The President has approved the grant of the following Gallantry/Distinguished Service Awards:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Maj Gen HARISH CHANDRA RAI (IC-592)</td>
<td>Major General HARISH CHANDRA RAI, as Chief of Staff Western Command had to undertake the main burden of organising the move of various formations including the Command Headquarters and meeting their administrative requirements. Both before and during the operations, Major General HARISH CHANDRA RAI displayed singular devotion to duty working long hours over extended periods keeping in touch with and coordinating the actions of various formations and arranging air support for them. By doing so he has contributed in a large measure to the success of the operations in the Western Sector. Throughout this difficult period he showed commendable grasp of operations and as the Chief of the Staff rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Maj Gen JACK FREDERICK RALPH JACOB (IC-170)</td>
<td>In the operations in the Eastern Theatre, leading to the liberation of AGNL DESH, the contribution of Major General JACK FREDERICK RALPH JACOB, has been pivotal and most valuable. As Chief of Staff, Eastern Command he worked for long hours over an extended period without loss of efficiency and displayed a firm grip and outstanding organising ability. He was responsible for detailed planning and execution of administrative and logistic support and his handling of these difficult problems during operations was highly imaginative, thorough and efficient. He has displayed devotion to duty, unstinted loyalty and outstanding ability and has rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Maj Gen BISWA MATH SARJUAR (IC-1417)</td>
<td>As Director of Operations, Headquarters Eastern Command, Major General BISWA MATH SARJUAR has rendered outstanding service. Inspite of the complex nature of the task entrusted to him, he got down to it devotedly and assiduously and was able, within a short time, to bring the entire structure of the operation under</td>
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effective control. He had to work long hours and undertake extensive touring, practically without break. His untiring efforts, zeal and tact were responsible for the outstanding result achieved during the operations. He has displayed great devotion to duty and rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

Major General GURBAKSH SINGH was the General Officer Commanding, 101 Communication Zone Area. During the operations he played a highly significant and important role in the area of his responsibility. He handled his task with enthusiasm and imagination and, inspite of paucity of resources, he continued to act offensively and was able to tie down a large number of enemy troops in SIMET and KIMENSINGH Districts. In planning offensive operations from MISHRAJ towards MIMERSINGH and D.C.C., Major General GURBAKSH SINGH showed great deal of imagination and sound tactical and administrative ability. Though he was himself seriously wounded as a result of an accident early during the operation the planning done by him was largely responsible for the brilliant success of the operations. Major General GURBAKSH SINGH displayed great deal of zeal, professional competence and distinguished service of an exceptional order.

Major General DILBIR SINGH commanded the 9th Infantry Division in operations in the JESSORE Sector. He planned operations with great skill and launched his Division with commendable zeal, drive and professional competence. He kept up relentless pressure on the enemy and by superior tactics unhinged the enemy inflicting heavy losses on him. Throughout these operations, Major General DILBIR SINGH was in the forefront. He displayed highly imaginative and inspiring leadership and distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

Major General LACHMAN SINGH LEHL was the General Officer Commanding, 20 Mountain Division during the fighting in the North-West Sector of BANGL. DESH. Throughout these operations he led his Division with single-minded determination and his personal encouragement, drive and presence in the forward areas contributed largely to the success of the operations. The actions fought by this Division at GORBINGLAE, BHILDUK and POCHA were brilliant and carried out with lightning speed. The division
maintained a relentless pressure on the enemy and advanced more than 125 kilometres on the main axis. Major General LACHHAN SINGH LEHL displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

NAVY

Rear Admiral E.C. Kuruvilla, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet, was the operational Commander of all Indian Naval forces in the Western Sector. He was responsible for the Defence of Western Coast and for conduct of offensive operations against Pakistan's Naval forces at Sea. The officer guided the Naval operations in his theatre of war with exemplary skill and determination and displayed an offensive spirit and ingenuity of the highest order in the execution of Naval war plans. His forces gained a decisive victory over the enemy in the crucial Naval action of the war and attacked the so far impregnable defences of Karachi port causing serious damage to vital harbour installations. The officer's action confined the Pakistani Naval ships to the sanctuary of Karachi's inner harbour, giving us undisputed superiority in Pakistani waters. This denied enemy forces the much needed support from outside the country and severely restricted their ability to continue to fight. He has displayed outstanding leadership and ability in the conduct of his duties as Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet.

