



KARGIL WAR

CREATED BY: JAMMU-KASHMIR STUDY CENTRE



KARGIL

**KARGIL CITY IS IN KARGIL DISTRICT IN
LADAKH REGION, JAMMU & KASHMIR
STATE, INDIA**

**THE SECOND LARGEST TOWN IN
LADAKH, AFTER LEH**

KARGIL--LOCATION



204 KM EAST OF SRINAGAR, 60 KM FROM DRASS

234 KM WEST OF LEH

240 KM SOUTH-EAST FROM PADUM

1,047 KM NORTH FROM DELHI

KARGIL- CLIMATE

AVERAGE ELEVATION: 2,676 METRES (8,780 FEET)

SITUATED ALONG THE BANKS OF SURU (INDUS)

LIKE OTHER AREAS IN THE HIMALAYAS, HAS

TEMPERATE CLIMATE

SUMMER DAYS ARE HOT, NIGHTS COOL

WINTERS ARE LONG & CHILLY

TEMPERATURES OFTEN DROP TO -48° C (-54° F)

KARGIL--RELIGIOUS DISTRIBUTION

ISLAM : 95%

BUDDHISM: 4.5%

OTHER RELIGIONS : 0.5%

KARGIL – STRATEGIC LOCATION

- **KARGIL IS LOCATED FACING THE NORTHERN AREAS ACROSS THE LINE OF CONTROL (LOC)**
- **HIGHLY MOUNTANEOUS**
- **SPREADS OVER LARGE AREAS**
- **HEAVY SNOW IN WINTERS**
- **FROM MOUNTAIN TOPS, ONE CAN DIRECTLY ATTACK THE SRINAGAR-KARGIL-LEH NATIONAL HIGHWAY**
- **CUT OFF NATIONAL HIGHWAY (NH 1A) So that the INDIAN ARMY MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER would be restricted TO LADAKH.**

PAKISTAN'S PLANNING FOR KARGIL WAR

**PLANNING FOR THE OPERATION BY PAKISTAN
MAY HAVE OCCURED ABOUT AS EARLY AS
THE AUTUMN OF 1998**

**THE TOTAL AREA SEIZED BY THE INGRESS WAS
BETWEEN 130–200 SQ KMS**

PAKISTAN'S STRATEGY FOR KARGIL WAR

IN FEB 1999, PAK CAPTURED SOME OF THE HIGHER SAICHEN MOUNTAIN PEAKS

STATIONED ITS ARMY AT STRATEGIC POINTS, TO DOMINATE INDIAN NATIONAL HIGHWAY -NHA1

OBJECTIVES: CUT OFF THE APPROACH ROAD OF INDIAN FORCES FROM KASHMIR TO LEH, LADAKH, SIACHEN .

E.G: TOLOLING PEAK OCCUPIED BY PAKISTAN ARMY WAS JUST 5 KM AWAY FROM DRAAS.

PAKISTAN'S PREPARATION FOR KARGIL WAR OF 1999.



DURING THE WINTER OF 1998–1999, SOME ELEMENTS OF PAK ARMED FORCES WERE COVERTLY TRAINING & SENDING PAKI TROOPS & PARAMILITARY FORCES, IN THE GUISE OF MUJAHIDEEN, INTO INDIAN TERRITORY THE INFILTRATION WAS CODE NAMED "OPERATION BADR"



PAKISTAN'S AIM

TO SEVER THE LINK BETWEEN KASHMIR & LADAKH

TO COMPEL INDIAN FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM SIACHEN GLACIER

TO PRESSURIZE INDIA TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT OF BORDERS OF J&K

PAK BELIEVED THAT ANY TENSION WOULD INTERNATIONALIZE KASHMIR ISSUE

TO BOOST THE MORALE OF PAKI STANI INFILTRATORS SENT INTO THE VALLEY TO AROUSE LOCAL MUSLIMS TO REBEL IN THE NAME OF ISLAM

PAKISTANI KARGIL INFILTRATION -FEB 1999



PAK HAD BEEN SENDING ITS ARMY TROOPS DURING HEAVY SNOW TO OCCUPY HIGH PEAKS & SET UP SUPPLY LINES & EQUIPED ITS SOLDIERS WITH WEAPONS, HEAVY ARTILLERY, ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS & AMPLE FOOD SUPPLIES

PAKI FORCES HAD MADE SANGARS –

A KIND OF BUNKER MADE WITH LOOSE STONES IN AREAS NOT EASY TO SEE, TO ATTACK FROM AIR OR BY GROUND .

