Remembering our heroes

21st October, 2017

Martyrs Memorial, Hot Spring (Ladakh)
A Tribute to Martyrs of Chandigarh Police
21st October, 2017
On 21st October, 1959 one coy of 3rd BN, CRPF was assigned the task of guarding the Indo-Tibetan Border near Hot Spring. A dastardly surprise attack by Chinese Army with automatic weapons was let loose on the CRPF patrolling party. We lost 10 brave man and rest were taken prisoners.

The day is observed every year to pay homage to those Police personnel who laid down their lives at Hot Spring (Ladakh) as well as for those police personnel who laid their lives on duty all over the country during past years.
Supreme sacrifice of Martyrs
at Aksai Chin, Hot Spring at Ladakh on 21st October, 1959
Martyrs of Chandigarh Police

ASI Amarjit Singh
18.05.1956 to 08.12.1989

ASI Amin Chand
04.03.1946 to 29.08.1991

Insp. Jagjit Singh
10.10.1951 to 17.07.1988

Insp. Sucha Singh
01.02.1956 to 08.06.2013

SI Amarjit Singh
25.02.1992-Date of Martyrdom

ASI Lalu Ram
26.02.1957 to 29.08.1991

Insp. Sucha Singh
01.02.1956 to 08.06.2013
INSPECTOR JAGJIT SINGH

- Name of the martyr: Sh. Jagjit Singh
- Rank & Regimental Number: Inspector of Police, No. 16/CHG
- Date of appointment: 05.05.1972 as P/ASI
- Date of promotion to the rank of Inspector: 14.05.1985
- Date of birth: 10.10.1951
- Age as on 17.07.1988: Years 36, Month 09, Days 07
- Total service as on 17.07.1988: Years 16, Months 02, Days 12
- Qualification: Bachelor of Arts
- Rewards: He had earned 24 Commendation Certificates including 8 Commendation Class 1 Certificate with a total cash reward of Rs.2130/-
- Gallantry Award: President's Police Medal for Gallantry was awarded (Posthumously) on 10th May, 1989

EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

Shri Jagjit Singh was born at village-Maujgarh, District Ferozepur on 10.10.1951. He joined Chandigarh Police as an Assistant Sub Inspector of Police on 05.05.1972. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector on 14.05.1985.

CAREER & MARTYRDOM

On the night intervening 16/17.07.1988, secret information was received late at night that one Varinder Pal Singh an extremist, who had recently been released on bail by the court, is putting up in House No. 2195/1, Sector-45-B, Chandigarh. The source further revealed that few other armed terrorist are also hiding in this house and may indulge in commission of crime in the city. Informer told the police that the group of terrorist hiding in Sector-45 house could leave it at any time. In pursuance of this information, a raiding party headed by Shri Sudhir Mohan, DSP was organized. This raiding party reached house No. 2195/1, Sector-45-B, Chandigarh and took position. Shri Sudhir Mohan accompanied by Inspector Jagjit Singh and others went
upstairs and found house No 2195/1, Sector-45-B bolted from inside. After taking due precautions the raiding party rung the door bell and the door was opened by Varinderpal Singh. House No. 2195/1 comprises three rooms, one w/c, one bathroom, one kitchen and a veranda.

On interrogation Varinder Pal Singh denied to have kept armed terrorist in this house. He also readily agreed for the house search. During the house search no incriminating evidence was found. However one room adjacent to the veranda was found locked. On being asked Varinder Pal Singh told the police that he had sub-let it and persons occupying it had gone out of the town locking the room.

The raiding party decided to check the room before calling off the raid. The locked room had two doors to it. One was locked from out and the other door was bolted from inside. Inspector Jagjit Singh forced open the bolted room while remaining members of the police party were attempting to break the lock.

Inspector Jagjit Singh was the first to gain entry in to this room. There he found three terrorists and one of them was carrying a AK-47 assault rifle. When this terrorist attempted to open fire on the police party, Inspector Jagjit Singh jumped forward to snatch the rifle to save the other police men present in the room from massacre. As soon as Inspector Jagjit Singh tried to snatch the rifle from the terrorist, the terrorist opened fire killing him on the spot. In the meanwhile, other police men took defensive position in the ensuing malee, Varinder Pal Singh also joined the three terrorist and under the cover of fire and darkness they escaped through the window. The police party covering the escape route also came under fire. They too returned and also chased the fleeing terrorists for about half a kilometer. In the gun battle which lasted for about 15 to 20 minutes, three terrorists were killed and one escaped with AK-47 rifle. HC Rajbir Singh of Chandigarh Police and Constable Shilaram Yadav of Gujrat State Reserve Police received bullet injuries.

In this regard case FIR No. 192 dated 17.07.1988 u/s 302/353/333/IPC, 25/27, 25/59 Arms Act and TADA Act, P.S. South, Chandigarh was registered. No magisterial/ and Departmental enquiry was ordered/conducted in this regard.

