

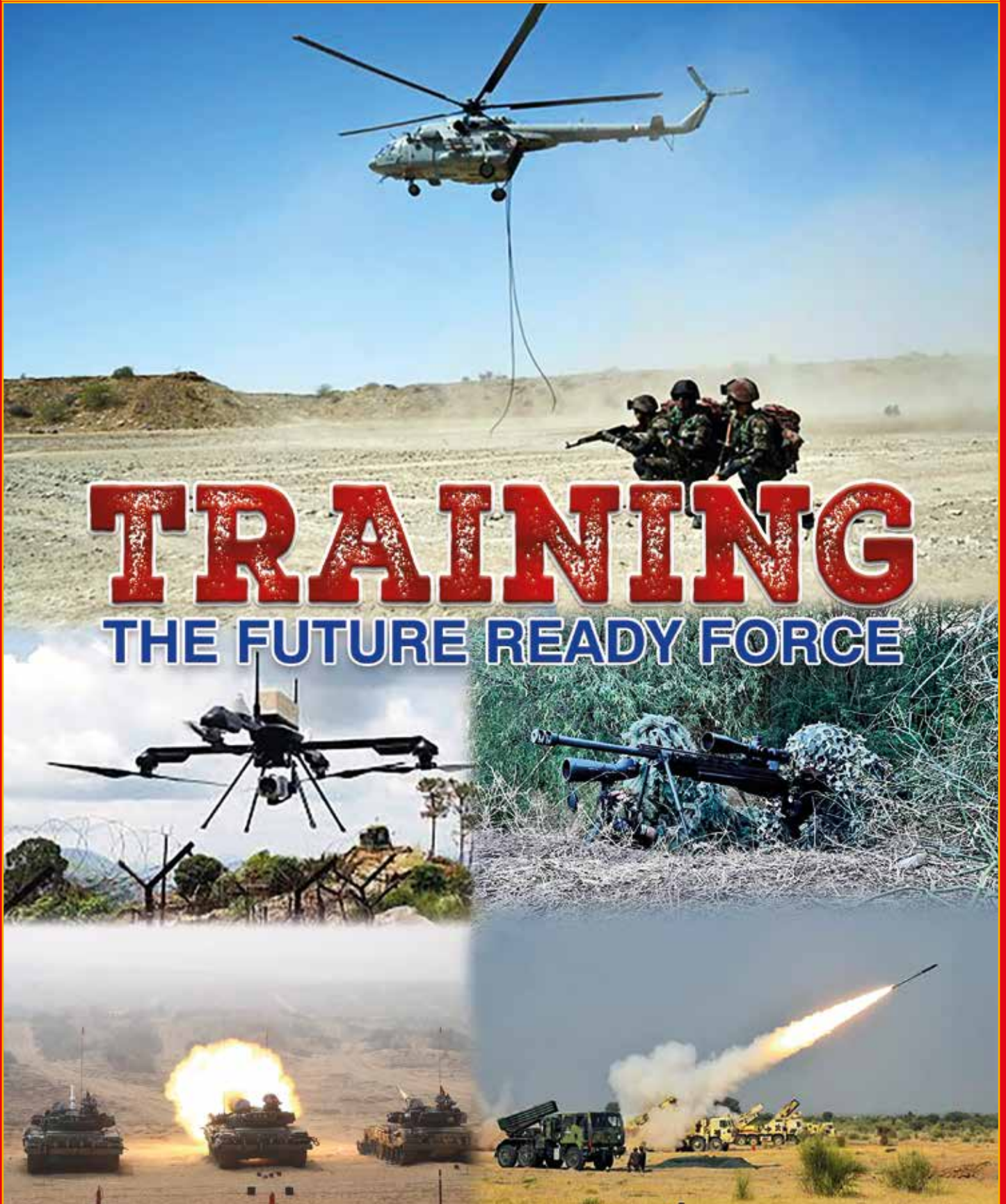


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ARMY TRAINING COMMAND (ARTRAC)



EVOLUTION OF ARTRAC

ARTRAC VISION

In a complex operating environment of jointness and technological advancement, meet the needs of the Nation by shaping the 'effectiveness' of the future Indian Army, so as to 'WIN DECISIVELY' and 'DOMINANTLY', through realistic training, effective leadership development, human resource management and as also continue defining relevant doctrinal and conceptual changes that are imperative to meet emerging security challenges, thus facilitating operational readiness across the range of military operations.



