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PRIYA BHAGAVAD BANDHUS

The word Dharma is constantly quoted. Opinions abound and the concept is often debated. Dharma is not limited to a particular religion or a particular profession. It is the principle of righteousness that sustains individuals, society and the world at large.

It goes hand in hand with Discipline. Dharma is the guiding principle. Discipline is its practice. Dharma gives direction to our actions and discipline gives consistency to them.

All those who have been awarded Samatha Puraskar / Mathrusavanam Puraskar, have already proved that discipline has moulded their characters, inspiring them to do their duty guided by dharma.

Most of the awardees have moved from active careers and are retired. Now is the time for you to move your habituated discipline beyond professional excellence, to something greater...more rewarding.... selfless distinction in the service of all beings which becomes worship of the Supreme!

Our grateful Mangalasasanams to all of you!

Let all of you Serve All Beings As Service To God!

Let blessings of Sri Ramanujacharya empower you to become ambassadors of the message of Equality.

Jai Hind! **Jai Srimannarayana!**

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Adm Hari Kumar Radhakrishnan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- 25th Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy
- Naval Career: Served for over 41 years, commanding five platforms, including aircraft carrier INS Viraat.
- Leadership: Served as Chief of the Naval Staff and led personnel administration for the Indian Navy.
- Key Initiatives: Championed an Atmanirbhar Navy by 2047, women's induction across all ranks, unmanned technologies and maritime security.
- Institutional Reforms: Contributed to establishing the CDS office and Department of Military Affairs; promoted jointness and indigenous defence production.
- Academic Excellence: Holds a PhD in AI and Machine Learning for Maritime Security, with qualifications from JNU, King's College London and Mumbai University.
- Mentorship: Continues to guide students, youth and defence-sector start-ups.

A Visionary Naval Leader and Champion of Maritime Security and Self-Reliance.

Dr. J P Dash, Director General Ordnance, Min. Defence



- Professional Experience: 36 years across defence production, public-sector management, governance, technology and institutional leadership.
- Leadership: Currently Director General, Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services), Ministry of Defence; formerly Principal Director of NADP, Nagpur.
- Key Contributions: Designed India's first PGDM in Defence Management, developed an Executive MBA with IIM Visakhapatnam and ESCP, France, and strengthened industry–academia partnerships.
- Innovation & Research: Supported four institutional patents at NADP and has published extensively on defence policy, public-sector reforms, technology and governance.
- Academic Credentials: PhD in Social Marketing, PG Diploma in Public Policy and Management from IIM Bangalore, MBA in Finance and BSc Engineering.
- Recognition: Recipient of several national and international honours, including the 34th National Award for Innovative Training Practices and the Stevie International Award.

AM (Dr.) B Chandra Sekhar, PVSM AVSM (Retd.)



- Service: Served the Indian Air Force for nearly 39 years as a helicopter pilot, logging approximately 5,500 flying hours.
- Operational Excellence: Participated in Operation Parakram, served in a UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan and achieved the distinction of landing the first medium-lift helicopter on the Siachen Glacier.
- Leadership: Led infrastructure development for the induction of Rafale, Chinook, LCA and Su-30 aircraft, and modernised Air Force training through e-learning and scientific methods.
- Academic Excellence: Holds a PhD in Management and six postgraduate qualifications.
- Honours: Recipient of the AVSM (2021) and PVSM (2024).
- An Accomplished Aviator and Distinguished Leader Dedicated to Excellence in Service.

AM Pradeep Padmakar Bapat, PVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- Air Force Career: Joined the Indian Air Force in 1983 and served over 36 years in key administrative and leadership roles.
- Senior Appointments: Served as Air Officer Commanding, 23 Equipment Depot; Principal Director (Air Force Works); Assistant Chief of Air Staff; and Director General (Works & Ceremonial).
- Final Appointment: Retired on 31 December 2019 as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration.
- Decorations: Recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) and Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM).
- International Engagements: Participated in the Golden Eagle Joint Exercise in South Africa and led the Indian Military Sports Contingent at the 2019 World Military Games in China.
- Other Honours: Received the Madhya Pradesh Ratna Alankar and Late Vijay Gadgil Memorial Uttung Jeevan Safalya Awards.
- Current Role: President, Akhil Bharatiya Poorv Sainik Seva Parishad, Maharashtra & Goa; former President of the Cycle Polo Federation of India.
- A Distinguished Air Force Veteran Dedicated to Leadership, Sports and Veterans' Welfare.

V Adm Raman Puri, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Commissioned in January 1966; a Gunnery and Missile specialist who participated in the 1971 War.
- Command: Led five frontline warships, including aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- Senior Leadership: Served as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, FOC-in-C Eastern Naval Command and Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC).
- Defence Reforms: Championed indigenous defence production, industry-academia collaboration and modernisation of defence acquisition.
- Post-Retirement: Advised Bharat Electronics Limited and served on the Board of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. Continues to mentor youth aspiring to join the Armed Forces.
- A Distinguished Naval Leader and Champion of India's Defence Self-Reliance.

V Adm V Srinivas, PVSM, AVSM, NM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Commissioned in 1987; alumnus of the National Defence Academy and an accomplished Anti-Submarine Warfare specialist.
- Command Experience: Commanded INS Shankul, nuclear-powered submarine SSN Chakra and destroyer INS Ranvir.
- Senior Appointments: Served as Flag Officer Submarines, Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area, Inspector General Nuclear Safety and FOC-in-C, Southern Naval Command.
- Operational Experience: Participated in Operations Pawan, Vijay and Parakram, with expertise in submarine operations and nuclear safety.
- Specialised Training: Alumnus of DSSC and Naval Higher Command Course; underwent nuclear training in Russia.
- Decorations: Recipient of the Nau Sena Medal (2009), AVSM (2021) and PVSM (2025).

A Distinguished Submariner and Naval Commander Exemplifying Operational Excellence and Leadership

V Adm S R Sarma, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Over 38 years of distinguished service; commissioned into the Electrical Branch in 1983.
- Senior Appointments: Served as Assistant Chief of Materiel, Chief of Materiel, Admiral Superintendent of Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam and Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition.
- Technical Contributions: Played a key role in naval technology, indigenisation, shipbuilding and defence systems development.
- Decorations: Recipient of PVSM, AVSM, VSM and the Lt. V. K. Jain Gold Medal.
- Post-Retirement: Served as Director Technical and Executive Director at BrahMos Aerospace; currently its Chief Advisor.
- National Contributions: Associated with committees of CSIR, DRDO and the National Institute of Advanced Studies.
- A Distinguished Naval Technologist and Leader Advancing India's Defence Self-Reliance.

V Adm N N Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: 40 years of distinguished service in the Indian Navy; retired in 2014.
- Technical Expertise: Holds an M.Tech in Radar and Communication from IIT Delhi.
- Key Contributions: Served in training, repair, design and shipbuilding, strengthening India's defence self-reliance.
- BrahMos Aerospace: Served for 11 years as Executive Director (Production) and Chief Consultant.
- Decorations: Recipient of PVSM, AVSM and VSM for distinguished service.

A Distinguished Naval Technologist Dedicated to Indigenous Defence Development and National Self-Reliance.

Lt Gen V K Chaturvedi, PVSM, AVSM, SM (Retd.)