**HONOUR & AWARD**

Inspector Jagjit Singh thus displayed exceptional courage, devotion to duty and laid down his life to save fellow policemen and to effect arrest of armed terrorists. He was, therefore, recommended for President's Police Medal for Gallantry and awarded President's Police Medal for Gallantry (Posthumously) on 10 May, 1989 vide President's Secretariat Notification No. 44-Praise/89 dated 10 May, 1989.
Name of the martyr: **Sh. Amarjit Singh**
Father's name: Shri Watan Singh
Rank & Regimental Number: ASI of Police, No. 221/CHG
Date of appointment: 26.07.1976 as Constable
Date of birth: 18.05.1956
Date of promotion to the rank of ASI: 02.09.1988
Age as on 08.12.1989: 33 years, 7 months, 10 days
Total service as on 08.12.1989: 13 years, 12 months, 4 days
Qualification: Prep
Reward: He had earned 07 Commendation Certificate - III with cash of Rs 25/-
EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

S. Amarjit Singh was born at village-Sarahla, Post Office- Gardiwalal, Police Station-Urmar Tanda, District-Hoshiarpur( Punjab) on 18.05.1956. He joined Chandigrh Police as Constable on 26.07.1976 and was promoted to the rank of ASI on 02.09.1988.

CAREER & MARTYRDOM

On 08.12.1989, ASI Amarjit Singh while posted in Police Post-36, Chandigarh was on patrolling duty in Nehru Colony at village-Kajheri, on his scooter. At about 08:15 PM, he was chased by two young Sikh persons on a Motorcycle on his way to Nehru Colony. When he reached near the colony, the above motorcyclists attacked him with fire arms. ASI Amarjit Singh tried to save himself by taking shelter in a Jhuggi but one of the motorcyclist fired upon him hitting in his head. ASI Amarjit Singh immediately fell down from his scooter and died on the spot.

In this regard case FIR No. 290 dated 08.12.1989 u/s 302, 34 IPC and 25, 27,54/59 Arms Act, Police Station-39, Chandigarh had been registered on the statement of Shri Hem Raj S/O Ram Dass, r/o Jhuggi No. 430, Nehru Colony, Village-Kajheri, Chandigarh.
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Shri Amin Chand was born at village-Panyal, Post Office & Tehsil-Surian Nagrota, Police Station-Haripur, District-Kangra (H.P.). He joined Chandigarh Police as Constable on 04.06.1981 and was promoted to the rank of ASI on 25.08.1991.

On 29.08.1991, at about 02:15 PM, Shri Sumedh Singh Saini, SSP/UT, Chandigarh, left in his official car escorted by one pilot and one escort car for his house in Sector-16, Chandigarh for lunch from the Police Headquarters Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh. When carcade reached opposite local head office of State Bank of India, Sector-17, Chandigarh, a powerful blast took place from an Ambassador Car No. PBL-4559 stationed on left side of road. SSP's car jumped forward and sideward due to explosion in the said car. Gunman ASI Amin Chand and ASI Lalu Ram died on the spot. ASI Ramesh Lal sitting on rear right seat received serious injuries while SSP escaped with minor injuries. Beside them eleven (11) other persons including four of CRPF, two local policemen and five civilian who received injuries were also rushed to the PGI and General Hospital, Sector-16, Chandigarh. The blast was triggered with remote control system which was evident from remote control device found near K.C. Theatre about 344 feet away from scene of explosion. No one in pilot car was injured. All in the SSP's car and Escort car were injured.

According to the expert examination, about 5 Kgs RDX high explosive in an armour container was used as car bomb fixed at left rear seat and it was exploded by cordless remote control device manufactured in Hong Kong and distributed in Canada.

A case FIR No. 334 dated 29.08.1991 u/s 302, 303 IPC, 3,4 Explosive Substance Act and 3,4 of TADA was registered at Police station-Central, Chandigarh.

Sh. Amin Chand joined Indian Army in the unit of Army Medical Core (AMC). He was just 17 years old at that time. He had served the Indian army during Indo-Pak war in 1965 and 1971 as well. After completing 17 years of his service in Indian Army he got retired on 1st July 1980. In the very next year i.e. 1981 he joined Chandigarh Police as constable. During army service he was decorated with five medals including Raksha Medal, SSS Medal etc.
Name of the martyr: Sh. Lalu Ram
Father's name: Shri Nand Lal
Rank & Regimental Number: ASI of Police, No.620/FDK & 1744/CP
Date of appointment: 29.06.1976 as Constable in Punjab Police and joined the Chandigarh Police on 30.05.1978 on deputation.
Date of birth: 26-02-1957
Date of promotion to the rank of HC: 14-02-1984
Date of promotion to the rank of ASI: 23-03-1991
Qualification: Matric
Total service as on 29.08.1991 (Date of sacrifice): 15 years 02 months 00 days
Shri Lalu Ram joined the Punjab Police as Constable on 29.06.1976 and joined the Chandigarh Police on deputation on 30 May 1978. Further he was promoted to the rank of ASI.