EXCELLENCE IN THE ART & SCIENCE OF WAR

**Armed Forces
Indian Army**



**Vision
@2047**

ERA OF EXCELLENCE - 2047



ERA OF CONSOLIDATION - 2037



ERA OF TRANSITION - 2032



QTD 2025-29

DECADE OF TRANSFORMATION



**REFORMS
2025
TECH ABSORPTION**

COAS Training Directives were earlier issued biennially. Two-year period was considered very short for implementation of guidelines / achieving tangible deliverables. To provide adequate time to Formations / Units to implement the directives, COAS Training Directives are being issued on a Quadrennial basis from Training Year 2025-26. The first Quadrennial training directive has been issued on 01 Apr 2025.

TRAINING DIRECTIVES OF INDIAN ARMY

- **CAST OVER LONGER TIME HORIZON**
- **CONTINUITY AND COHERENCE OF POLICIES**
- **PROVIDE A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME TOWARDS STRUCTURING & VALIDATING ABSORPTION OF NICHE TECHNOLOGY**
- **MAINTAINING CORRECT OPERATIONAL FOCUS BY DE-CLUTTERING THE TRAINING CALENDAR**

COAS QTD: 2025-29

COAS QTD will assist in laying the foundations for the Indian Army to train hard, infuse niche technology, be ahead of the learning curve of technological superiority, lead to creatively and prosecute operations in the future wars with a clear resolve to win.

COAS

TRAINING DIRECTIVE



CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF QUADRENNIAL TRAINING DIRECTIVE 2025-29



TRAINING CONCEPT



TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION INITIATIVES

Modernisation & technology infusion is one of the pillars under **Decade of Transformation** initiative of Indian army. Aligned with the same initiative, HQ ARTRAC embarked upon a mission to infuse technology in training by nominating **14 Cat A Establishments** to evolve as **Centres of Expertise (CsoE)**.

To enhance pace of Technology absorption, **33 technologies** have been assigned to these **nominated CsoE**. ARTRAC has formulated **comprehensive guidelines** for technology absorption. Based on the guidelines, a **long term plan, extending upto 2030**, has been formulated which defines the **technologies to be adopted, infrastructure to be created, HR upskilling as well as financial outlay**.



VISION FOR TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

To adopt, develop and imbibe niche technologies in training curriculum to facilitate learning and exploit technology for exponential results during operations.

PILLARS OF TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

Training the trainer

Infrastructure creation

Course creation

Exploiting provision of MoU and R&D fund

Revision of policies

Utilisation of public funds



TECH ABSORPTION: 2024



TRAINING CONDUCTED



TECH ABSORPTION PLANNED IN 2025

DRONE CULTURE IN INDIAN ARMY

In order to leverage **Drone Training** and enhance operational efficiency, ARTRAC is upgrading the training infrastructure. ARTRAC has undertaken steps to leverage Drone and Counter Drones Operations as **an essential skill** for a soldier akin to rifle handling. An impetus has been given to create **Drone & Counter Drone infrastructure** at training establishments. Drones are also planned to be given as **incentive prizes** for encouraging superior performance on courses & training events.

15 selected Cat A Establishments have prepared a road map for creating / upgrading Drone training infrastructure.



