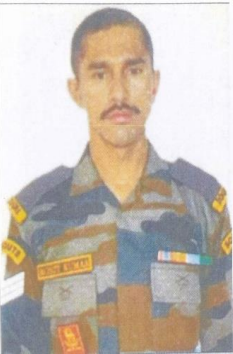
Maintaining tactical composure, the officer crawled to Rocket Launcher operator under heavy fire and re-sited him which helped in eliminating the second terrorist and grievously injuring the third terrorist.



For displaying exemplary leadership and undaunted courage in face of enemy fire, **Major Satender Dhankar** is awarded with “**SHAURYA CHAKRA**”.

4.	<p>IC-85773P, CAPTAIN DEEPAK SINGH, THE CORPS OF SIGNALS/48TH BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	ARMY		<p>On 13 August 2024, on receipt of information of presence of terrorists, two teams under command Captain Deepak Singh were launched immediately.</p> <p>Demonstrating exceptional tactical skills, Captain Deepak Singh set up surveillance at a vantage location. At 1930 hours, noticing move of terrorists, he maneuvered his column to close in and brought down coordinated fire injuring the terrorists. Despite the challenges of nightfall and terrorists taking cover among boulders, he kept his party vigilant throughout the night.</p> <p>At first light, Deepak reorganised his team commencing search, successfully recovering a M4 Assault Rifle, ammunition and grenades. The injured terrorist, abandoned by his group and hiding among boulders brought down effective fire on his party. Sensing danger to his buddy under effective fire, he displayed selflessness and courage, pushed his buddy to safety under the cover of boulders during which he sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Despite his injuries, he closed in and fired, inflicting grievous injuries on the terrorist and succumbed.</p> <p>For his exceptional bravery and valour, in saving lives and grievously injuring one terrorist while making the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of Indian Army Captain Deepak Singh is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p>
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5.	AR-446P, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT ESHENTHUNG KIKON, 4 ASSAM RIFLES	ARMY		<p>Upon receipt of specific inputs from own sources a special recce team was employed for tracking them since 30 Jul 2024 regarding movement of miscreants near a sensitive area in Manipur. On 05 Aug 2024 at around 2130 hours, twelve armed miscreants were observed engaged in extortion in the nearby area. Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon, Company Commander immediately activated his column, challenged and engaged them resulting in close hand-to-hand combat. Additional troops had already cordoned off the area, preventing any escape. During the confrontation one armed cadre cocked and aimed a weapon at own troops. Sensing a grave danger to own troops and after issuing due warning, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon displaying high standards of physical fitness and bravery, fired one round upon the cadre in possession of Light Machine Gun, resulting in a non-fatal gunshot wound to the cadre's right elbow and making him ineffective in utilizing the automatic weapon.</p> <p>In exemplary display of professionalism and courage Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon and his team overpowered the armed cadres which led to apprehension of all 12 cadres and recovery of five weapons, alongwith huge quantity of ammunition and War like stores. Considering the likely build-up of civilian in the area and blockage of all routes by them, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon demonstrated high degree of situational awareness in evacuating the apprehended cadres. He ensured first aid to the injured cadre and subsequent evacuation for medical attention. By application of outstanding action, the officer handed over the apprehended cadres to local Police station without escalation of Internal security situation in the area.</p> <p>For his dynamism, dedication & gallant actions beyond the call of duty, Assistant Commandant Eshenthung Kikon is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
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6.	JC-414610L, SUBEDAR VIKAS TOMAR, 1 ST BATTALION THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT(SPECIAL FORCES)	ARMY		<p>Subedar Vikas Tomar participated in several surveillance operations in Machhedi sector. On 11 September 2024, he was tasked to establish surveillance of a Dhok in Dhagri Forest, employing knowledge of terrorist's movement and terrain coupled with his tactical acumen.