PAKI TROOPS WERE TRAINED & ACCLIMATISED FOR HIGH ALTITUDE FOR THIS OPERATION.

**CANYOU IMAGINE
THE GREAT DANGER
THE INDIAN ARMY HAD TO FACE ?**

LATE REALIZATION BY INDIA IN FEB/ MARCH 1999

BY FEB / MARCH 1999, LOCAL CATTLE GRAZERS , NOMADS & VILLAGERS DID INFORM ABOUT: “PRESENCE OF UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED PEOPLE (ENEMY) IN HIGH KARGIL MOUNTAIN PEAKS” BUT THIS WAS NOT TAKEN SERIUOSLY BY THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES.

WHEN INDIA QUESTIONED PAKISTAN ABOUT THE INTRUDERS, THEIR REPLY WAS: “NOT US BUT THEY COULD BE INDIA’S LOCAL JEHADIS WANTING TO FREE KASHMIR VALLEY!”

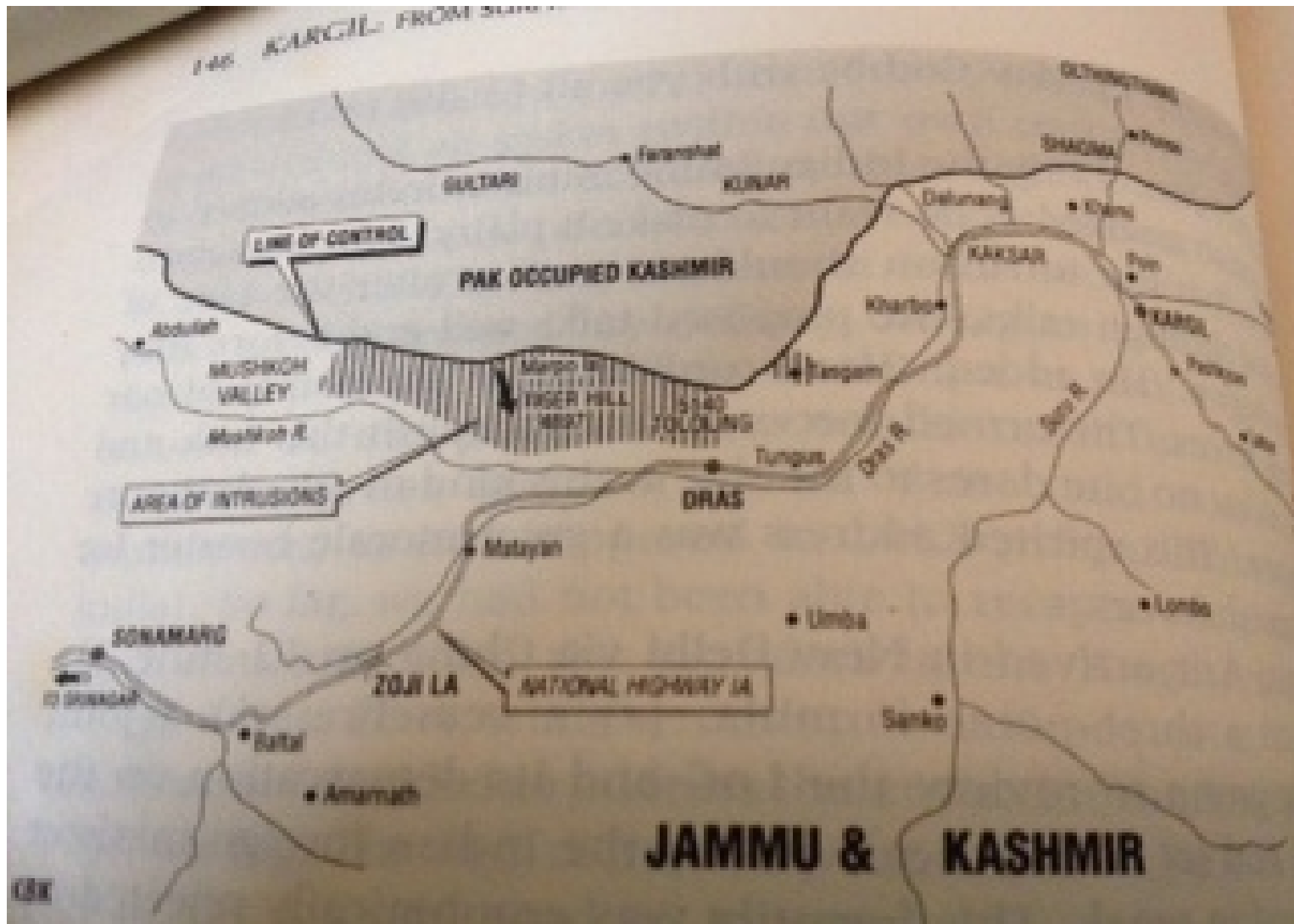
LATE REALIZATION BY INDIA IN APRIL 1999.