- Military Career: Commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in 1971; participated in the Indo-Pak War and received the Sena Medal for Gallantry.
- Command Experience: Led 99 Field Regiment during Operation Rakshak and an Artillery Brigade during Operation Parakram.
- Senior Appointments: Served as Director General, Manpower Planning and Personnel Services, and Deputy Commandant & Chief Instructor, School of Artillery.
- Modernisation: Played a key role in modernising the Indian Army's Artillery.
- Decorations: Recipient of PVSM, AVSM and Sena Medal for Gallantry.
- Post-Retirement Roles: Served as Defence Banking Advisor to SBI and SBI Life; currently a Defence Consultant and Guest Lecturer.
- National Service: National President, Akhil Bharatiya Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad, and Vice President, Youth for Nation (Y4N).

A Decorated Artillery Veteran Dedicated to National Security and Veterans' Welfare.

Lt Gen Rajendra Ramrao Nimbhorkar, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.)



- Education: Alumnus of Sainik School Satara, NDA and IMA, Dehradun; commissioned into the 15 Punjab Regiment.
- Military Career: Nearly 40 years of service across the Northeast, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan and Punjab.
- Decorations: Recipient of PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, Bar to Sena Medal, Sena Medal (Gallantry) and Vishisht Seva Medal.
- Operational Achievements: Led major counter-terrorism operations and played a key role in surgical strikes across the Line of Control. Critically injured during Operation Vijay.
- Leadership: Served as Colonel of the Punjab Regiment (2015–2018) and held senior command appointments.
- International Exposure: Military Observer in Angola; attended defence and international relations courses in the USA and Bangladesh.
- Academics & Honours: Ph.D. from CCS University, Meerut; recipient of Vidarbha Gaurav, Maratha Vishwa Bhushan and Kargil Veerata awards.
- A Highly Decorated Army Leader Embodying Courage, Commitment and National Service.

Lt Gen Rakesh Kumar Sharma, AVSM, SM, (Retd.)



- Military Career: 39 years of distinguished service; alumnus of Sainik School, NDA and IMA.
- Command Experience: Held key command appointments across the Northeast, Jammu & Kashmir and Sri Lanka, including Infantry Division and Brigade commands.
- Strategic Leadership: Led Army HR and Logistics functions, overseeing the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission, OROP and strategic mobilisation.
- Decorations: Recipient of AVSM, Sena Medal, Mention-in-Dispatches and COAS Commendation.
- Academic Excellence: Holds an MBA, M.Phil. and M.Sc.
- Veterans' Welfare: President, J&K Ex-Services League; Senior Vice President, Gandhi Global Family.
- Humanitarian Service: Helped organise 430 medical relief camps in remote areas of Jammu & Kashmir during COVID-19 and contributed to relief efforts during Operation Sindoor.
- A Distinguished Military Leader Committed to Veterans' Welfare, Peace and Humanitarian Service.

Lt Gen Shokin Chauhan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, PhD (Retd.)



- Military Career: Commissioned into 11 Gorkha Rifles in 1979; held prestigious command appointments, including Commander of 1 Corps, 8 Mountain Division and 70 Mountain Brigade.
- Leadership: Served as Director General of Assam Rifles and later Chairman of the Cease Fire Monitoring Group, contributing to peace efforts in Northeast India.
- Academic Excellence: Alumnus of NDA, DSSC, Army War College and NDC; holds a Ph.D. from Panjab University on India–Nepal strategic relations.
- Expertise: Extensive experience in counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism, military diplomacy and defence planning.
- Decorations: Recipient of five Presidential awards — PVSM, AVSM, YSM, Sena Medal and VSM.
- Author: Authored four books on Nepal, Northeast India, Multi-Domain Warfare and Pakistan.
- Current Roles: Visiting Fellow at CLAWS and Executive Council Member of the Global Counter Terrorism Council.

A Distinguished Military Strategist, Author and Peacebuilding Leader.

Lt Gen Changali Anand Krishnan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (Retd.)



- Former Deputy Chief of the Indian Army and former Member of the Armed Forces Tribunal.
- Academic Qualifications: Postgraduate in Defence Studies, M.Phil. in Strategic Affairs & National Security, and diplomas in Human Rights Law and Journalism.
- Operational Experience: Served in Siachen, Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and the North East.
- Strategic Leadership: Led Perspective Planning, Financial Planning and Capital Acquisition programmes of the Indian Army.
- Defence Industry: Served on the Boards of Bharat Electronics Limited and Bharat Dynamics Limited.
- Current Roles: Chairman and Director of Asia Centre, Bengaluru; advisor to Aerospace & Defence industries and startups.
- Areas of Expertise: Geopolitics, National Security, Critical Minerals, West Asia and Afghanistan.
- National & International Representation: Represented India in several prestigious delegations.

A Distinguished Leader in Defence, Strategic Affairs and National Security.

Sriman Dr. G Narasimha Rao Former DG DRDO



- Academic Qualifications: B.Tech in Electronics and Communications Engineering from JNTU, Anantapur (1985), and M.E. in Guided Missiles from IAT, University of Poona (1987).
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDL in 1988 and served in key scientific and leadership roles, retiring as Director General, Production Coordination & Services Interaction.
- Akash Missile: Led project management, weapon-system integration, testing, evaluation and deployment of the Akash missile system.
- NGARM: Served as Project Director, securing project approval, defining missile configuration and leading its development team.
- QRSAM: Led the development and integration of India's mobile air defence system, including AESA radar, mobile launchers and successful system trials.
- Leadership: Strengthened coordination between DRDO, the Armed Forces and industry for production and induction of indigenous defence systems.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist Whose Leadership Advanced India's Indigenous Missile and Air Defence Capabilities.

Sriman K V S S Prasad Rao
Former DG and Chairman NTRO



- Strategic Leadership: Served as Secretary to the Government of India in the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of a strategic technical organisation.
- DRDO Leadership: Former Distinguished Scientist and Chief Controller (Missiles & Strategic Systems), DRDO, guiding strategic missile and national security programmes.
- Key Contributions: Played a significant role in developing strategic systems, command and control capabilities and India's submarine-launched missile programme.
- Technology Development: As Director, Research Centre Imarat (RCI), established critical technologies in laser gyros, MEMS, fibre-optic gyros and precision control systems.
- ISRO Career: Began at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, developing fault-tolerant computer systems for ASLV and early PSLV launch vehicles.
- Research Contributions: Published pioneering research on fault-tolerant systems in IEEE journals, gaining international academic recognition.

A Visionary Strategic Scientist Advancing India's Space, Missile and National Security Capabilities.

Sriman Dr. Y Srinivasa Rao
Former Dir. NSTL and DG NS &M



- Academic Excellence: B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from JNTU Hyderabad and Ph.D. from Osmania University.
- Professional Experience: Nearly four decades across BHEL, DRDO and the defence industry, including 24 years of DRDO service.
- DRDO Leadership: Served as Director General (Naval Systems & Materials), overseeing six premier laboratories.
- Key Contributions: Project Director of the Mission Shakti Interceptor Vehicle; contributed to indigenous missile defence, naval weapons and underwater technologies.
- Major Achievement: Led the development of INS Anvesha, India's Floating Test Range.
- Current Roles: CTO, Zen Technologies; Independent Director, MosChip Technologies; and Director of R&D, VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering & Technology.
- Honours: Recipient of the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award, SolarShakti Award, DRDO Agni Awards and SAE India Roll of Honour.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist and Innovator Advancing Indigenous Technologies and National Self-Reliance.