</p> <p>At 1200 hours, individual was leading his search squad on North West Spur of Dhagri. He was tasked to carryout Cordon and Search of Dhok on North West spur, post confirmation of suspicious movement. His squad cautiously approached towards Dhok, under cover of support squad located at cattle shelter. At 1300 hours, his squad came under heavy fire from unexpected direction. Under cover from support squad, Subedar Vikas Tomar immediately retaliated and led his squad to safety. Executing fire and move, exploiting bad weather he moved towards incoming fire. On drawing fire from second terrorist, unmindful of personal safety, individual crawled towards terrorist hide and lobbed hand grenade. Maintaining high degree of surprise, he circumvented boulder covering terrorist and approached terrorist from an unexpected direction. Subsequently, he quickly took accurate head shots eliminating second terrorist.</p> <p>For displaying exceptional leadership, nerves of steel and presence of mind under fire, eliminating one terrorist, Subedar Vikas Tomar is awarded with "SHAURYA CHAKRA".</p>
7.	JC-492279P, SUBEDAR MOHAN RAM, 20 TH BATTALION THE JAT REGIMENT	ARMY		<p>Subedar Mohan Ram along with his column has been deployed in, sensitive village of Manipur since January 2024. He has been performing the duties of column Second-in-command.</p> <p>On 13 February 2024, at 1000 hours, two villages close to the location of the JCO faced a coordinated and deliberate attack by miscreants, with an intent to burn the villages and kill its villagers. A party of Army along with Subedar Mohan was rushed to save one of the village under attack. The village was surrounded by miscreants and villagers were hiding in bushes to save their lives. Subedar Mohan Ram, under heavy fire, led his column from the front and tactically moved inside the village and started rescuing villagers. While rescuing the civilians, the Junior Commissioned Officer sustained a Gun Shot Wound. Despite his injury and profuse bleeding, he continued</p>


				<p>to lead his party with unwavering determination and resilience, prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of the locals over his own life. He refused to be evacuated till last civilian was moved to safer place. In this operation, he rescued 38 innocent locals.</p> <p>For displaying raw courage, unparalleled bravery and upholding highest standards of Indian Army in the face of enemy, Subedar Mohan Ram is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
8.	<p>20002941F, HAVILDAR ROHIT KUMAR, THE DOGRA REGIMENT/ HIGH ALTITUDE WARFARE SCHOOL (POSTHUMOUS)</p>	ARMY		<p>Havildar Rohit Kumar posted as Havildar Instructor at High Altitude Warfare School, displayed superlative mountaineering skills, extreme physical endurance and raw courage while leading his team of Lead Climbers to open the route on treacherous sleep slope of Mount Kun 7077 Meter.</p> <p>The Non-Commissioned Officer led the operational climbing training team and distinguished himself by undertaking an arduous assignment under Operational Climbing training to ensure the operational preparedness of the Mountain Warriors Team for operations. The training was being conducted above 18,600 feet altitude in sub-zero temperatures and terrain interspersed with crevasses in constant threat of avalanches. With utter disregard to his personal safety, Havildar Rohit led from the front in avalanche prone slopes, to fix the ropes and open the route to the summit of Mount Kun 7077 Meter. Under his leadership more than 2000 Meter of Rope was fixed on very steep slopes of Mount Kun. On 08 October 2023, as he painstakingly climbed up, a slab avalanche broke out on the 85° slope and hit Havildar Rohit and his team. Havildar Rohit Kumar died in best traditions of the Indian Army while performing his duty.</p> <p>For leading his team against all odds and performing his duty till death Havildar Rohit Kumar is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA (POSTHUMOUS)”.</p>

9.	5852332P, HAVILDAR PRAKASH TAMANG, THE 9 GORKHA RIFLES/ 32 ND BATTALION THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES	ARMY		<p>Havildar Prakash Tamang was commander of Combat Action Team deployed in the cordon to the southern direction of the target house. Immediately on receipt of specific input, the Non Commissioned officer inducted his column with speed and deployed in the target area. Furthermore, the individual with his tactical acumen, foresight and planning inducted light bullet proof vehicles inside the cordon thus ensuring adequate force protection measures.</p> <p>At 191420 hours, on establishing contact, the escaping terrorists opened indiscriminate heavy volume of fire towards the direction of the individual. The individual realizing the danger to his troops demonstrated exceptional situation awareness, high standard of field and battle craft and moved to a tactically advantageous position bringing effective fire on the terrorists. In the ensuing fire fight, even after being hit by a bullet on right thigh, the Non Commissioned Officer displayed conspicuous gallantry, rare courage under heavy volume of fire and with utter disregard to personal safety, closed on to the fleeing terrorist and neutralized one terrorist at a close range.</p> <p>For displaying conspicuous grit, exceptional courage under fire, outstanding leadership qualities and bravery beyond call of duty, Havildar Prakash Tamang is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