**BY APRIL, IT WAS CLEAR TO THE INDIAN ARMY THAT PAK HAD
INTRUDED INSIDE INDIAN TERRITORY & OCCUPIED LARGE
SECTIONS OF SOME HIGH PEAKS**

IN THE WORDS OF GEN MALIK:

**“THERE HAD BEEN A MASSIVE INTELLIGENCE FAILURE, & THE
INDIAN ARMY KNEW IT HAD TO RECAPTURE ITS TERRITORY!”**

THE WAR ZONE



WAR ZONE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OCCUPIED BY PAKISTAN TOLOLING, TIGER HILL



KARGIL WAR DATEWISE HAPPENINGS-1

- **MARCH 1999** - PAKI INTRUSION IN KARGIL REPORTED BY LOCAL SHEPHERDS
- **05 MAY 1999** - INDIAN ARMY PATROL SENT UP FIVE INDIAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE CAPTURED & TORTURED TO DEATH
- **09 MAY 1999** - HEAVY SHELLING BY PAK ARMY DAMAGED AMMUNITION DUMP IN KARGIL



KARGIL WAR DATEWISE HAPPENINGS-2

- **10 MAY -** INFILTRATIONS FIRST NOTICED IN DRAS, KAKSAR & MUSHKOH SECTORS
- **MID-MAY -** INDIAN ARMY MOVES IN MORE TROOPS FROM KASHMIR VALLEY TO KARGIL SECTOR
- **26 MAY -** IAF LAUNCHES AIR STRIKES AGAINST INFILTRATORS
- **27 MAY -** IAF LOSES 2 FIGHTER AIRCRAFTS –
TAKEN POW
MIG-21 & MIG-27 - FLT. LT. NACHIKETA



KARGIL WAR DATEWISE HAPPENINGS-3

- **28 MAY - IAF MI-17 SHOT DOWN BY PAK - 4 AIR CREW DEAD**
- **1 JUNE - PAK STEPS UP ATTACKS - BOMBS NH 1A**
- **5 JUNE - INDIAN ARMY RELEASES DOCUMENTS RECOVERED FROM 3 PAK SOLDIERS INDICATING PAK'S INVOLVEMENT**
- **6 JUNE - INDIAN ARMY LAUNCHES MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN KARGIL**
- **9 JUNE - INDIAN ARMY RE-CAPTURES 2 KEY POSITIONS IN BATALIC SECTOR**



KARGIL WAR DATEWISE HAPPENINGS-4

- **11 JUNE - INDIA RELEASES INTERCEPTS OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN PAK ARMY CHIEF GEN. PERVEZ MUSHARRAF, WHILE ON A VISIT TO CHINA & CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF LT. GEN. AZIZ KHAN IN RAWALPINDI, AS PROOF OF PAK ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT**
- **13 JUNE - INDIAN ARMY RECAPTURES & SECURES TOLOLING IN DRAS**
- **15 JUNE - U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, IN A TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION, ASKS PAK PM NAWAZ SHARIF TO PULL OUT OF KARGIL**
- **29 JUNE - INDIAN ARMY CAPTURES 2 MORE VITAL POSTS - POINT 5060 & POINT 5100 NEAR TIGER HILL**