2. Captain (Acting Rear Admiral) SREE MARILAL SARMA

Acting Rear Admiral S.B. SARMA, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, the operational Commander of all Indian Naval forces in the Eastern Sector was responsible for safeguarding the whole of Eastern seaboard from enemy attacks, to ensure complete blockade of the enemy held ports in DAMULI DESH. The officer conducted these operations with exemplary vigour single mindedness of purpose and meticulous attention which resulted in the systematic disintegration and decimation of Pakistani Naval forces in the East and assured complete safety to the Indian Merchant shipping in the area. The Carrier borne forces under his command continuously attacked heavily defended enemy ports, inland waterways and hinterland causing serious damage to vital installations and seriously impairing the enemy's ability to continue to fight. He has displayed outstanding leadership and ability in the conduct of his duties as Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.
1. Air Commodore RANDHIR SINGH, AVSM, VC
   (2135) F(P)

During the recent Indo-Pak hostilities, Air Commodore RANDHIR SINGH was in command of a forward base in the Western Sector. He planned the defence of his base so meticulously that the enemy's air force was unable to attack it in any manner. As the operations progressed, he not only frustrated the enemy's evil designs by capturing some of his agents but was able to organise the supporting services on the base so well that all through the operations, the squadrons could provide the desired number of close support and offensive sorties with utmost effectiveness, in spite of the stiff enemy opposition. His untiring zeal and outstanding leadership was an example to all personnel during the difficult days of the conflict. His overall contribution towards the air operations in the Western sector has been most commendable. He has rendered distinguished services of the most exceptional order.

2. Group Captain MALCOLM SHIRLEY DUNDEW WOLLEN, VM
   (3641) F(P)

Group Captain WOLLEN is the Commanding Officer of a major Air Force base in Assam. On the outbreak of hostilities with Pakistan in December, 1971, he was placed in operational control of two Mig 21 Squadrons at a forward airfield. The task of these squadrons was to neutralise the Pakistani Air Force in BANGLADESH and to give close support to the Army in that area. From time to time, certain special tasks were also ordered. The sum of all these tasks was very large in relation to the forces under his control, but it is a measure of his organisational ability and leadership that every one of the objectives was fulfilled. The special tasks given to him included such missions as the destruction of certain selected buildings occupied by the West Pakistani forces and their Governor in DHAKA city, the elimination of radio transmitting stations and the day and night bombing of certain airfields in enemy hands.

Group Captain WOLLEN planned, organised and conducted these operations personally and himself gave the briefings on the tactics which the aircraft were to adopt. There was never any hesitation in immediately getting down to the execution of tasks given to him. The success of these operations contributed directly to the neutralisation of Pakistani air strength in BANGLADESH, support of our own surface forces, and to the eventual surrender of the Pakistani forces in that sector. With his brilliant leadership, organisational ability, initiative and zeal, and the devotion to duty manifest in his outstanding career, Group Captain WOLLEN has rendered distinguished service of the most exceptional order.
His Brigade had been allotted the task of capturing the complex of enemy pickets overlooking KARGIL. These pickets had been intensively fortified by the enemy who had laid mines and wire and had brought forward additional weapons, guns and ammunition. The average altitude is over 12000 feet with temperature falling to minus 20 degrees centigrade, the strongest picket dominating the whole of KARGIL region being Point 13620. Brig MOHINDER LAL WHIG led his troops with outstanding tenacity with complete disregard to the rigours of altitude and temperature and succeeded in capturing 36 such post within a period of ten days killing at least 300 enemy personnel and capturing a number of weapons. Throughout these operations, Brig MOHINDER LAL WHIG remained in the forefront with his troops displaying inspiring leadership, a high degree of personal courage in the face of the enemy, grim determination and devotion to duty.

For showing inspiring leadership, unflinching determination, devotion to duty and outstanding courage in the face of the enemy, Lt Col HARISH CHANDRA PATHAK was allotted the task of capturing PAK PATEHPUR post and the surrounding embankments, which were held by the enemy in strength. During the attack, the enemy engaged the assaulting troops with heavy and accurate Machine Gun fire and intense Artillery shelling causing many casualties. In the initial stages, the enemy seemed to have succeeded in breaking up the assault, but with rare personal courage and outstanding leadership, Lt Col PATHAK rallied and led his men; his personal example so inspired his troops that they were soon amidst the enemy and succeeded in capturing the objective. The enemy then launched two determined counter attacks which were beaten back inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing large quantities of arms and ammunition. The success of the Battalion against heavy odds was largely due to the indomitable courage and inspiring leadership, displayed by Lt Col PATHAK.
3. Lt Col. KULWANT SINGH PANNU
   (IC-6213)
   2 PARA

