

**PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU (DEFENCE WING)  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

\*\*\*\*\*

‘हर काम देश के नाम’

**New Delhi, Magha 05, 1945**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day: President approves 84 Mentioned-in-Despatches to Armed Forces personnel, including 10 posthumous**

President Smt Droupadi Murmu has approved 84 Mentioned-in-Despatches to the Armed Forces personnel, including 10 posthumous, on the eve of 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day. These include 68 from the Army - 34 for Operation Rakshak; 16 for Operation Snow Leopard; seven for Operation Meghdoot; three for Operation Sahayta; two for Operation Sidhra; three for Operation CAS Evacuation; and three for Misc Operation. It also includes 16 from the Indian Air Force - 15 for Operation Kaveri, and one for Misc Operation. The full list of the recipients of Mentioned-in-Despatches is as follows:

<b><u>INDIAN ARMY</u></b>	
<b>OPERATION RAKSHAK</b>	
1.	IC-63796W COLONEL GAURAV SHARMA, THE DOGRA REGIMENT, 62 <sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, THE RASHTRIYA RIFLES
2.	IC-70910L LIEUTENANT COLONEL MANISH KUMAR KADIAN, SENA MEDAL, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, THE SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY
3.	IC-76144W MAJOR MANISH CHHETRI, 662 ARMY AVIATION SQUADRON (RECONNAISSANCE & OBSERVATION)
4.	IC-79631F MAJOR ABHINAV CHATURVEDI, 4 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, THE SIKH REGIMENT
5.	IC-80299H MAJOR ABHISHEK SAPAHIA, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, THE SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY

6.	IC-80306N MAJOR MAHENDER SINGH, 21 <sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, THE MAHAR REGIMENT

22.	2502713Y NAIK ARVIND KUMAR, 9 <sup>TH</sup> BATTALION, THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT (SPECIAL FORCES) ( <b>POSTHUMOUS</b> )



52.	IC-64436M COLONEL KAMAL SAJGOTRA, 2ND BATTALION, THE SIKH REGIMENT

63.	IC-72101K LIEUTENANT COLONEL VAIBHAV JINDAL, 23 (INDEPENDENT) RECONNAISSANCE & OBSERVATION FLIGHT

<b><u>INDIAN AIR FORCE</u></b>	
<b>OP KAVERI</b>	
1.	29900 WING COMMANDER RAJNEESH CHANDRA UNIYAL, FLYING (PILOT)
2.	33949 SQUADRON LEADER PRITAM SINGH JAITAWAT, ADMINISTRATION/AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
3.	23569 GROUP CAPTAIN FELIX PATRICK PINTO, SHAURYA CHAKRA, VAYU SENE MEDAL FLYING (PILOT)
4.	28028 GROUP CAPTAIN SAMEEP NIJHAWAN, FLYING (PILOT)

7.	WING COMMANDER LOKESH MANCHANDA (29444) FLYING (PILOT)

**ABB/Savvy**