10.	36412, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT AMAN SINGH HANS, Indian Air Force/28 Sqn AF	AIR FORCE		<p>On 28 Mar 24, the officer was authorised to fly a long range ferry mission on MiG-29 aircraft by dark night, towards Exercise Gagan Shakti-24. After 20 minutes of flying time, at an altitude of 28,000 feet (8.5 km), the pilot felt a sudden blast in the cockpit with aircraft Head Up Display and visual reference to fly, blanking off. He realised that the canopy of the aircraft had flown off, exposing him to severe weather conditions with temperatures of minus 35° - 40° Celsius, dangers of decompression sickness, hypoxia and wind blast</p>


				<p>affecting eyes at that altitude and high speeds. In this grave situation, he maintained his composure and quickly took control of the aircraft. While flying on head down instruments, he announced the emergency using standby radio control, kept clear of the civil flying in the proximity and descended to a lower altitude of 3 km with no radio reception and severe pain in the eyes. He conveyed the flight information with utmost clarity to the controlling agencies and took prompt decision to land at the nearest airbase. He correctly assessed aircraft weight required for landing due to heavy fuel configuration and made a safe landing at the earliest.</p> <p>Despite imminent danger to his own self and inhospitable environmental conditions, he displayed astute presence of mind, controlled the aircraft and initiated the recovery. His prompt actions and exemplary situational awareness led to the recovery of the aircraft which otherwise could have been catastrophic, leading to loss of an asset to the IAF and collateral damage to civilian property.</p> <p>FLIGHT LIEUTENANT AMAN SINGH HANS, is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
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11.	953327, DABHI SANJAY HIFFABAI , Indian Air Force/ 359 TRU	AIR FORCE		<p>On 04 May 24, Corporal Dabhi was detailed as an armed escort for Ashok Leyland Stallion vehicle towards collection of ration for the unit from Indian Army Field Supply Depot located 40 km from the unit Op location. At around, 1759h, while returning from the field supply depot, the vehicle was ambushed by three terrorists near Doba ridge at Shahsitar, 1.5 km short of the unit Op location.</p> <p>At the time of ambush, he was seated on the extreme left of the rear seat of the cabin as per his earmarked role along with two of his fellow armed escorts. Due to heavy and concentrated small arms fire and grenade attack from two sides, he was hit by bullets in his right hand and got inflicted with multiple splinter injuries on face and upper body. Unmindful of his gunshot wound and profuse bleeding, he maintained his composure, tactically adjusted himself and opened retaliatory fire from left side window from his personal weapon (AK-103) on the terrorists. He was the first responder to the attack and continued firing single shots towards terrorists from different angles. Because of his tactical firing, one of the advancing terrorist had to hide behind a boulder located merely 20 meters from the vehicle. However, Cpl Dabhi understood the motive and kept on firing single shots towards the likely position of the hiding terrorist which helped in halting his advance towards their vehicle and finally forced the terrorists to retreat into the nearby jungle. This courageous act of Corporal Dabhi resulted in saving the precious lives of his team members and other collateral damage to service property.</p> <p>DABHI SANJAY HIFFABAI, is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>