   The battalion commanded by Lt Col KULWANT SINGH PANNU was para-dropped on 11 December, 1971 in the area NORTH of TANGAIL in BANGLADESH with the objective of cutting off the enemy's route of withdrawal and preventing their buildup at TANGAIL. Although the para-drop was much dispersed, the battalion had to come into action immediately to clear the enemy occupying POONGILI Bridge, NORTH OF TANGAIL during his southward withdrawal from MYMENSINGH. During this operation, Lt Col KULWANT SINGH PANNU displayed outstanding leadership and conspicuous gallantry by moving from platoon to platoon amidst heavy Medium Machine Gun fire directing them to right places to deal with the enemy. Lt Col KULWANT SINGH PANNU displayed complete disregard for personal safety and it was through his personal example, gallantry and skilful direction that his Battalion achieved remarkable success in its task and held on to their position against three successive enemy assaults, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing a number of them.

4. Maj DHARM VIRE SINGH
   (IC-14123)
   8 GRENADIERS

   For brilliant leadership, devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry in the face of the enemy, during the attack on CHAKRA, a strongly defended and heavily fortified position, his troops came under accurate and intense Medium Machine Gun and Artillery fire when assaulting through the minefield. His Company suffered many casualties. At this critical juncture, Maj DHARM VIRE SINGH showed unflinching determination and outstanding courage by leading the assault unmindful of the dangers to personal safety and enthusing his men to press the attack home. After a bitter fight he succeeded in securing his objective. Subsequently the enemy counter attacked this position but again Maj DHARM VIRE SINGH's grit, determination and inspiring leadership held his Company together and the enemy was beaten back. His bravery, devotion to duty and inspiring leadership have been in the highest traditions of the INDIAN Army.

1. Captain SWARAJ PARAKASH,
   AVSM, I.N.

   Captain SWARAJ PARAKASH Commanded Indian Naval Ship VIKRAM which was the nucleus of the Naval blockading and strike force operating against the enemy in the Bay of Bengal. Throughout the period of these operations the ship was operating in most hazardous waters and was the principal target both for the enemy Submarines and...
Aircraft. The officer displayed great professional skill, tenacity and valour. With indomitable spirit he launched ceaseless offensive operations against the enemy. The successful air strikes from the VIKRANT had devastating effect on ports all along the BANGLADESH coast and completely denied the enemy any use of sea and inland waterways. The complete supremacy of our Naval force symbolised by the VIKRANT paralysed the enemy, shattered his morale and considerably expedited the enemy’s capitulation in the Eastern Theatre. Captain KARKASH displayed inspiring leadership, professional skill and devotion to duty of a very high order in keeping with the best traditions of the Service.
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ARMY