Sriman Hara Prasad
Former Dir DL Jodhpur & DG NS&M



- DRDO Career: Served over 37 years, including as Director, Defence Laboratory Jodhpur, and Director General, Naval Systems and Materials.
- Key Contributions: Led the development of Electronic Warfare systems, stealth technologies, underwater sensors, weapons and advanced defence materials.
- Strategic Impact: Guided technologies supporting India's defence capabilities and deployed during operations including Balakot and Operation Sindoor.
- Leadership: Advanced indigenous defence technologies and mentored generations of scientists.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist Strengthening India's Technological Self-Reliance.

Sriman Dr. B H V S Narayana Murthy
Former Dir. RCI & DG MSS



- Leadership: Vice Chancellor, DIAT (DU), Pune; former Director General (Missiles & Strategic Systems), DRDO.
- Experience: Nearly 37 years of distinguished service in DRDO; retired in May 2023.
- Academic Excellence: Alumnus of REC Warangal, JNTU Hyderabad and IIIT Hyderabad.
- Key Contributions: Played a vital role in missile avionics and indigenous defence systems, including Akash, BrahMos, Agni-5, Mission Shakti (A-SAT) and SAAW.
- Professional Recognition: Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE).
- Major Honours: DRDO Scientist of the Year Award, Agni Award for Excellence in Self-Reliance, Rocket and Related Technologies Award and Technology Leadership Award.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist Advancing Indigenous Missile Technology and National Self-Reliance.

Sriman Dr. Jaiteerth Raghavendra Joshi
DG BrahMos



- Leadership: Director General (BrahMos), CEO & Managing Director of BrahMos Aerospace and President of ISNT.
- Experience: Over 35 years of leadership in DRDO; Ph.D. from NIT Warangal.
- Policy Contributions: Served on key national committees for strategic materials, science and technology, and manufacturing.
- Technical Expertise: Contributed to missile technology, NDT, welding, industrial research and skill development.
- Professional Recognition: Fellow of Telangana Academy of Sciences, Indian National Academy of Engineers, ISNT and Institution of Engineers (India).
- Major Honours: DRDO Scientist of the Year, National Technology Day Award, IIM SAIL Gold Medal and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award.

Maj Gen P Vivekanandan (Retd.)



- Military Career: Over 37 years of distinguished service in the Indian Army, holding senior command, staff and instructional appointments.
- Leadership Roles: Served as GOC, Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, Commandant of the Army Air Defence Centre and Commanding Officer.
- Key Achievements: Successfully relocated the Army Air Defence Centre and coordinated the movement of an entire division between Eastern and Northern Commands.
- Academic Excellence: Holds advanced qualifications in Management, Defence Studies, Public Administration, Social Sciences and Applied Psychology, along with a Ph.D. in Social Psychology.
- Recognition: Recipient of the Army Commander's Commendation Card twice (2000 and 2009).
- Contributions: Led initiatives in leadership development, institutional administration, soldiers' welfare, education and civil-military relations.
- A Scholar-Soldier Committed to Leadership, Institutional Excellence and Soldiers' Welfare.

Maj Gen Shiv Kumar Sharma, AVSM (Retd.)



- Military Career: 36 years of distinguished service (1972–2008), including the Sri Lanka Operations (1988), Kargil War (1999) and counter-insurgency operations.
- Academic Excellence: Holds three Master's degrees in Computer Engineering, Electronics and Management, with specialised training in the USA and Hungary.
- Key Contributions: Served as Board Member of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (2015–2022) and Advisor to J&K Dharmarth Trust.
- National Service: Former President, Forum for Awareness of National Security (J&K), and National President, Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch.
- Cultural Leadership: Promotes Dogra heritage and Dogri language through educational, media and cultural initiatives.
- Social Service: Vice-President, Sarvodaya International Trust, promoting Gandhian values and social welfare.
- Honours: Recipient of AVSM, Army and Governor's commendations, Duggar Gourav Samman (2024) and Dogra Excellence Award (2024).

A Distinguished Army Veteran Dedicated to National Security, Cultural Heritage and Social Service.

Maj Gen Dr. S S Dasaka, VSM, SM, Ph.D (Retd.)



- Military Career: Commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in 1977; served 35 years in prestigious command, operational and instructional roles.
- Key Appointments: Commanding Officer, Engineer Regiment; Major General, Operational Logistics, Eastern Command; Chief Engineer, Project Beacon, BRO.
- Gallantry: In 1999, courageously defused a 15-kg IED with Captain D. K. Tyagi, saving a major railway bridge on the Ambala–Delhi line.
- Decorations: Recipient of the Sena Medal (2007) and Vishisht Seva Medal (2012).
- Academic Excellence: Ph.D. in Business Management and five Master's degrees.
- Academic Leadership: Served as Director of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Vice-Chancellor of Baddi University and Indus University, and CEO of educational institutions in Hyderabad.
- Mentorship: Continues to advise institutions and NGOs and mentor students and professionals.

A Decorated Army Engineer, Accomplished Academician and Mentor Dedicated to Nation Building.

Maj Gen Narpat Singh Rajpurohit, VSM (Retd.)



- Military Career: Commissioned into the Army Service Corps in 1985; alumnus of Sainik School Chittorgarh, NDA and IMA.
- Leadership Roles: Served as Deputy Commandant & Chief Instructor, Army Service Corps College, and Major General, ASC Headquarters, Western Command.
- Operational Service: Served in UN Peacekeeping Operations in Sierra Leone and commanded an ASC Battalion during Operation Parakram.
- Decorations: Recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal, two COAS Commendation Cards and two Army Commander-in-Chief Commendation Cards.
- Sports Excellence: Internationally acclaimed equestrian and Tent Pegging champion; contributed to India winning nine medals at the International Tent Pegging Championship in South Africa. Former Chairman, Asian Equestrian Federation (Tent Pegging).
- Social Service: Pranth Adhyaksh, ABPSSP, supporting ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and Veeranganas through veterans' welfare and youth empowerment.

A Distinguished Soldier, International Sports Champion and Champion of Veterans' Welfare.

Maj Gen Bollina Venkata Rao, PVSM, VSM



- Military Career: Served 37 years in the Corps of Engineers, retiring as Major General in July 2019.
- Operational Experience: Participated in Operations Pawan, Vijay (Kargil) and Parakram, and counter-terrorism operations in J&K.
- Leadership: Commanded an Infantry Brigade and a Counter Insurgency Force; held key appointments in Army Headquarters, Assam Rifles and Strategic Forces Command.
- Education: M.Tech from IIT Kharagpur, M.Phil in Strategic Studies and Defence Management, and M.Sc in Defence Studies.
- Honours: Recipient of the PVSM, VSM and multiple Army commendations.
- Post-Retirement: Mentors youth through Youth for Nation, promoting Armed Forces careers and nation-building.

A Distinguished Soldier Continuing His Service Through Youth Mentorship and Nation-Building.