INFRASTRUCTURE

DRONE INVENTORY
DRONE TRAINING LABS
DRONODOME
MODULAR DRONE TRAINING COMPLEX
NICHE DISRUPTIVE LAB

R&D INITIAIVES

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS
SURVEILLANCE FOR
COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH
UNMANNED TECHNOLOGY
(SCOUT)

MoUs

TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

DGCA TRAINER CERTIFICATE
DRONE GAMES

HR UPSKILLING

REMOTE PILOT CERTIFICATE
DGCA CERTIFICATION
DRONE BUILDING COURSE
FPV DRONE FLYING

DRONE CURRICULUM

DGCA RPTO

ARTRAC INITIATIVES



VIDUR VAKTA - RED TEAMING

Concept of Red Teaming in Indian Army introduced in Oct 2024. The three phased training for a group of 15 select officers was conducted by foreign SMEs and the concept was tested during various operational discussions. Road map for training and conduct of institutionalised courses for Vidur Vakta have been prepared till 2027.

ONLINE EXAMS

As part of Digital India Mission, ARTRAC has initiated roadmap for transformation of competitive & promotion exams from physical to online mode. To facilitate online conduct of exams, 81 Centers have been created all over the country.



DIGITAL LIBRARY PROJECT

Digital Library Project is a key enabler for providing online accessibility of more than **Two Lakh** Articles and Military journals to students anywhere and anytime in a campus of Cat A establishment.

PROJECT EKLAVYA



THE INDIAN ARMY PORTAL FOR ONLINE LEARNING



Project Eklavya is distance education software developed by Army War College in collaboration with BISAG-N to facilitate conduct of 'Professional Military Training' (PME) in an online mode for all officers of the Indian Army and was **inaugurated on 28 Nov 2024 by the COAS**. The application caters for three types of online courses - **Structured Pre-Courses, Specialist Appts and Misc Courses**. **96 courses by 17 Cat A Ests** have already been hosted in **Ph-I** of the project.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 'PROJECT EKLAVYA'

INTERESTING CONTENT

FACILITATE HR MANAGEMENT

OFFLINE COURSES

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TRAINING

ENCOURAGE CONTINUOUS PME

SELF PACED LEARNING

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs)



MoU with IIT Ropar

MoU with IIT Roorkee

MoU with BITS, Pilani

MoU with SRM Institute

MoU with IIT Guwahati

MoU with IIRS, Dehradun

HQ ARTRAC

- Nodal agency for all MoUs related to Academics & Training
- To leverage expertise of academia and industry
- The MoUs aligned with the roadmap for technological absorption and future transformation
- MoUs with 57 premium academic institutes

R & D Projects | Drone Technology

AI & Machine Learning | Information Technology

Academics & Training | Cyber Security

Remote Sensing

SEMINARS & LEADERSHIP CAPSULES



Strategic Fusion & Convergence Capsule

The first ever **Strategic Fusion & Convergence Capsule** providing opportunity to **23 Officers from eleven FFCs, officers posted in ministries, CAPF officers and representatives of Industry & Academia**, was conducted at Army War College, Mhow from 24 - 28 Mar 2025.

The capsule also aimed at providing opportunity to participants of HCC to understand 'Whole of Nation Approach' towards National Security.

26th Doctrine and Strategy Seminar

Doctrine and Strategy Seminar, conducted at Army War College, Mhow is a forum for discussion on issues of Strategic & Doctrine significance.

The theme of 26th Doctrine and Strategy Seminar conducted on 27 & 28 Nov 2024 was '**Need for Adaptive Doctrine/Operational Philosophy for Indian Army in view, of Recent conflicts and technology infusion in warfare.**'



TECHNO CDR

SCHOLAR WARRIOR

SOLDIER STATESMAN

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION MODEL



Strategic Leadership and Perspective Planning Capsule

Fourth edition of Strategic Leadership and Perspective Planning Capsule, a capstone program carved for future leadership of Indian Army, was conducted at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi from 14-17 Jan 2025. The capsule was attended by 25 Officers of Lt Gen/Maj Gen rank and four JS level officers posted at Ministry of Defence.

China Seminar

China Seminar was conducted at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi from 24-25 Sep 2024 in coordination with CLAWS. The objective of the China Seminar was to critically analyse Chinese Capabilities in various domains and their implications for India's security.



KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS 2025

PRE KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS EVENTS



03 JULY 2025 : EXPEDITION TO POINT 4812



07 JUNE 2025 : TOLOLING EXPEDITION



16 JUNE 2025 :
MEDICAL CAMP, CHIKTAN



SARHAD SHAURYATHON 2025



20 JULY 2025 : MEDICAL CAMP, SANKOO



Outreach Drive
covered 97 % of
states of India



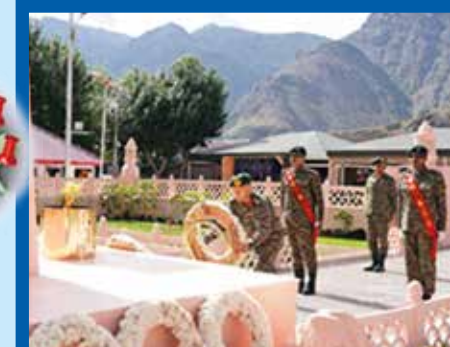
GLIMPSES OF SHAURYA SANDHYA



INDUS VIEWPOINT



ADDRESS OF THE COAS



KARGIL WAR MEMORIAL



LAMOCHEN VIEW POINT

SPECIAL OUTREACH TO NEXT OF KIN



BORDER AREA TOURISM INITIATIVE



<https://kargilwarmemorial.com/>
E-SHRADHANJALI PORTAL ALLOWS USERS TO PAY TRIBUTE VIRTUALLY
THROUGH MOBILES/TABLETS/ I-PADS.



<https://kargil.itant.in/introduction/>

QR CODE BASED MOBILE AUDIO GATEWAY

COAS INTERACTION WITH NEXT OF KIN



The Indian Army honoured 545 Next of Kin at the native places of our Bravehearts across 27 States, 2 Union Territories, and Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal through 37 Outreach Teams.

CHIEF'S PAGE



COAS visited Bhutan from 01 Jul to 04 Jul 2025 and was presented with a Guard of Honour. The visit highlights the strong and enduring friendship between India and Bhutan.



COAS visited forward posts in Siachen, the world's highest battlefield and interacted with the valiant troops of 18 JAK RIF, the unit he commanded.



Lieutenant General Carlos Eduardo Barbosa Da Costa, Brazilian Army called on COAS to discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral defence ties, enhancing joint training, capability development and intelligence sharing to bolster the strategic partnership between the two nations.



COAS was presented a book titled 'Breaking the Glass Ceiling' by Lieutenant General Shakti Gurung (Retd) on 10 July 2025.



COAS visited Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) and reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness.



COAS interacted with the newly instituted Command Subedar Majors and emphasised the critical role of leadership at the ground level and their responsibility in fostering a cohesive force.

SNIPPETS



As part of 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, Brave warriors of 13 JAK RIF (KARGIL), 16 GRENADIERS, and Indian Air Force paid homage to the unmatched valour shown by our bravehearts during OP VIJAY and OP SAFED SAGAR by hoisting the Tricolour at Tiger Hill.



South Western Command conducted Tech Seminar 'Next Generation Combat: Shaping Tomorrow's Military' at Jaipur Military Station in collaboration with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers and Centre for Land Warfare Studies.



First batch of Officer Cadets (Women) joined the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun for a rigorous one year training alongside their male counterparts in July 2025.



Indo-French military Exercise SHAKTI-VIII was conducted at Camp Larzac, France, from 19 Jun to 03 Jul 25 with participation from the Indian Army's 7th Battalion the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles and France's 13^e Demi-Brigade de Légion Étrangère.

