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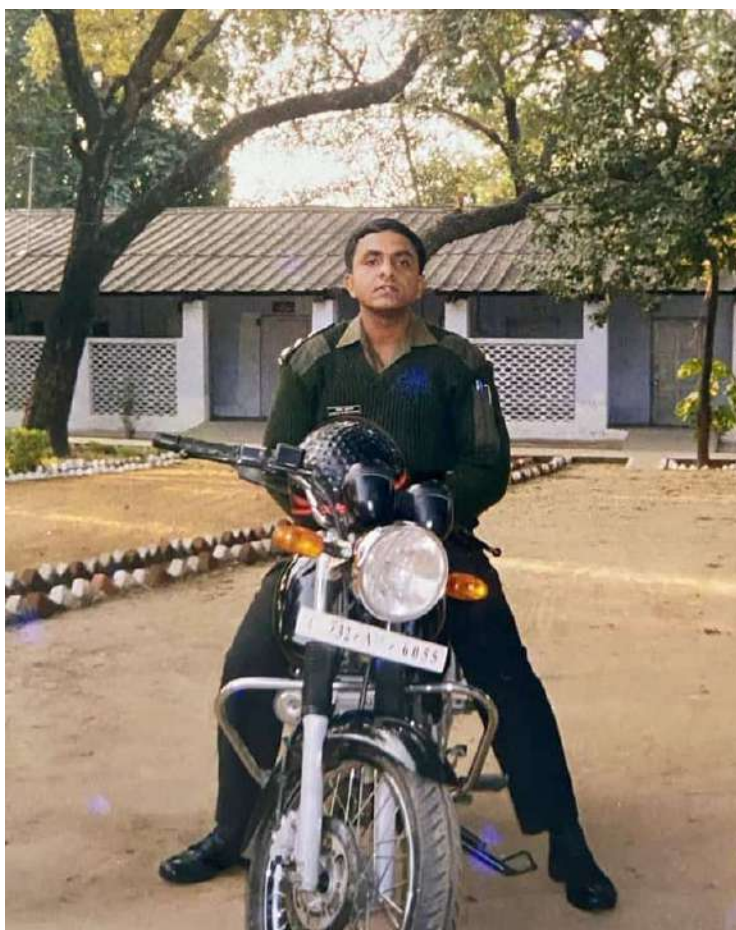
MAJOR DINESH RAGU RAMAN

SERVICE NUMBER	IC-59263
RANK	Major
NAME	Dinesh Raghu Raman
SON OF	Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) S Krishnamurthy
RESIDENT OF (Village/District/State)/ DOMICILE	New Delhi
UNIT/REGIMENT/CORPS	19 JAT (34 RASHTRIYA RIFLES)
SERVICE	Indian Army
DATE OF ENROLMENT/COMMISSION	11 December 1999
AWARD/DATE OF ACTION	Ashoka Chakra (Posthumous)/02 October 2007
WAR/BATTLE/OPERATION	
OTHER AWARDS WITH DATE	



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Major Dinesh Raghu Raman was born on 06 April 1978 in New Delhi. His father was Subedar Major S Krishnamurthy who retired from Indian Army as an Honorary Captain and his mother Mrs Mala Murthy. He did his schooling from Kendriya Vidyalaya, INA Colony, New Delhi. He then joined the prestigious National Defence Academy in 1996 and was commissioned into the 19th Battalion of the JAT Regiment on 11 December 1999, a Regiment known for its courageous soldiers and numerous battle honours from the Indian Military Academy, DehraDun. He served in various appointments and was highly appreciated by his seniors for his dedication and leadership qualities. He was also awarded the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for his contribution during Operation Parakram in the Drass Sector of J&K. He was married to Mrs Latha, a software engineer working with Tata Consultancy Services.



Major Dinesh Raghu Raman

(Source: X@Jaishree)

The JAT Regiment is one of the oldest serving Regiment of the Indian Army. It is an Infantry Regiment that traces its origins to the Calcutta Native Militia raised in 1795, which later became an Infantry Battalion of the Bengal Army. The Jatse were historically considered to be



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in the martial class and were enlisted in the British Army when the policy on Class Regiments came. In 1922, during the grouping of the Class Regiment the 9 JAT was formed by bringing under a single Regiment, four active and one Training Battalion. In the post-Independent era, the Jat Regiment had lived up to their reputation and holds the distinction of fighting in all the wars that India fought since its independence including the IPKF to Sri Lanka. Their battle cry: Jat Balwan, Jai Bhagwan was adopted in 1955. 17 JAT received “Unit Citation” from the Chief of the Army Staff, General VP Malik for their conspicuous courage in during the Kargil War. The Regiment has four Maha Vir Chakra Awardees, three from 1965 Indo-Pak War Brigadier Desmond Hyde, Captain Kapil Singh Thapa, Major Asha Ram Tyagi and one from the Kargil War of 1999, Captain Anuj Nayyar.