Sriman Dr. V Bhujanga Rao
Former DG HR



- Leadership: Former DRDO Director General (2011–2015) and ISRO Chair Professor (2016–2021); currently Chairman, KIMS Foundation & Research Centre.
- Defence Innovation: Pioneered the Infrared Signature Suppression (IRSS) system, deployed on 48 Indian Navy warships, earning the title “Stealth Man.”
- Key Contributions: Led indigenous naval defence systems and India's cochlear implant programme.
- Research Expertise: Defence technology, medical devices, AI-driven healthcare and assistive technologies.
- Academic Excellence: Holds two Ph.D. degrees, an M.Sc. and an M.S.; Fellow of INAE and INSA; alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School.
- Major Honours: DRDO Scientist of the Year, Agni Award, National Design Award, VASVIK Award and National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

A Visionary Scientist Bridging Defence Innovation, Healthcare Technology and Human Welfare.

Sriman D Sreenivasulu Reddy
Former Program Dir AD



- DRDO Career: Joined DRDO in 1973; retired in 2012 as Scientist ‘G’ at Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad.
- Technical Contributions: Played a key role in indigenous missile development, specialising in electrical systems, integration, testing and flight analysis.
- Key Projects: Designed electrical systems for PRITHVI and DHANUSH missiles.
- Leadership: Served as Project Director and Programme Director in the Ballistic Missile Defence Programme.
- Post-Retirement: Served as DRDO Fellow at Research Centre Imarat and continues as a consultant to the Missile Complex, Hyderabad.
- Honours: Recipient of the DRDO Agni Excellence Award and DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award (2015).

A Pioneering Missile Scientist Dedicated to Indigenous Defence Technology and National Self-Reliance.

Sriman Dr. M. Rama Manohara Babu
Former Dir. ASL



- Leadership: Professor of Practice, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad, and Founder Head of the Centre for Research Excellence in National Security (CRENS).
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDO in 1986; served as Programme Director–AGNI and Director, Advanced Systems Laboratory.
- Key Contributions: Played a pivotal role in developing AGNI-5, AGNI Prime, hypersonic technologies and MIRV systems.
- Academic Excellence: M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from JNTU Hyderabad and Ph.D. from Andhra University.
- Research & Innovation: Continues to advance strategic technology research and national security innovation.
- Major Honours: Eminent Mechanical Engineer Award (2022), multiple DRDO AGNI Awards and Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri's Commendation Certificate.

A Distinguished Aerospace Scientist Advancing Strategic Technologies and National Security.

Sriman Kammili Rambabu
Former Dir ELORIA



- Education: M.Sc. (Tech.) in Applied Physics, specialising in Optical Engineering, from Andhra University.
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDO in 1983; retired in 2019 as Outstanding Scientist at Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad.
- Technical Contributions: Contributed to IIR seekers, navigation sensors, laser systems and satellite technologies.
- Leadership: Served as Dean of the Electro Optical Instruments Research Academy for nine years, making it self-sustaining without government funding.
- Key Appointments: Former Director, Space Systems and Technologies, and Programme Director, Defence Satellites.
- Honours: Recipient of DRDO Agni Award, Path-Breaking Research Award and Performance Excellence Award.
- Professional Contribution: Founder Secretary, Sensors Research Society, Hyderabad.

A Distinguished Scientist Advancing Optical Engineering, Sensor Technology and Space Systems.

Sriman P Venugopalan
Former Dir. DRDL



- Academic Excellence: B.Tech. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Madras.
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDL, Hyderabad, in 1972; contributed to liquid propulsion systems for Prithvi and Agni missiles.
- Innovation: Led the development of India's first hydrogen-fuelled scramjet engine at DRDL.
- BrahMos Leadership: Served as Project Director of the BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile programme from 1994, leading its development and induction.
- Senior Appointments: Former Director, DRDL (2006–2012); advisor to the Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) programme.
- Major Honours: DRDO Scientist of the Year Award, National Aeronautical Prize, DRDO Technology Leadership Award, IIT Madras Distinguished Alumnus Award and BrahMos Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Professional Recognition: Fellow of the Aeronautical Society of India and Indian National Academy of Engineering.

A Pioneering Aerospace Scientist Behind India's Supersonic and Advanced Propulsion Technologies.

Sriman K S Vara Prasad
Former Dir. DRDL



- Leadership: Former Distinguished Scientist and Director General (Human Resources), DRDO; currently Distinguished DRDO Chair at DRDL, Hyderabad.
- DRDO Career: Served 34 years after joining DRDO in 1989 as Scientist 'B'.
- Academic Excellence: B.Tech. in Electronics & Communication Engineering from JNTU Anantapur and M.Tech. in Microwave & Radar Engineering from IIT Kharagpur.
- Key Appointments: Served as Technology Director, Project Director, Laboratory Director and Director General (HR).
- Key Contributions: Led research, development, testing and evaluation of critical weapon systems for the Indian Armed Forces.
- Retirement: Superannuated on 30 June 2023.

A Distinguished DRDO Leader Dedicated to Indigenous Defence Research and Technological Excellence.

Sriman Sakti Pada Dash
Former Dir DLRL



- Academic Excellence: B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering from IIT Kharagpur.
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDO in 1977; contributed to avionics systems for Agni, Prithvi, BrahMos, Akash, NAG and Air Defence missile programmes.
- Leadership: Served as Director, Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur (2007–2012), overseeing testing of strategic missile systems, including Agni-5.
- Key Appointment: Former Director, Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Hyderabad (2012–2015), leading electronic warfare system development for all three services.
- Retirement: Retired in 2015 as Distinguished Scientist and Director, DLRL.
- Honours: Recipient of several honours, including Prime Minister's Awards as a team member of major missile programmes.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist Advancing Missile Avionics, Testing and Electronic Warfare Technologies.

Sriman Dr. J V R Sagar
Former Dir Anurag



- DRDO Career: Joined DRDL in September 1987 as a Scientist; served for nearly 38 years.
- Missile Technology: Led the development of electronic systems and software for several DRDO missile programmes.
- Leadership: Served as Director of ANURAG, spearheading the development of DRDO's High-Performance Computing system, ranked among the world's top 100 supercomputers.
- Senior Appointment: Retired in May 2025 as Outstanding Scientist and Associate Director, DRDL.
- Current Role: Dr. Raja Ramanna DRDO Distinguished Fellow, DRDO, Hyderabad.

Sriman Sibnath Som
Former Dir. DRDL



- DRDO Career: Over 42 years of distinguished service at DRDL; retired in June 2014 as an Outstanding Scientist.
- Academic Excellence: Chemical Engineering graduate from Jadavpur University; M.Sc. (Engineering) in Space Engineering and Rocketry from BIT Ranchi.
- Key Appointments: Served as Project Manager, IGMDP; Project Director, BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile; and Director, DRDL.
- Technical Contributions: Played a key role in indigenous propulsion systems, missile technologies and the BrahMos weapon complex.
- Major Honours: DRDO Best Performance Award (2005), DRDO Scientist of the Year Award (2008) and BrahMos Lifetime Achievement Award (2014), presented by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

A Distinguished Missile Scientist Who Helped Advance India's Indigenous Propulsion and Defence Technologies.