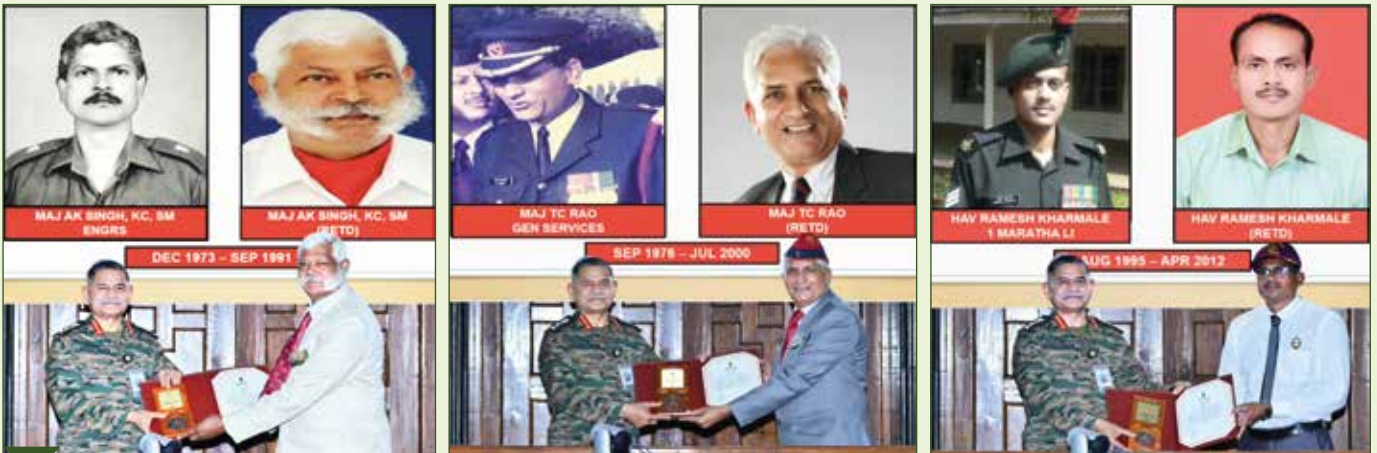


The Bald Eagle Brigade conducted a two-week intensive training capsule for CISF personnel at Bhuj, aimed at sharpening their counter-terrorism skills, enhancing drone handling proficiency, and developing quick-response capabilities against aerial threats.



Surya Warriors under Golden Key Division accomplished their first-ever Integrated Field Firing at Khanadumti Field Firing Range (14,000 ft).

VETERANS CORNER



COAS honoured three esteemed Veterans Maj A K Singh (Retd), Maj T C Rao (Retd) and Hav Ramesh Ganpat Kharmale (Retd) with the 'Veteran Achievers Award' at New Delhi during the Retiring Officers Seminar.



Army Welfare Placement Organisation in collaboration with Dell Technology and Language and Learning Foundation has established a Digital Literacy Centre at Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre, Leh at an altitude of 9000 feet.



President Droupadi Murmu interacted with a group of Veer Naris and widows of fallen soldiers at Rashtrapati Bhawan.



Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Army Cdr NC chaired a meeting with Veterans including Video Conference mode from all over Northern Command to assess progress on initiatives undertaken for upliftment of Ex-Servicemen community.



Army Welfare Placement Organisation organized the HR Conclave on 04 Jul 25 at Delhi, aimed at strengthening the Second Career Eco system for Army Veteran, Widows, Wards and Dependents.



EQUIPMENT

OF THE MONTH

ADVANCED TOWED ARTILLERY GUN SYSTEM

India's Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) is a powerful 155mm, 52-calibre howitzer developed indigenously and is a significant leap towards self reliance. A collaborative effort between DRDO, Bharat Forge and Tata Advanced Systems. ATAGS stands out not only for its indigenous developments but for its cutting edge features that out perform most of its contemporaries in term of range, precision and performance.

KEY FEATURES

- **Calibre** : 155 mm, 52 calibres.
- **Range** : Up to 45 km.
- **Weight** : 19.5 tonnes.
- **Rate of Fire** : 5-6 rounds/min (burst)
- **Crew** : 6-8 personnel.