Kargil War datewise happenings- 5

- **2 July 1999** **Indian Army launches three-pronged attack in Kargil**
- **4 July 1999** **Indian Army recaptures Tiger Hill after an 11-hour battle**
- **5 July 1999** **Indian Army takes control of Dras. Sharif announces Pakistani Army's withdrawal from Kargil following his meeting with Clinton**



KARGIL WAR DATEWISE HAPPENINGS-6

- **7 JULY - INDIA RECAPTURES JUBAR HEIGHTS IN BATALIK**
- **11 JULY - PAK BEGINS PULLOUT; INDIA CAPTURES KEY PEAKS IN BATALIK**
- **14 JULY - INDIAN PM ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE DECLARES “OPERATION VIJAY” A SUCCESS - GOVT OF INDIA SETS CONDITIONS FOR TALKS WITH PAK**
- **26 JULY - KARGIL CONFLICT OFFICIALLY COMES TO AN END - INDIAN ARMY ANNOUNCES COMPLETE EVICTION OF PAK INTRUDERS**





OPERATION VIJAY

THE INDIAN ARMY LAUNCHED “OPERATION VIJAY”, A MOBILISATION OF 2,00,000 INDIAN TROOPS.

BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF TERRAIN, DIVISION & CORPS OPS COULD NOT BE MOUNTED

SUBSEQUENT FIGHTING WAS CONDUCTED MOSTLY AT THE REGIMENTAL OR BATTALION LEVEL

IN EFFECT, 2 DIVISIONS OF INDIAN ARMY, NUMBERING 20,000, PLUS SEVERAL THOUSAND FROM THE PARAMILITARY FORCES OF INDIA WERE QUICKLY MOBILISED THIS INCLUDES TROOPS FROM KASHMIR VALLEY WHO PROVIDED INDIAN ARMY WITH ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY SUPPORT



OPERATION VIJAY

TOTAL NO OF INDIAN SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN MILITARY OPS ON THE KARGIL-DRASS SECTOR WAS AROUND 30,000

NO OF INFILTRATORS, INCL THOSE SUPPORTING WITH LOGISTICAL BACKUP WAS APPROX 5,000 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CONFLICT



OPERATION VIJAY

- **RAJPUTANA RIFLES :** **DRASS SECTOR (TOLOLING TOP)**
- **18 GRENADIERS :** **DRASS SECTOR (BATTLES OF TOLOLING,
POINT 4590, THREE PMPLES & TIGER HILL)**
- **18 GARHWAL RIFLES :** **DRASS SECTOR (BATTLES OF POINT 5140,
POINT 4700)**
- **12 J&K LIGHT INFANTRY :** **BATALIK SECTOR (BATTLES OF POINT 5203
& PONT 4812)**



OPERATION VIJAY

- **13 J&K RIFLES :** **DRASS SECTOR (BATTLE OF THE HUMP & TOLOLING RIDGE)**
- **108 MEDIUM REGIMENT :** **DRASS SECTOR (ARTILLERY ACTION ON TOLOLING RIDGE, POINT 5140, POINT 4874)**
- **11 GORKHA :** **BATALIK SECTOR (BATTLE OF KHALUBAR)**
- **2 NAGA REGIMENT :** **DRASS SECTOR (BATTLE OF TIGER HILL)**
- **8 SIKH REGIMENT :** **DRASS SECTOR (BATTLE OF TIGER HILL)**



OPERATION SAFED SAGAR

FROM MAY 11-25, GROUND TROOPS SUPPORTED BY INDIAN AIR FORCE TRIED TO CONTAIN THE THREAT, ASSESSED THE ENEMY DISPOSITIONS & CARRIED OUT VARIOUS PREPARATORY ACTIONS

ENTRY OF THE AIR FORCE INTO COMBAT ACTION ON MAY 26 REPRESENTED A PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE NATURE AND PROGNOSIS OF THE CONFLICT.