Major Dinesh Raghu Raman with his wife Mrs Latha during their London Visit.

(Source: Honourpoint)

After serving for a few years with his unit, in the year 2006, Major Dinesh Raghu Raman was deputed to serve with the 34 RASHTRIYA RIFLES in the Jammu and Kashmir. In June 2007, Major Raman conducted a very successful operation “Op NARAWAR” culminating in the elimination of three hardcore terrorists in his area of responsibility. On 02 October 2007, Major Raman was assigned the task of launching an operation in a village in Baramulla to flush out the terrorists hiding there.



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Subedar Major S Krishnamurthy receiving Ashoka Chakra on behalf of his soon Major Dinesh Raghu Raman from then President Mrs Pratibha Patil.

(Source: President's Secretariat GODL-India)

At 0820 hours on that day, Major Raman deployed his Company to cordon off the suspected area. At about 0855 hours, while closing in on suspected houses, Major Raman heard shouts of a fellow officer who had been seriously injured during the ongoing exchange of fire. Major Raman quickly analyzed the situation and moved in that direction to save his fellow officer. Displaying camaraderie and esprit-de-corps of the highest order he crawled towards the injured officer under heavy hostile fire. He then extricated him and two other injured soldiers to a safer area. He then moved towards the two terrorists who had caused heavy casualties to the troops and in a fierce close-quarter battle shot both of them dead. However, there were other terrorists hiding in the nearby house, who fired at Major Raman. This opened another front of gun battle and during the ensuing exchange of fire, Major Raman got seriously injured. Undeterred, he continued leading and motivating his troops and pinned down the terrorists till he fell unconscious. Major Raman was airlifted to the Military Hospital in Srinagar where he succumbed to his injuries. Major Raman was a dedicated soldier and a fine officer who laid down his life in the service of the nation. He was just a day away from flying back home to see his new born daughter Shrishti, when he was killed in this encounter while eliminating militants.



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Indian Army paying last tributes to the Coffins of Major Dinesh Raghu Ram and Major K P Vinay at the Delhi Airport

(Source: The Hindu)

Major Dinesh Raghu Raman was given the nation's highest peacetime gallantry award "Ashok Chakra" for his exceptional courage, camaraderie, fighting spirit, and supreme sacrifice. He is survived by his wife Mrs Latha and daughter Shrishti.



Wife of major Dinesh Raghu Raman and his daughter Shrishti

(Source: X@VikasManhans)



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CITATION

IC-59263 MAJOR DINESH RAGHURAMAN, 34 RASHTRIYA RIFLES
(POSTHUMOUS)
(Effective date of the award-02 October 2007)

On 02 October, 2007 at 0820 hours, Major Raman deployed his company in a village in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir where an encounter with terrorists had commenced.

At 0855 hours, while closing in on suspected houses, Major Raman heard shouts of a fellow officer who had been seriously injured. Displaying camaraderie and esprit-de-corps of the highest order, he crawled forward unmindful of heavy hostile fire and extricated him along with two other injured soldiers to safety.

He then confronted two terrorists, who had inflicted heavy casualties on his men and in a fierce close quarter battle shot them dead. Meanwhile, the other terrorists fired on Major Raman from another house.

In the ensuing encounter, Major Raman was seriously injured but he continued to lead and motivate his troops, till he fell unconscious. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Reference: Gazette of India, Notification No dated



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MEMORIAL

- Indian Railways has commemorated the sacrifice of Major Dinesh Raghu Raman, Ashoka Chakra (Posthumous), by naming an engine after him.



(Source: Jammu and Kashmir News Network)

- A Headstone unveiling was done by Major Dinesh Raghu Raman Dinesh Vihar Army Welfare Hsg Asso in OMR Chennai.



(Source: X@JyotiPendse)



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