TECHNICAL EDGE

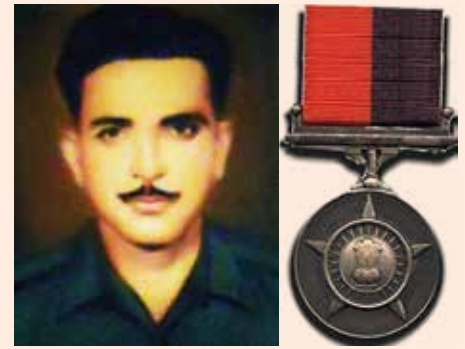
- All-electric drive, which means smoother, more reliable performance and easier maintenance.
- Advanced fire control system with thermal imaging.
- GPS navigation for precision targeting.
- Fully automatic ammunition handling system, which speeds up operations and reduces fatigue.
- 80% of its components are made in India, it is a major step toward self-reliance.

ROLE IN INDIAN ARMY

ATAGS is designed for high performance across varied terrains—from deserts to mountains. Its long range, accuracy and quick deployment make it vital for modern warfare. The induction of state of art ATAGS is a major step towards modernization through mediumisation of Indian Artillery.

BATTLE OF KHALRA

(3/4 DECEMBER 1971)



Lance Havildar Raghbir Singh
Vir Chakra (P)

In December 1971, 14 JAK RIF was given the responsibility of defence of Khalra and important bridges over it. The township of Khalra, located on the eastern bank of the Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC), was a critical tactical node on the Lahore - Bhikiwind - Harike axis, guarding the gateway to Harike Head works and the Grand Trunk Road. In the opening hours of the 1971 Indo - Pak War, the Pakistani forces launched a determined offensive to seize Khalra and break through towards Harike.

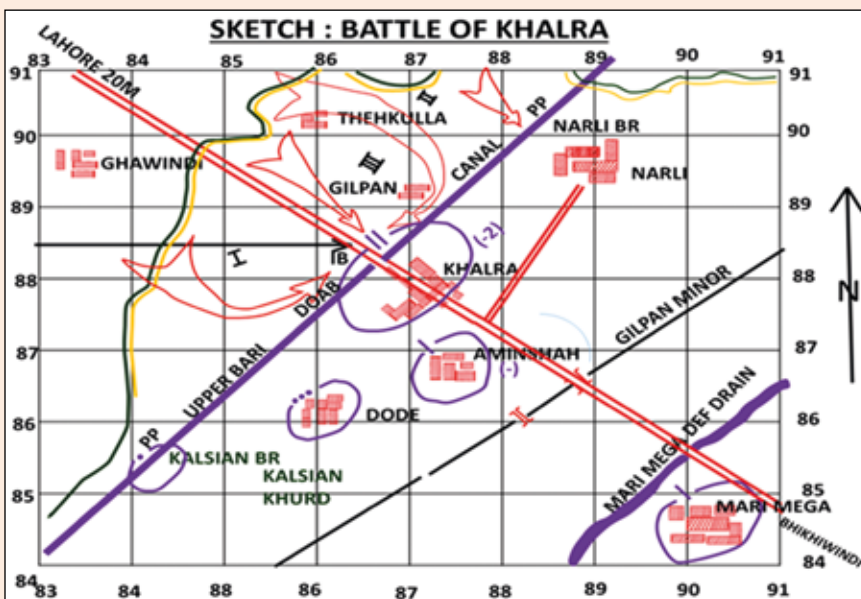
14 JAK RIF held firm against waves of assaults from 3-17 December, amidst relentless artillery, small arms fire and enemy infiltration. The battalion's defences were centered around Khalra and the key bridge spanning the UBDC. Civilians fleeing from Pakistani shelling inadvertently provided cover for enemy troops who then tried to storm the bridge.

On the night of 03/04 December, Lance Havildar Raghbir Singh, commanding a section tasked with the close protection of Khalra bridge, displayed exceptional bravery & courage. Under intense shelling and close quarter battle, he moved trench-to-trench, directing fire and motivating his men with unwavering courage. As Pakistani troops tried to overrun the bridge, he led from the front - resolute and fearless.