Sriman Dr. G. Madhusudhan Reddy
Former Dir. DMRL



- Leadership: Chief Advisor, BrahMos Aerospace; former Director, DMRL and Outstanding Scientist, DRDO.
- Contributions: Pioneered advanced materials and manufacturing technologies, strengthening India's indigenous defence capabilities.
- Education: Ph.D. from IIT Madras and Master's from IIT Roorkee.
- Research: Published over 300 research papers, secured several patents and delivered over 200 invited lectures.
- Honours: Recipient of the DRDO Scientist of the Year Award, Technology Leadership Award, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Award and Distinguished Alumnus Awards from IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee.
- A Distinguished Scientist Advancing India's Self-Reliance in Defence Technologies.

Sriman M V K V Prasad
Former Dir. ADE



- DRDO Career: Served as Distinguished Scientist and Director of ADE Bengaluru and ITR Chandipur.
- Key Contributions: Led teams in developing and testing indigenous missiles, UAVs, UCAVs and flight-control systems.
- Strategic Projects: Contributed to the Akash programme and led the Indian team for the joint development of LRSAM with Israel.
- Education: B.Tech from JNTU and M.Tech from Sri Venkateswara University.

A Distinguished Defence Scientist Advancing India's Indigenous Missile and Aerospace Technologies.

Sriman Jayaraman Former Dir DRDL



- Academic Excellence: B.Tech. in Aeronautical Engineering from MIT Madras and M.Tech. in Aerospace Engineering from IIT Madras.
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDL in 1982; contributed to composite technologies for Trishul, Akash and Agni missile systems.
- Technical Leadership: Led the development of advanced composite rocket motor casings, flexible nozzle control systems and lightweight thermal protection systems.
- Key Contributions: Played a significant role in MIRV technology and advanced composite manufacturing.
- Senior Appointments: Served as Director, ASL (2013–2014) and Director, DRDL (2014–2016), leading tactical missile and ATGM development.
- Major Achievements: Contributed to Agni-V flight testing and LRSAM integration and firing from INS Kolkata.
- Honours: DRDO Performance Excellence Award (2009), Honorary Doctorate (2013) and Composites Man of the Year (2014).

A Pioneering Aerospace Scientist Advancing Advanced Composites and Indigenous Missile Technology.

Sriman Dr. P S R Srinivasa Sastry
Former Dir DSP



- ISRO Career: Served at ISRO's Inertial Systems Unit, Thiruvananthapuram, developing Solar Array Drive Electronics for IRS, CARTOSAT, INSAT and GSAT satellites.
- DRDO Contributions: Joined RCI in 1999 and contributed to AGNI A1–A5 missile systems and Air Defence Interceptor Missiles.
- Key Achievements: Developed electro-hydraulic and electromechanical actuation systems, along with advanced missile controllers.
- Awards: Recipient of DRDO Awards for Path Breaking Research (2007) and Performance Excellence (2012).
- Strategic Leadership: Founder and former Director, Directorate of Special Projects, DRDO, focused on defence satellites and national security space systems.
- Academic Excellence: Ph.D. from Jadavpur University (2019).
- Current Roles: Professor of Practice at Centurion University, Vice President at Skyroot and Consultant at Ananth Technologies.

A Distinguished Space and Missile Systems Scientist Advancing India's Strategic and Defence Technologies.

Sriman Dr. M Manickavasagam
Former Dir. DRDO



- Academic Excellence: Holds degrees in Mathematics, Aerospace Engineering and Computing, including a Ph.D.
- DRDO Career: Over three decades of experience in strategic and tactical missile programmes.
- Key Leadership Roles: Project Director, Agni-Prime; Associate Project Director, Agni-V; Programme Director, Strategic Systems; and Director, SPIC.
- Major Contributions: Played key roles in Agni, Akash, HSTDV, Hypersonic Glide Vehicle, VEDA and other advanced missile systems.
- Technical Expertise: Specialised in missile guidance, navigation, solid rocket motor technology and strategic systems development.
- Current Role: Distinguished Visiting Professor, Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), Pune.
- Major Honours: DRDO Young Scientist Award, Path-Breaking Award, Agni Awards, Performance Excellence Award and MIT Distinguished Alumnus Award.
- Professional Recognition: Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and Institution of Engineers (India).

A Distinguished Missile Scientist Advancing Strategic Technologies and India's Defence Self-Reliance.

Sriman Dr. G A Srinivasa Murthy
Former Dir DRDL



- Leadership: Distinguished Scientist and former Director, DRDL, Hyderabad (2022–2025).
- DRDO Career: Joined DRDO in 1986; holds B.Tech. from Andhra University and M.Tech. from Osmania University.
- Technical Contributions: Played key roles in Mission Shakti (A-SAT) and the development of over 20 missile projects.
- Specialisation: Expertise in structural dynamics, missile testing, underwater missile systems and hypersonic technologies.
- Key Appointments: Project Director, Submarine-Launched Cruise Missile; Programme Director, Underwater Missile Systems.
- Honours: Recipient of DRDO Performance Excellence Team Awards (2007, 2016) and Special Award for Strategic Contribution (2014).

R Adm K S Venugopal, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Joined the Indian Navy in 1983; specialised in Meteorology and Oceanography.
- Operational Contributions: Served aboard INS Virat and at Naval Air Stations Goa and Visakhapatnam.
- Innovation: Developed an indigenous Long-Range Weather Forecasting Model that supported major naval operations, including Operation Vijay and Operation Parakram.
- Leadership & Training: Served as faculty member and Head of Department at the College of Defence Management, Secunderabad.
- Senior Appointment: Served as Principal, Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, from January 2015.
- Decoration: Awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2017 for distinguished service.
- Post-Retirement: Continues his passion for long-range weather forecasting, sharing predictions with farmers and the farming community.
- A Distinguished Naval Meteorologist Combining Innovation, Leadership and Service to the Nation.

R Adm G. V. Ravindran, (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Nearly four decades of distinguished service; commissioned in 1978.
- Submarine Expertise: Accomplished submariner and Anti-Submarine Warfare specialist; commanded three operational submarines.
- Key Appointments: Served as Flotilla Commodore, Western Naval Command; Principal Director, Submarine Acquisition; and Chief Operations Officer, DIPAC.
- Training & Leadership: Served as Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor, Indian Naval Academy (2012–2014).
- Academic Excellence: Alumnus of NDC, DSSC and College of Naval Warfare; holds M.Sc. and M.Phil. in Defence Studies.
- Post-Retirement: Settled in Hyderabad, continuing his commitment to leadership and service to society.
- Honouring a Distinguished Submariner and Naval Leader for His Exemplary Service to the Nation.

R Adm Rupak Barua, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Over 35 years of distinguished service; commissioned into the Naval Armament Inspection Cadre in August 1991.
- Leadership: Served in key appointments across NAI, DRDO and Naval Headquarters; retired as Director General of Naval Armament Inspection (DGNAI) in September 2026.
- National Contribution: Strengthened India's self-reliance in arms and ammunition under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- Academic Excellence: Postgraduate in Physics from Delhi University; alumnus of MILIT, Pune and College of Defence Management, Secunderabad; holds a Master of Management Studies from Osmania University.
- Recognition: Recipient of the DRDO Performance Excellence Award (2007) for contributions to missile development and the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2026.

Brig (Dr.) Biraj Mohan Mishra (Retd.)