OPERATION SAFED SAGAR

IN OPERATION SAFED SAGAR, THE AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT NEARLY 5,000 SORTIES OF ALL TYPES OVER 50-ODD DAYS OF OPS

OPS IN THIS TERRAIN REQUIRED SPECIAL TRAINING & TACTICS. IT WAS SOON REALISED THAT GREATER SKILLS & TRAINING WERE NEEDED TO ATTACK THE VERY SMALL & MINIATURE TARGETS, OFTEN NOT VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE

THE SHOULDER-FIRED MISSILE THREAT WAS OMNIPRESENT & THERE WERE NO DOUBTS ABOUT THIS. AN IAF CANBERRA RECCE AIRCRAFT WAS DAMAGED BY A PAK STINGER FIRED POSSIBLY FROM ACROSS THE LOC



OPERATION SAFED SAGAR

- **ON 2ND & 3RD DAY OF THE OPS, STILL IN THE LEARNING CURVE, THE IAF LOST ONE MIG-21 FIGHTER & ONE MI-17 HELICOPTER TO SHOULDER-FIRED MISSILES BY THE ENEMY**
- **IN ADDITION, ONE MIG-27 WAS LOST ON 2^{NDB} DAY DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE JUST AFTER THE PILOT HAD CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON ONE OF THE ENEMY'S MAIN SUPPLY DUMPS**



OPERATION TALWAR

INDIAN NAVY ALSO PREPARED TO BLOCKADE PAK PORTS PRIMARILY KARACHI TO CUT OFF SUPPLY ROUTES UNDER "OPERATION TALWAR"

INDIAN NAVY'S WESTERN & EASTERN FLEETS JOINED IN THE NORTH ARABIAN SEA & BEGAN AGGRESSIVE PATROLS & THREATENED TO CUT PAK'S SEA TRADE

THIS EXPLOITED PAK'S DEPENDENCE ON SEA BASED OIL & TRADE FLOWS



OPERATION TALWAR

LATER, PAKISTANI PM NAWAZ SHARIF DISCLOSED THAT PAK WAS LEFT WITH JUST 6 DAYS OF FUEL TO SUSTAIN ITSELF IF A FULL-SCALE WAR HAD BROKEN OUT.

WHILE ENSURING SAFETY & SECURITY OF INDIAN MARITIME ASSETS FROM A POSSIBLE SURPRISE ATTACK BY PAK, INDIAN IMPERATIVE WAS THAT ALL EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO DETER PAK FROM ESCALATING THE CONFLICT INTO A FULL SCALE WAR.

INDIAN NAVY WAS PUT ON A FULL ALERT FROM MAY 20

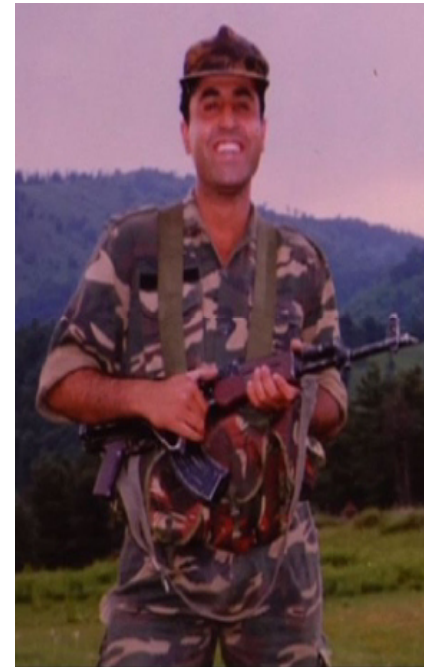
A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF INDIAN RETALIATORY OFFENSIVE. NAVAL & COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT WERE PUT ON A CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE & THE UNITS READIED UP FOR MEETING ANY CHALLENGE AT SEA



KARGIL WAR HEROES WHO RECEIVED PARAM VIR CHAKRA



**GRENADIER
YOGENDRA SINGH
YADAV
18 GRENADIERS
JULY 3-4, 1999**



**CAPTAIN
VIKRAM BATRA
13 J&K RIFLES
JULY 7, 1999**

KARGIL WAR HEROES WHO RECEIVED PARAM VIR CHAKRA



**LT. MANOJ
KUMAR PANDEY
1/11 GORKHA
RIFLES
JULY 2-3, 1999**



**RIFLEMAN
SANJAY KUMAR
13 J&K RIFLES
JULY 4, 1999**



KARGIL WAR HEROES WHO RECEIVED MAHA VIR CHAKRA

CAPT ANUJ NAYYAR, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

MAJ BALWAN SINGH, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

MAJ RAJESH SINGH ADHIKARI, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

LT COL SONAM WANGCHUK, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

**CAPT KEISHING CLIFFORD NONGRUN, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY,
KARGIL**

NT DIGENDRA KUMAR, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

CAPT NEIKEZHAKUO KENGURUSE, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

MAJ PADMAPANI ACHARYA, 1999 OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL

KARGIL WAR HEROES WHO RECEIVED VIR CHAKRA



SUB RANDHIR SINGH, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

SQN LDR AJAY AHUJA, OPERATION SAFED SAGAR, KARGIL WAR

CAPT R JERY PREM RAJ, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

HAV SISH RAM GILL, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

CAPT JINTU GOGOI, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

CAPT VIJAYANT THAPAR, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

MAJOR MARIAPPAN SARAVANAN, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

COL LALIT RAI, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

CAPT BALEYADA MUTHANNA CARIAPPA, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

HAVILDAR CHUNI LAL, OPERATION VIJAY, KARGIL WAR

WG.CDR. ANIL SINHA, OPERATION SAFED SAGAR, KARGIL WAR

KARGIL WAR HEROES WHO RECEIVED VIR CHAKRA

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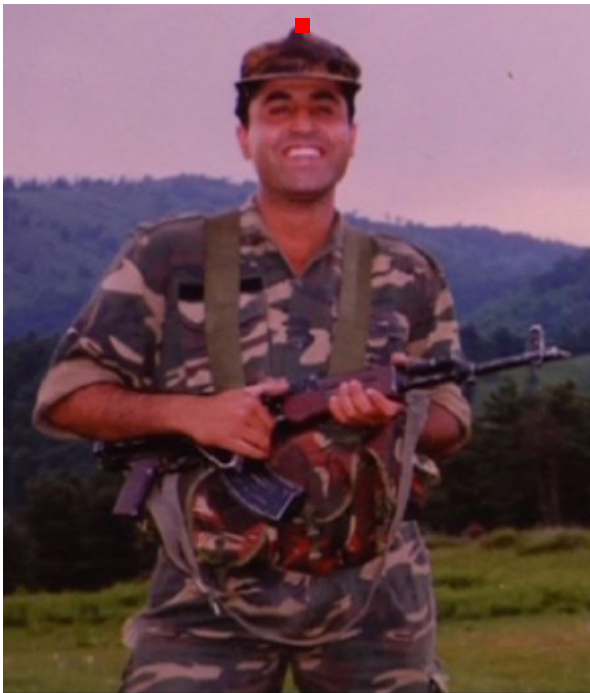
Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Narendra Modi In Kargil War Place



**Only best of the friends and
worst of the enemies visit us
INDIAN ARMY**



**YEH DIL
MAANGE
MORE**



AND

**“EITHER I WILL COME BACK AFTER
HOISTING THE TRICOLOR, OR I WILL
COME BACK WRAPPED IN IT, BUT I
WILL BE BACK FOR SURE!”**

**THESE WORDS THAT “SHER SHAH”
CAPT. VIKRAM BATRA, PVC, 13 J&K
RIFLES TOLD A FRIEND BEFORE
LEAVING FOR WAR TRULY REFLECT
THE SWASHBUCKLER'S DAREDEVILRY
THAT COMPLETELY CHANGED THE
WAY INDIA LOOKED AT ITS ARMY!**

“OUR FLAG DOES NOT FLY BECAUSE THE WIND MOVES IT, IT FLIES WITH THE LAST BREATH OF EACH SOLDIER WHO DIED PROTECTING IT!”

“IF DEATH STRIKES, BEFORE I PROVE MY BLOOD, I SWEAR I’LL KILL DEATH!”

**– CAPT. MANOJ KUMAR PANDEY,
PVC, 1/11 GORKHA RIFLES**

“WHAT IS A LIFETIME ADVENTURE FOR YOU IS A DAILY ROUTINE FOR US.” – LADAKH LEH HIGHWAY SIGN BOARD

THANK YOU!

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