12.	<p>EXGS-178067A, LATE VIJAYAN KUTTY G, 157 FCPL/110 Road Construction Company (GREF)</p> <p>(POSTHUMOUS)</p>	BRDB		<p>EXGS-178067A OEM GDE-1LATE VIJAYAN KUTTY G of 157FCPL/110 RCC was a skilled operator and had tremendous experience of working in various types of terrain with BRO. He was deployed with JCB Wheel Loader EM No 21Q-32313 at KM 53.450 on Reasi-Arnas-Mahore Road for Formation cutting of approaches of Khurd Bridge. The terrain at the location is extremely treacherous with deep gorge and shooting stones, while the road is critical to hinterland counter terrorist operations and alternate connectivity to Rajouri Poonch Sector.</p> <p>On 15 Jun 2024, at about 1035 hrs, during the Formation cutting, while LATE VIJAYAN KUTTY G was working at the location, the wheel loader suddenly got out of control and rolled towards the valley. Unmindful of his safety he attempted to take control of the machine. Despite all efforts, the loose ground on the valley side of the road caved and the JCB Wheel Loader along with the operator went down the deep gorge. LATE VIJAYAN KUTTY G sustained multiple injuries on his head and attained martyrdom. He made the supreme sacrifice displaying indomitable courage in the face of adversity.</p> <p>For making the supreme sacrifice, displaying exceptional courage and devotion to duty under most challenging conditions, while working on a vital strategic road, EXGS-178067A OEM GDE-1 LATE VIJAYAN KUTTY G is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA (Posthumously)”.</p>
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13.	81234, Shri Vikrant Kumar, 203CoBRA	MHA		<p>On 02/04/2023, Commandant 203 CoBRA and SP Chatra, based on critical intelligence input, planned an anti naxal operation in Chatra district, Jharkhand. Two strike teams departed from CRPF camp Lawalong, Chatra District, at 1700 hrs. On April 3, both strike teams tactically advanced through forested and hilly terrain towards their target. Team No. 16, led by Shri ParitoshKumar Dwivedi, AC secured a cut-off position, while Team No. 15, under Sh. Vikrant Kumar DC, conducted a search and destroy operation to clear IED threats. During the operation, Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC received the intelligence of maoist presence in Naudiha who quickly re-organised the team for further movement towards the new target area, accordingly.</p> <p>On April 3, both strike teams tactically advanced through forested and hilly terrain towards their target. Team No. 16, led by Paritosh Kumar Dwivedi, AC secured a cut-off position, while Team No. 15, under Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC, conducted a SADO operation to clear IED threats. During the operation, intelligence of Maoist presence in Naudiha was relayed, prompting Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC to quickly adjust the mission plan and move towards the new target with both teams.</p> <p>Upon nearing the target area, Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC directed Team No. 16 to cover the right flank, while a small action team led by Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC approached stealthily. Despite their efforts at maintaining secrecy, the Maoists detected their movement and unleashed heavy fire from fortified positions. Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC and his team, retaliated, employing fire-and-move tactics under intense gunfire. The Maoists, utilizing natural cover and escape routes, posed a significant threat, even triggering two IEDs. Demonstrating exceptional courage,</p>
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			<p>Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC and his team kept on moving forward, maintaining pressure on the Maoists.</p> <p>The tactical response of the CoBRA units involved coordinated maneuvers, with Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC leading from the front. He, and other team members, advanced and engaged the Maoists in close-quarters combat. Simultaneously, Sh. Paritosh Kumar Dwivedi, AC and his team provided support by covering potential escape routes. Amidst the fierce exchange of fire, two Maoists were seen wounded. The battle continued as some Maoists attempted to retreat to higher ground, using their superior positioning to maintain fire.</p> <p>Under heavy fire, Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC demonstrated outstanding bravery, closing in on the Maoists' positions and effectively countered the threat. Their concerted efforts led to the elimination of five top Maoists, including high-value targets Gautam Paswan, Ajit Oraon, Ajay Yadav, Amar Ganju, and Sanjit Bhuiyan. Sophisticated weapons, including AK-series rifles, INSAS rifles, and a cache of ammunition, were seized.</p> <p>The encounter, lasting approximately 45-50 minutes, showcased exceptional bravery, leadership, and tactical acumen of Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC and his team. Despite challenging terrain and heavy enemy fire, the CoBRA commandos displayed indomitable courage, ultimately gaining control. Following the encounter, state police apprehended a wounded Maoist leader, Nand Kishore, recovering an INSAS rifle and live ammunition.</p> <p>This operation severely weakened Maoist influence, leading to the surrender of several high-profile Maoist leaders in the subsequent weeks, contributing to a more secure environment for the</p>