- 33 Years of Distinguished Army Service – Held several key positions in the Indian Army.
- Former Commandant – Military Hospital, Meerut Cantt.
- Present Position – Chief of Medical Services, SUM Ultimate Medicare, Bhubaneswar (575-bed multi-speciality tertiary care hospital).
- Educational Qualifications:
  - MBBS
  - MD – Community Medicine
  - PG Diploma – Geriatrics and Psychiatry
- Kargil War Hero – Sustained near-fatal injuries during Kargil Operations and lost a leg.
- Unwavering Resilience – Continued serving despite his injuries, using an artificial limb.
- Post-Army Career – Served as Medical Head at Apollo Hospital and Sunshine Hospital before joining SUM Ultimate Medicare.

A Remarkable Journey of Courage, Resilience, Dedicated Medical Service and Leadership.

Air Cmde K S Ananda Rao (Retd.)



Air Cmde K. S. Ananda Rao

Career Highlights

- 1966: Joined the Indian Air Force Education Branch.
- Education: Postgraduate in Statistics, Osmania University.
- Military Leadership: Served as Commanding Officer of the Air Force's largest technical training institute for airmen.
- 1997: Retired as Director of Education, Indian Air Force, with several commendations.
- 1998: Joined Badruka Group of Colleges as Director of its IT College.
- 2012–2015: Served as Director General, overseeing six colleges.
- Academic Contribution: Member of Osmania University's Academic Senate.

A Lifetime of Dedicated Service, Educational Excellence & Inspiring Leadership.

Air Cmde Nukala Narendar Reddy



- Service: Served nearly 36 years in the Indian Air Force after commissioning in 1984.
- Flying Experience: Qualified Flying Instructor with over 6,200 flying hours.
- Operational Service: Served in India and overseas, including Sri Lanka, Siachen, Mauritius and DR Congo.
- Leadership: Held six key command appointments, including assignments in Mauritius and with the UN Peacekeeping Force.
- Education: Holds a Ph.D. from Osmania University, along with MSc, M.Phil and MBA degrees.
- Present Position: Director – Operations, Thumby Aviation Pvt. Ltd., and active Commercial Helicopter Pilot.
- Family: Married to Radhika Reddy; they have one son.

Cmde Sudheer Parakala, AVSM, VSM (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Served over 31 years in the Indian Navy, holding key appointments including Deputy Naval Attaché in Moscow, Director of Naval Plans and Chief Staff Officer, Eastern Naval Command.
- Historic Service: Participated in the 1971 Indo-Pak War and was part of the commissioning crew of INS Rajput, India's first Guided Missile Destroyer.
- Leadership & Training: Served as Head of Faculty at the College of Defence Management.
- Crisis Management: Demonstrated exceptional leadership during the 1997 HPCL refinery fire, helping protect lives and valuable assets.
- Post-Retirement Career: Held senior positions in the IT and marine hydrography industries after retiring in 2001.
- Veterans' Welfare: Actively contributed through TSEWA and NCESMO.
- Current Roles: President, Navy Foundation, Hyderabad Chapter; Chief Advisor and Director, Sravins Instruments & Systems, supporting India's defence manufacturing sector.

A Distinguished Naval Veteran, Leader and Advocate for India's Defence Self-Reliance.

Cmde Achuthan Anand (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Commissioned into the Indian Navy in August 1988; served in operational, technical and leadership roles.
- Cybersecurity Leadership: As ADG (IT & Information Warfare) at WESEE, led the development of indigenous cryptographic and cybersecurity solutions.
- National Security: Joined the Government of India in 2016 as Scientist 'G'; served as Director of a strategic centre and ADG of NCIIPC.
- Education: Alumnus of NIT Raipur, IIT Bombay and IIM Lucknow; holds a Diploma in Cyber Law.
- Key Contributions: Helped establish two Centres of Excellence in Cryptology at ISI Kolkata and the University of Hyderabad; contributed to national cybersecurity and information-security policies.
- Author: Wrote Information Technology: The Future Warfare Weapon.
- Personal Interests: Passionate about Indian classical vocal music and an amateur violinist certified by Trinity College of Music, London.
- A Distinguished Leader in Naval Technology, Cybersecurity and National Security.

Cmde Naresh Kumar, VSM (Retd.)



- Education: B.Tech. from REC Srinagar and M.Tech. in Underwater Electronics from IIT Delhi.
- Naval Career: Served 33 years in the Indian Navy, contributing to indigenous sonar development and ship-based Command & Control systems.
- Senior Appointments: Held key positions at Naval Headquarters, DRDO and Naval Dockyards, including Director of Information Technology.
- Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.: Served as Chairman and Managing Director, transforming the organisation into a profitable defence shipbuilding enterprise.
- Key Achievements: Oversaw the delivery of 17 ships and India's first medium refit of a Russian-origin submarine.
- Other Contributions: Helped establish the new IIT Jammu campus as Officer on Special Duty.
- Mentorship: Since retiring in 2020, has been guiding youth in leadership and nation-building.

A Distinguished Naval Technologist and Visionary Leader Advancing Indigenous Defence Capabilities.

Gp Capt K Nachiketa, VM



- Military Service: Fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force, commissioned into a Fighter Squadron in September 1997.
- Operation Safed Sagar: On 27 May 1999, during a mission over enemy territory, skillfully attempted to save his aircraft following an engine failure before ejecting as a last resort.
- Courage in Captivity: After landing in enemy territory, resisted capture and destroyed confidential information. Despite physical and mental torture as a prisoner of war, refused to reveal any military information.
- Honour: Awarded the Vayu Sena Medal for exceptional courage in the face of the enemy.
- A Brave Air Warrior Whose Courage and Resolve Embody the Finest Traditions of the Indian Air Force.

Col Sudhir Kumar Singh (Retd.)



- Military Service: 30 years in the Indian Army, specialising in counter-terrorism operations in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Training Leadership: Chief Instructor at a Corps Battle School, training over 50,000 Army, Police and Paramilitary personnel in Close Quarter Battle (CQB).
- Key Appointment: Served as ADC to the GOC-in-C, Central Command.
- Military Honours: Received Army Commander's Commendation Cards from Northern and Central Commands.
- Special Achievements: Second-Degree Black Belt in Reflex Fire (AK-47) and Delhi State Boxing Champion.
- Legal Career: Holds B.A., LL.B. and a Certificate in Forensic Science; practising Advocate at Muzaffarnagar District Court.
- Military Legacy: Son of Colonel Dharamveer Singh, MVC, recipient of the Mahavir Chakra for gallantry in the 1971 Battle of Basantar.
- A Legacy of Courage, Leadership and Generational Military Service.

Col (Dr.) Dev Anand Singh Lohamaror, Ph.D (Retd.)



- Military Service: Began his Indian Army career in 1985 with the 9 Bihar Regiment, serving the nation for over three decades.
- Operational Experience: Participated in Operation Pawan (Sri Lanka), counter-terrorism operations in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir, and Line of Control deployments.
- Military Leadership: Served as President of the Army Training Team at the National Defence Academy.
- Academic Qualifications: Postgraduate degrees in History, Psychology and Defence Studies, with research in terrorism, non-violence and peace.
- Leadership Roles: National President of the Ex-Servicemen Development Committee, Martyrs' Honour Committee and International Gurjar Mahasabha.
- Social Contributions: Advocates veterans' welfare, employment, rehabilitation, girls' education and support for Veer Naris and martyrs' families.
- Recognition: Recipient of the Veteran Achievers Award 2025.
- A Lifetime Dedicated to National Service, Soldiers' Welfare and Social Reform.