Even as the enemy pressure intensified and the order to demolish the bridge was awaited, Lance Havildar Raghbir Singh stood his ground, fighting trench to trench encouraging his men and directing their fire to beat back the enemy assault.

As the enemy pressure mounted, he blew Khalra bridge at 0435 Hrs on 04 Dec 1971, taking a small arm fire on his body. In this act of supreme gallantry, he was fatally hit by a burst of MMG fire at close range, laying down his life in the finest traditions of the Indian Army.

His valiant stand prevented the enemy from capturing the bridge intact, thwarting their offensive momentum. His sacrifice was pivotal in preserving the integrity of Khalra defences and set the tone for the battalion's resolute stand throughout the war. For his exceptional bravery, leadership under fire and supreme sacrifice, Lance Havildar Raghbir Singh was awarded the Vir Chakra (Posthumous).



COMMUNIQUE

REVISION OF AGIF SCHEMES

- Enhancement of Insurance Cover for Regular Army & Territorial Army.** AGIF is a compulsory Group Insurance cum saving scheme incorporated to fulfill the objectives of providing life insurance cover to Army personnel against all risks including war/ warlike situations, during service and lump sum maturity benefits at the time of retirement/ release/ discharge to facilitate their financial well-being. The monthly subscriptions comprise of Risk Element and Savings. The nuances of present insurance cover effective wef 01 Apr 2025 are as under :-

Category	Subscription (₹)	Benefits (₹)	
		Insurance (₹)	Disability (₹) *
Regular Army (Revised with effect from 01 April 2025)			
Officers	12,500/- pm	125 Lakh	25 Lakh
JCOs/OR	7,500/- pm	75 Lakh	12.5 Lakh
Territorial Army (TA) (Revised with effect from 01 April 2025)			
Officers	72,000/- pa	75 Lakh	25 Lakh
JCOs/OR	36,000/- pa	37.5 Lakh	12.5 Lakh
Army Postal Service (APS)			
Officers	5,190/- pm	75 Lakh	25 Lakh
JCOs/OR	2,525/- pm	37.5 Lakh	12.5 Lakh
Defence Security Corps (DSC)			
JCOs/OR	2,590/- pm	37.5 Lakh	12.5 Lakh
Note:- *Disability amount indicated is for 100% disability and reduces proportionately till disability of 20%. Applicable only to those who are invalided out of service by Invalidment Medical Board (IMB), their service has been cut short & who are not in receipt of any type of pension. Policy applicable with effect from 01 May 2018.			

- Enhancement of Extended Insurance Cover.** The EI for regular Army post retirement has been enhanced for all members retiring on or after 01 April 2025.

Category	One Time Premium (₹)	EI Cover (₹)	Duration
Officers	2,75,000/- (Refundable)	30 Lakh	26 years post retirement or 80 years of age, whichever is earlier.
JCOs/OR	1,20,000/- (Refundable)	15 Lakh	30 years post retirement of 75 years of age, whichever is earlier.

- Loans/ Advances.** The ceiling of House Building Advance (HBA) has been enhanced for officers, JCO and OR wef 01 Apr 2025. No changes with reference to Conveyance Advance (CA) and Personal Computer Advance (PCA).

Scheme	Officers	JCOs/OR
House Building Advance (HBA)		
Construction/Purchases	₹100 Lakh @ 7.5%	JCOs ₹50 lakh OR ₹40 lakh } @7%
Repair & Renovation	₹20 lakh @ 8%	₹20 lakh @ 7.5%
2 nd HBA for Construction/ Purchase	On completion of 1 st HBA for balance amount. Other terms remain same.	
HBA to NDGs as applicable to other members is allowed.		

- Service Criteria (wef 01 Apr 2025).** For House Building Advance (HBA), min one year for officers and one year regular cadre service for JCOs/ OR. For Conveyance Advance (CA) & Personal Computer Advance (PCA), on commissioning for officers and min one year regular cadre service for JCOs/ OR.



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Shyam Thapa



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