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				<p>local population. The exemplary leadership, exceptional bravery, tactical prowess, outstanding courage, commitment under extreme adversity and dedication to duty displayed by Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC played a pivotal role in this success.</p> <p>Shri Vikrant Kumar is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
14.	105053113, Shri Jeffrey Hmingchullo, 203CoBRA	MHA		<p>On 02/04/2023, Commandant 203 CoBRA and SP Chatra, based on critical intelligence input, planned an anti naxal operation in Chatra district, Jharkhand. Two strike teams departed from CRPF camp Lawalong, Chatra District, at 1700 hrs. On April 3, both strike teams tactically advanced through forested and hilly terrain towards their target. Team No. 16, led by Shri ParitoshKumar Dwivedi, AC secured a cut-off position, while Team No. 15, under Sh. Vikrant Kumar DC, conducted a search and destroy operation to clear IED threats. During the operation, Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC received the intelligence of Maoist presence in Naudiha who quickly re-organised the team for further movement towards the new target area, accordingly.</p> <p>With the first light on 03/04/2023, the teams commenced their operation, deploying tactical manoeuvres to secure the area and minimize threats from improvised explosive devices (IEDs). While the teams conducted their mission, intelligence was received regarding Maoist presence in Naudiha. Acting swiftly, Sh. Vikrant Kumar, DC led a small team with Insp. Jeffrey Hmingchullo and other commandos, maintaining high secrecy. Despite their precautions, the Maoists launched a sudden, heavy attack at around 08:45 hours. Using the cover of rugged terrain, they fired</p>

			<p>indiscriminately with the intent to kill and loot weapons.</p> <p>Responding with unwavering courage and tactical precision, the team commander initiated a counter-ambush drill using buddy pairs, engaging in intense firefights. Insp. Jeffrey Hmingchullo exhibited exceptional bravery, advancing under heavy enemy fire to provide fire cover to his Team commander. In the critical moments of the engagement, Insp. Hmingchullo pressed forward despite the imminent and extreme danger, demonstrating indomitable courage, outstanding battlecraft, and fearless tactics. Leading the retaliation from the front, his relentless actions, alongside his team, resulted in the neutralization of two Maoists amid fierce gunfire.</p> <p>The Maoists triggered two IEDs in an attempt to halt the advance of CoBRA commandos. Undeterred by the life-threatening situation, the commandos pressed forward, demonstrating exceptional skill and bravery. Insp Jeffrey Hmingchullo, along with his team, continued to advance close to the Maoist positions. Despite intense enemy fire, the commandos maintained their formation and tactical superiority, closed in on the adversary and inflicted heavy casualties on them.</p> <p>As more Maoists attempted to escape towards higher ground, Insp. Jeffrey Hmingchullo and his buddy once again launched a counter-assault, crawling under enemy fire and engaging effectively. The decisive action led to several Maoists being wounded or killed, with the others forced to retreat into dense forest cover. Meanwhile, Team No. 16 under Sh. Paritosh Kumar Dwivedi, AC secured potential escape routes and provided critical support during the encounter.</p> <p>After a 45-50 minute encounter, Maoists, realizing they</p>
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				<p>were surrounded, fled, utilizing dense forest cover. Troops, with Dog and BDDS support, recovered five high-value Maoist bodies, including Gautam Paswan and Ajit Oraon (SACMs, having reward of 25 lakh each). The operation seized sophisticated AK-series rifles, INSAS weapons, country-made firearms, and other valuable items, marking a significant victory against insurgency in the region. The state police apprehended injured Maoist Nand Kishore along with an INSAS rifle the next day.</p> <p>This operation severely weakened Maoist influence, leading to the surrender of several high-profile Maoist leaders in the subsequent weeks, contributing to a more secure environment for the local population. The exemplary leadership, exceptional bravery, tactical prowess, outstanding courage and commitment under extreme adversity and dedication to duty displayed by Insp/GD Jeffrey Hmingchullo played a pivotal role in this success.</p> <p>Shri Jeffrey Hmingchullo is awarded with “SHAURYA CHAKRA”.</p>
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