1. Brig CIHAJU RAM, Vr C (IC 1251) ARTILLERY
   Brig IC Adm, HQ Eastern Command

2. Brig ADI MEHERJI SEETHNA (IC 522) RAJ RIF
   BGS, HQ Eastern Command

3. Brig AVTAR SINGH MANN (IC 1168) ARTILLERY
   Comdr, 332 (Indep) AD Bde.

4. Brig GURJIT SINGH RAHIWALA (IC-066), SIKH
   Comdr, 336 Inf Bde

5. Brig VIJAY KUMAR VINAYAK BHIDE (IC 840), ENGINEERS
   CE, HQ Eastern Command

6. Brig KRISHEN KUMAR TEWARI (IC-522) SIGNALS
   CSO, HQ Eastern Command

7. Brig JAGHIR SINGH NANDA (IC-2925) SIGNALS
   CSO, HGICorps

8. Brig MANGAPURA CHANDRA SEKHARAN MENON (IC-4713), GUARDS
   Comdr, 46 Inf Bde

9. Brig SHAMINDRA NATH SEN (IC-555) ARTILLERY
   B Arty, HQ Western Command

10. Brig CHANDER VISHINDAS ADVANCEY (IC-2681), ARTILLERY
    B Arty, HQ Eastern Command

11. Col. MEHTAB SINGH KHARA (IC 3975) INTELLIGENCE CORPS
    Col Int, HQ Eastern Command

12. Col. PRAKASH MOHAN PASRIGHA (IC-4713) INTELLIGENCE CORPS
    COL Int, HQ Western Command

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2. Lt. Col. SURESH CHANDRA GUPTA (IC 7140), 1/5 GR
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4. Maj SURAJ JIT CHAUDHRI (IC 7312), 4 HORSE
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10. JC 51790 Nb Rais NOOR MUHAMMAD KHAN 18 CAV
11. 1311154 Nb Sub DURAI SWAMY ENGINEERS
12. 1034139 L/Dfr SUSHIL KUMAR 9 HORSE
13. 9406534 Hav PHURBA LIPCHA 2/11 GR
14. 1170770 Hav KYCHARIA MAHALAKSHMI 64/45 AD Regt
15. 13662879 Hav Hari Das Nag 7 GUARDS
16. 13710771 L/Hav RAGHUBIR SINGH 14 JAK RIFLES
17. 2464113 Sep SAMPURAN SINGH 18 PUNJAB
18. 2955911 Sep BIRDHA RAM 22 RAJPUT
19. 1243715 Cnr AJIT SINGH 166 Fd Regt
20. 4535016 PTR VIJAYNATH SHINDE 2 PARA

VIR CHAKRA

ARMY

(Posthumous)

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1. Commander SUBIR PAUL
2. Commander ROY JOSEPH MILLAN

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2. Sqn. Ldr. IQBAL SINGH BINDRA (6360) F(P)
3. Flt. Lt. SHIVINDER SINGH BAINS (7727) F(P)
4. Flt. Lt. MAHABIR PRASAD PREMI (8378) F(P)
5. Flt. Lt. LAWRENCE FREDRIC PEREIRA (8678) F(P)
6. Flt. Lt. ASHOK KUMAR SINGH (9481) F(P)

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1. Maj HARISH CHANDRA SHARMA (IC 21075), J&K
2. Maj SARVENDRA SINGH NEGI (IC 22805), GRENADERS
3. Asstt. Company Commander GG VALANKAR

SHAURYA CHAKRA

ARMY

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2. T No 207 Civ Labour MUNSHI RAM

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ARMY

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2. Maj SUSIL KUMAR SETHI (IC 13019) 21 Indep Arty Bde
3. Maj CODANDA KARIAPPARANUMANI (IC 11019) 5 MARIMA HI LI
4. Capt GIREJESH PRATAP SINGH (IC 21768) SIGNALS
5. Capt VISHNU LAXMAN WADODKAR
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   167 Pz Regt

6. Capt YADAV MUKHERJEE
   (IC 21089)
   AOC

7. Lt NARAIN PILLAI CHANDRA SEKHARAN PILLAI
   (IC 25031)
   ENGINEERS

8. 2/Lt PRASANTA KUMAR GUPTA
   (IC 25223)
   12 GUARDS

9. JC 34378 Sub VICTOR SEQUERA
   2 PARA

10. JC 57891 Nb Sub DIN DAYAL YADAV
    AOC

11. JC 34489 Nb Sub LASHKAR SINGH
    ENGINEERS

12. JC 45837 Nb Sub KABIL SINGH
    ENGINEERS

13. JC 55212 Nb Sub JAGIR SINGH
    64/45 AD Regt

14. 7057364 Hav (Dvr) MUSAUD HANIF MIA
    9 HORSE

15. 13651411 Hav RAM PRASAN PANDEY
    7 GUARDS

16. 1168922 Hav MANNA THUKATTIL VADEKKEBHAYIL
    SUBSTIAN THOMAS
    64/45 AD Regt

17. 6867009 Nk (Dvr) BIRBAL SINGH
    AOC

18. 630016 L/Nk DEEPA RAM
    SIGNALS

19. 1518192 Spr GURCHARAN SINGH
    ENGINEERS

20. 4836102 PTR MARUTI BANSODE
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VAYU SENA MEDAL

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SENA MEDAL

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2. Asstt. Company Commander BALDEV SINGH

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ARMY

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   OC, 3 KHLON

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4. 226893 Cpl. M. PADMANABAN, Elect. I

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   (IC 11474) LOC

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   IC 15453 - 15 AOP Flight
10. Capt BALRAM SINGH MEHTA
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11. Capt DEVENDRA SINGH JHINDEL
    DSS 21312 - 4 Sikh LI
12. JC 58121 Nb Sub PARAM HANS TIMARI
    7 GURDAS
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    45 CAV
14. 9407533 Hav KARNA BAKHADUR RAI
    2/1 GR
15. 2442415 L Hav TEK SINGH
    14 PUNJAB
16. 7086578 Ik SUKUMAL RAY BISWAS
    14 EME
17. 1175395 L/Hk VAN SINGH DESHMUKH
    18 FC Regt
18. 6361963 L/Hk DURGA PRASAD
    SIGNALS
19. 1034455 Swt MOHAN SINGH
    45 CAV
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    12 GURDAS
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    13 Fd Regt
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