Col I V Raghu SM (Retd)



- Born: 1969, to Dr. and Mrs. I. Venkateswarlu.
- Commissioned: Indian Army, 11 June 1994.
- Operational Experience: Served in Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Assam and high-altitude regions.
- Military Intelligence: Played key roles in strategic intelligence operations and engagements with insurgent groups, contributing to peace and their integration into the mainstream.
- Gallantry Award: Recipient of the Sena Medal for gallantry in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Recognition: Received several commendation cards for exemplary leadership and professional excellence.
- Personal Interests: Avid high-altitude trekker with a passion for exploring mountains.
- Family Values: Takes his elderly parents on an annual pilgrimage.
- Present Position: Holds a senior leadership role in an MNC in Hyderabad.
- Family: Lives with his wife, Lalithasree, and their two sons.

Col Kiran Kumar Pothukuchi, SM (Retd.)



- Military Service: Served 29.5 years in the Indian Army; commissioned in 1994 and retired as Colonel in January 2024.
- Gallantry Award: Recipient of the Sena Medal (Gallantry) – 2002 for exceptional bravery during a counter-terrorism operation in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Military Recognition: Received the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for contributions to Nuclear Command and Control operations.
- Training & Leadership: Served as an instructor at the National Defence Academy and trained over 100 African military officers in Zambia.
- Academic Qualifications: MBA in Finance, MSc in Defence & Strategic Studies, and MSc in Weapon Technology.
- Financial Expertise: Contributed to the Indian Army's Financial Planning and Management Information System (FPMIS).
- Entrepreneurship: Founder & CEO of Astra Financials.
- Author: Authored The Financial Roadmap series, promoting financial literacy and disciplined wealth management.

A Distinguished Journey of Gallantry, Leadership, Knowledge and Financial Empowerment.

Cdr Madhukar Nikam (Retd.)



- Naval Career: Joined the Indian Navy in 1982 after graduating in Electronics & Communication Engineering from Osmania University; served nearly 24 years.
- Operational Experience: Served aboard frontline warships INS Ranvijay, INS Khukri, INS Kripan and INS Rajput, and at Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam and INS Tunir.
- Academic Excellence: Holds a postgraduate management qualification from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai.
- Corporate Leadership: Held senior roles at Astra Microwave, Wells Fargo India, power-sector companies, Manjeera Group and NSL Infratech.
- Current Role: Serves as a corporate consultant.
- Social Contributions: Actively involved in Dharmic and cultural initiatives, including campaigns concerning Tirumala, Ram Setu and Dharma Jagaran.
- National Service: Served for over 12 years as an office-bearer of a national security think tank.

Cdr T V S N L Narsimha Murthy (Retd.)



- Naval Service: Joined the Indian Navy as an Electrical Officer in August 1991; awarded Best All-Round Officer and secured first place in training merit.
- Academic Excellence: Earned a Master's degree in Computer Science from IIT Madras, sponsored by the Indian Navy.
- 23+ Years of Service: Served aboard warships, Naval Dockyards and key defence establishments.
- Technical Contributions: Developed innovative solutions, improved operational efficiency and contributed to savings worth hundreds of crores.
- Defence Research: Joined as a Scientist under the Ministry of Defence in December 2015.
- National Contribution: As Scientist 'F', spearheaded critical indigenous naval technology projects under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Honours & Recognition: Received commendations from the Chief of the Naval Staff, Commander-in-Chief, Western Naval Command and Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri.

A Distinguished Journey of Naval Excellence, Scientific Innovation and Nation Building.

Hony. Capt. Yogendra Singh Yadav, PVC (Retd.)



- Param Vir Chakra: Youngest recipient of India's highest wartime gallantry award at the age of 19.
- Kargil War Hero: Played a key role in the capture of Tiger Hill during Operation Vijay (1999), displaying extraordinary courage despite severe injuries.
- Military Career: Served with the 18 Grenadiers and rose to the rank of Subedar Major.
- Honorary Rank: Conferred the rank of Honorary Captain on 15 August 2021.
- Youth Inspiration: Delivered over 1 lakh motivational lectures, reaching more than 9 lakh students in India and abroad.
- Leadership Mentor: Addresses premier institutions, inspiring youth on courage, discipline, teamwork, resilience and patriotism.
- Major Honours: Param Vir Chakra, Yash Bharti Award, Sarvottam Nagrik Samman and National Gaurav Samman.
- A Symbol of Courage, Resilience and Unwavering Patriotism.

Sub Maj (Hony. Capt.) Koshal Kumar Sharma, SM (Retd.)



- Indian Army Service: Served over 32 years (1988–2021) in Jammu and Kashmir Rifles.
- Kargil War Hero: Participated in Operation Vijay (1999) and received the Sena Medal for Gallantry.
- NSG Service: Served with 51 Special Action Group (1994–1997).
- Military Instructor: Served at Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare training institutions in Mizoram and Chhattisgarh.
- UN Peacekeeping: Served in Ethiopia and Eritrea (2005–2006).
- Military Honours: Received Sena Medal and multiple Army and UN Force Commander Commendations.
- Veterans' Welfare: Serving as Tehsil President, Akhil Bharatiya Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad, since 2022.
- Social Service: Supports veterans, war widows and Veer Naris in accessing government welfare schemes.
- A Distinguished Journey of Gallantry, Leadership and Selfless Service.

Sub Maj (Hony. Capt.) Hanuman Singh (Retd.)



- Military Service: Enrolled in the Indian Army on 28 June 1969; retired on 31 March 1997.
- Veterans' Organisation: Played a key role in forming the Purva Sainik Seva Parishad in September 1998.
- Organisational Leadership: Helped establish units in the border districts of Jaisalmer and Barmer during the Kargil War.
- Leadership & Training: Held Tehsil-level executive responsibilities and participated in various training programmes.
- Social Service: Arranged hostel facilities for children of martyred soldiers and supported the families of Kargil martyrs.
- National Service: Coordinated the "Salute to the Border" programme, connecting ex-servicemen with border posts and highlighting the concerns of martyr families.

A Dedicated Veteran Committed to Soldiers' Families, Veterans' Welfare and National Service.

Sub Maj Harishankar Singh, SM (Retd.)



- Military Service: Served in the 16 Bihar Regiment, Indian Army.
- Gallantry: Played a vital role in rescue operations following the devastating Gujarat earthquake on 26 January 2001.
- Life-Saving Rescue: After three days of continuous efforts, rescued a five-year-old boy, an elderly woman aged around 80 and a 50-year-old woman trapped beneath the rubble.
- Humanitarian Service: Personally accompanied the orphaned five-year-old Ashwani Kumar by air from Bhuj to Mumbai for advanced medical treatment.
- Recognition: Awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry) by the Government of India for exceptional courage and dedication. The award was presented by President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

A Brave Soldier Whose Courage, Compassion and Selfless Service Saved Precious Lives.

Sub Maj Ramnath Singh (Retd.)



