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LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARSH UDAY SINGH GAUR

SERVICE NUMBER	IC-36177
RANK	Lieutenant Colonel
NAME	Harsh Uday Singh Gaur
SON OF	Mr Rajendra Singh Gaur
RESIDENT OF (Village/District/State)/ DOMICILE	Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh
UNIT/REGIMENT/CORPS	10 BIHAR
SERVICE	Indian Army
DATE OF ENROLMENT/COMMISSION	12 May 1974
AWARD/DATE OF ACTION	Ashoka Chakra (Posthumous)/ 26 November 1944
WAR/BATTLE/OPERATION	
OTHER AWARDS WITH DATE	



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Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Uday Singh Gaur was born on 01 July 1953 in Hardoi District of Uttar Pradesh. The son of Sri Rajendra Singh Gaur, Lieutenant Colonel Gaur had undergone his earlier education in his hometown and later finished his graduation in 1972 from CS Nehru Degree College in the same city. In September of 1973, he joined the Officers Training Academy (OTA) and was commissioned into the BIHAR Regiment on 12 May 1974. After passing out from the Academy, he served in various operational areas in different units and formations. An alumnus of the prestigious Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington, Lieutenant Colonel Gaur also served as an Instructor in the Infantry School, Mhow Madhya Pradesh. He also held a Master's of Science degree in Defence Studies. By 1994 he had put in about twenty years of service in the army and had evolved into a battle-hardened soldier and a fine officer. Later in the year 1994, he was posted as the Commanding Officer of 10 BIHAR deployed at Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.



The local populations and government officials of Hardoi district Uttar Pradesh honouring the sacrifice of the valiant soldier Lt Col Harsh Uday Singh Gaur
(Source: Dainik Bhaskar)

The recruitment of soldiers from the region of Bihar dates back to the days of the British East India Company, which raised the 'Bengal Native Infantry' as a force. The Bihar Regiment's origin can be traced back to the sepoy battalions raised in 1775 by Lord Clive for British East India Company at Patna. The Bihar Regiment was formally raised in the year 1941 by regularising the 11 (Territorial) Battalion, 19 Hyderabad Regiment and raising new battalions. Despite being among the youngest, it has displayed exemplary valour and strength on various occasions. Their participation in World War II, Indo-Pak 1965 and 1971 is regarded highly in the annals of history of the Indian Army. The soldiers from this regiment have displayed



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proWess in warfare during the 1947 Indo-Pak war, 1965 Indo-Pak war, 1971 Indo-Pak war and Kargil war of 1999. The regiment had deployments under United Nations Peace-Keeping operations in Somalia (UNOSOM) and Congo (MONUC). The troops of the regiment have displayed their prowess in warfare along the Line of Actual Control in the Galwan Valley violent clashes with Chinese Troops where 16 BIHAR was deployed. For the display of unparalleled gallantry and conspicuous courage, Colonel Santosh Babu of this regiment was awarded Maha Vir Chakra posthumously in the year 2020.

In the year 1994, Lieutenant Colonel Gaur was commanding 10 BIHAR when it was deployed in Jammu & Kashmir in 1994. On 29 November 1994, he received information that 10 to 12 foreign mercenaries were hiding in Bazipura village of Baramulla District. He immediately organised a combing operation to flush out the mercenaries. While combing the area along with his Quick Reaction Team at 0700 hours, he and his Team came under heavy volume of AK Rifle and Universal Machine Gun fire from the mercenaries.



Glimpse of Indian Army's operations in the Jammu and Kashmir.
(Source: NDTV India)

Quickly assessing the situation, Lieutenant Colonel Gaur quickly readjusted two Companies so that all escape routes could be blocked while he himself got down to neutralising the gun fire. In the midst of heavy exchange of firing, he kept moving forward to the flank and reached close to the firing position of the mercenaries. His bold and unexpected action completely surprised the mercenaries. In the ensuing exchange of fire, he killed three mercenaries.



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At the same time, from behind the rocks, the enemy Universal Machine Gun was firing at him. Amidst heavy fire, he bravely crawled forward and lobbed a hand grenade at the gun position, killing yet another mercenary and silencing the gun which otherwise would have inflicted heavy casualties on his troops.

During the encounter, he himself was fatally wounded. The sacrifice made by him was an act of courage over and beyond the call of duty that set an example of grit and dogged determination to fight the militants. His brave action earned him the Ashoka Chakra posthumously.

Earlier in 1979, he was commended by the COAS for his bravery in counter insurgency operations in Mizoram. A Housing Block in Lucknow Cantonment, comprising 109 dwelling units and spread over an area of 43 acres, has been named 'Gaur Enclave' in memory of this brave officer.



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BIHAR (POSTHUMOUS)
(Effective date of the award-29 November, 1994)

On the 29 November 1994, at 7.00 AM Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Uday Singh Gaur along with his quick reaction team launched an operation to flush out foreign mercenaries from Village Bazipura of District Baramullah in Jammu and Kashmir. Soon Lieutenant Colonel Gaur and his team came under a heavy volume of AK rifle and Universal Machine Gun fire of the terrorists. Quickly assessing the situation. Lieutenant Colonel Gaur deployed two of his companies to block escape routes of these criminals while he himself got down to neutralising their fire.

In this exchange of fire, the 41-year-old, this brave Lieutenant Colonel Gaur using ground cover and utilising his tactical sense moved forward to the flank of the terrorists. This sudden and bold action took the terrorists by complete surprise. Lieutenant Colonel Gaur promptly opened fire and killed three of them.

At the same time, from behind the rocks from a nearby hillock, other foreign terrorists brought heavy fire from a Universal Machine Gun on Lieutenant Colonel Gaur. putting his life and that of his fellow soldiers in grave danger. - With a view to deal with this adverse situation, Lieutenant Colonel Gaur crawled forward with a grenade in his hand and lobbed it at the Universal Machine Gun position killing yet another foreign terrorist and destroying the menacing gun.

In this extremely dangerous action. Lieutenant Colonel Gaur. an epitome of bravery and courage received many bullets in his chest and he succumbed to his Injuries later in the day.

Rising far above the call of duty Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Uday Singh Gaur set a shining example of extraordinary courage, devotion to duty and patriotism.

Reference: Gazette of India, Notification No dated



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- A Bust statue of Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Uday Singh Gaur in his hometown Hardoi District of Uttar Pradesh.



On the occasion of Lieutenant Colonel Harsh Uday Singh Gaur's Balidan Diwas, District Magistrate of Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh, Mangala Pradhan Singh garlands the braveheart's statue made to honour his sacrifice in the year 2022.

(Source: Amrit Vichar)

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