- Military Service: Served the Indian Army with distinction for 30 years, successfully completing the Radio Instructor and Quarter Master Courses with Grade 'A' in both.
- Key Contribution: Played a vital role in the 64 Assault Engineer Regiment's construction of high-altitude shelters across Top-1 to Top-10 peaks in Gangtok, Sikkim, contributing to the regiment receiving a Regimental Citation.
- Veterans' Welfare: Serves as District President (Buxar) and State Vice President of Bihar Rajya Poorva Sainik Sangh, actively supporting ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and military families.
- Community Service: Assists veterans with pension grievances and government benefits while leading tree plantation and blood donation initiatives across Bihar.

A Dedicated Soldier Continuing His Mission of Service to Veterans and Society.

Veer Sub Maj Pawan Kumar, SM



- 25th Battalion, Punjab Regiment | Sena Medal (Gallantry) – Posthumous
- Gallant Service: Organised anti-drone defences and protected Krishna Ghati Garrison during intense enemy attacks on 9–10 May 2025.
- Supreme Sacrifice: While safeguarding and evacuating troops during heavy artillery shelling, he was fatally struck by enemy fire.
- Honour: Posthumously awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry) for exceptional courage and devotion to duty.

A Brave Soldier Who Laid Down His Life Protecting His Comrades and the Nation.

Veer Sgt Surendra Kumar Moga, VSM



Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) – Posthumous

- Early Life: Born on 8 September 1990 in Meharadasi village, Jhunjhunu district, Rajasthan.
- Air Force Career: Joined the Indian Air Force as a Medical Assistant on 30 December 2009; served at several key Air Force establishments across India.
- Family: Husband of Smt. Seema Devi and proud father of daughter Vritika and son Daksh.
- Operation Sindoor: Served as a Combat Medic at Air Force Station Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir, during the events of 10 May 2025.
- Supreme Sacrifice: Despite severe injuries, continued evacuating wounded comrades and safeguarding critical medical equipment until his final breath. He attained martyrdom at the age of 35.
- Gallantry Award: Posthumously awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) by the President of India in recognition of his extraordinary courage and devotion to duty. The award was received by his wife on 8 October 2025.

A Brave Combat Medic Who Placed His Comrades Before Himself. His Courage, Compassion and Supreme Sacrifice Will Forever Inspire the Nation.

CHELP Bindra Bahadur Singh



Mr. Bindra Bahadur Singh

- Experience: Over 38 years of professional experience, including 20 years in the Indian Navy and 18 years with Wells Fargo.
- Leadership: Heads PAN India employee transportation operations for approximately 31,000 employees.
- Expertise: Specialises in fleet and vendor management, operational efficiency, compliance and service quality.
- Mentorship: Passionate about innovation, industry collaboration and developing future talent.
- Education: Bachelor of Arts.

A Seasoned Leader Combining Naval Discipline with Corporate Excellence.

Upendra Kumar



- Mr. Upendra Kumar
- Experience: 40+ years in defence and strategic electronics, including 18 years in the Indian Navy and 20+ years at AMPL.
- Education: MCA and MBA.
- Current Role: Head of Space Projects at Astra Microwave Products Limited (AMPL).
- Expertise: Leads business development, project execution and delivery of advanced RF, microwave and digital systems for space applications.
- Key Collaborations: ISRO, DSA, DRDO and private space companies.
- Leadership: Focuses on innovation, quality, industry collaboration and mentoring young engineers.

Veer Hav Sunil Kumar Singh, SM



- Military Service: Served with 237 Field Workshop Company, EME Corps; joined the Indian Army in 2002.
- Hometown: Narbatpur Village, Buxar District, Bihar.
- Operation Sindoor: Spotted an enemy drone approaching his post in the Rajouri sector on 9 May, alerted fellow soldiers and engaged the threat.
- Supreme Sacrifice: Despite being critically injured by enemy shelling, continued guiding his comrades with the drone's location, helping save several lives. He later succumbed to his injuries.
- Gallantry Award: Posthumously honoured with the Sena Medal (Gallantry) for exceptional courage and devotion to duty.

A Brave Soldier Whose Courage and Supreme Sacrifice Will Forever Inspire the Nation.

Hav (A.C.P.I) Rameshwar Lal Ranwa , Videsh Seva Medal, (Retd.)



- Military Service: Served in the Indian Army from April 1996 to October 2013; participated in a UN peacekeeping mission in Sudan (2009–2010) and received the Videsh Seva Medal.
- Veterans' Welfare: Serves as Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Purva Sainik Seva Parishad, Sikar, supporting ex-servicemen, widows and their families with pensions and welfare benefits.
- Social Service: Facilitates scholarships for underprivileged students and promotes tree plantation, education, cleanliness, patriotism and awareness against substance abuse.

A Dedicated Soldier Continuing His Service to Veterans, Young Minds and Society.

Veer L/Nk Dinesh Kumar, SM



- Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar (Posthumous)
- Award: Sena Medal (Gallantry)
- Service No.: 15239160M | Unit: 5th Field Regiment
- Operation: Sindoor
- Bravery: Continued ammunition supply despite heavy enemy artillery shelling.
- Heroic Action: Engaged 5–7 enemy drones and destroyed two using small arms, saving his comrades.
- Martyrdom: Sustained fatal injuries in a drone attack and attained martyrdom on 7 May 2025 at 0900 hours.
- Honour: Awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry) posthumously for exceptional courage, dedication and devotion to duty.

L/Nk (Gnr) Gorle Hemanth Kumar



- A Young Artillery Warrior Who Served the Nation with Courage, Commitment and Dedication During Operation Sindoor.
- Personal Details: Born on 20 May 1999; Indian national. Languages: Telugu, Hindi and English.
- Education: B.Sc. in Chemistry.
- Military Service: Serving in the Indian Army's Artillery Regiment, with 7 years of service.
- Operational Contribution: Participated in Operation Sindoor as part of the successful team involved in India's military response.

Hometown: Viswanadhapuram Village, Tekkali Mandal, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh.

Veer Rifleman Sunil Kumar, VrC



- Military Service: Served in the Indian Army with dedication, standing alongside his fellow soldiers in the defence of the nation.
- Operation Sindoor: Displayed exceptional courage and commitment while defending the country during Operation Sindoor.
- Supreme Sacrifice: Laid down his life in the line of duty, attaining Veer Maranam in the service of the nation.
- Honour: Conferred the Vir Chakra in recognition of his courage and valour.

A Brave Son of the Nation Whose Courage Lives On and Whose Supreme Sacrifice Will Never Be Forgotten.

Veer Mud Murali Nayak, Aviation Technician



- Military Service: Received military training in Mumbai and served one year each in Assam and Kashmir, followed by six months in Punjab.
- Supreme Sacrifice: Displayed courage while serving the nation and attained Veera Maranam during Operation Sindoor.
- A Brave Soldier Whose Supreme Sacrifice Will Forever Be Remembered.

AGV (RST) Medeboina Prakash Raju



- Military Service: Served in the Indian Army's Artillery Regiment for one year.
- Operational Contribution: Participated in Operation Sindoor, serving the nation with dedication.
- Education: Holds a B.Sc. degree.
- A Young Soldier Dedicated to Duty and the Service of the Nation.