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NAME OF THE MARTYR: Sh. Amarjit Singh

RANK & REGIMENTAL NUMBER: SI of Police,

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 28.05.1973 as Constable in Punjab Police and joined Chandigarh Police on deputation.

TOTAL SERVICE AS ON 25.02.1992 (DATE OF SACRIFICE):

27 Days
18 Month
1 Years
S. Amarjit Singh joined Punjab Police as Constable on 28.05.1973 and joined Chandigarh Police on deputation. Further he was promoted to the rank of SI.

EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

On 25.02.1992, a Police party headed by SI Amarjit Singh alongwith with HC Ratan Singh No. 909/CP, HC Dharampal Singh 708/CP, C. Harpinder Singh and other police officials had brought three under trial terrorists namely Harwinder Singh @ Tanny, Satnam Singh and Chanchal Singh from Burail Jail, Chandigarh to PGI, Chandigarh for their treatment. Accused Satnam Singh and Chanchal Singh were under the custody of HC Ratan Singh 909/CP and HC Dharampal Singh 708/CP respectively and other armed police officials were taken to different departments/places of PGI whereas accused Harwinder Singh @ Tanny was being taken to Pathology department under the custody of SI Amarjit Singh and Constable Harpinder Singh. At about 10:15 AM SI Kashmir Singh and Constable Shri Chand 1602/CP of Police Post-PGI, while patrolling in the area heard a gun fire shot from the department of Pathology. On reaching their, they found SI Amarjit Singh and Constable Harpinder Singh badly injured and blood was oozing out of the firearm wounds. On investigation, SI Kashmir Singh came to know that four young boys took out their weapons and fired on SI Amarjit Singh and police party and got freed accused Tanny. After injuring these two officials, accused/under trial Harwinder Singh @ Tanny run away from the custody along with handcuff and his four associates. Meanwhile Head Constable Dharampal 708/CP informed that on listening to the gunshot, his prisoner accused Chanchal Singh also tried to escape from the custody and fetch the weapon from Constable Nasib Singh, 2668/CP.

SI Amarjit Singh and Constable Harpinder Singh were taken to Emergency Ward of PGI where SI Amarjit Singh succumbed to his injuries. Thus case FIR No. 26 dated 25.02.1992 u/s 224, 225, 307, 332, 353, 186, 511 IPC and 25/27-54-59 Arms Act and 4,5 TADA (P) Act, Police Station-11, Chandigarh was registered.
INSP. SUCHA SINGH

- Name of the martyr: S. Sucha Singh
- Rank & Regimental Number: Inspector of Police No. 206/CHG
- Date of appointment: 30.04.1976 as a Constable
- Date of promotion to the rank of Inspector: 31.10.2008
- Date of birth: 01.02.1956
- Age as on 08.06.2013 (Date of Sacrifice): Years 57, Month 04, Days 07
- Total service as on 08.06.2013: Years 37, Months 02, Days 22
- Rewards: He had earned 29 Commendation Certificates including Class-1. He was also awarded with Administrator Police Medal for meritorious services in the year 2011.
EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

Shri Sucha Singh was born at village-Parachh, District- Mohali on 01.02.1956. He joined Chandigarh Police as a Constable on 30.04.1976 and was promoted to the rank of Inspector on 31.10.2008.

CAREER & MARTYRDOM

On the night intervening 08.06.2013, he along with Driver HG Vol. Jitender No. 819/CHG, was on night checking duty. At about 2.15 A.M., when he reached at old Ditsrict Court Gate near Bus Stand Sector-17, Chandigarh, he saw a girl and boy roaming in the parking of the court. Getting suspicious about the conduct of the couple, he called them to verify their identity. The couple could not give any satisfactory reply. They were asked to sit in Govt. vehicle and while sitting in the vehicle, the young boy stabbed Inspector Sucha Singh several times on his chest, neck and back. The boy stabbed the Home Guard Volunteer Jatinder also when he tried to save him and snatched the key of the Govt. vehicle and the couple fled away from the scene of crime with the Govt. vehicle. Inspector Sucha Singh unfortunately succumbed to injuries at PGI, Chandigarh. Prior to his death, he give a statement to the police and a case FIR No. 333 dated 08.06.2013 u/s 307, 332, 333, 353, 397, 43 IPC Section 25/54/59 of Arms Act- 1959 was registered. Both the accused Basant S/O Rajbir Singh and Sarita D/O Rohtash were arrested. Both accused have been convicted with imprisonment for life by Ld. Session Judge, Chandigarh vide orders dated 04.12.2013. The entire conduct of Inspector Sucha Singh during this incident is a genuine example of exemplary bravery and devotion to the duty. He could have easily ignored the presence of couple in the parking of Old District Courts, Sector-17, Chandigarh, but rather, he took is as his duty to verify the identity of the couple whose conduct was raising suspicion. When he was not satisfied with the answer, given by the couple, he was keen enough to get their identity further verified and in this attempt, he lost his life due to stabbing by the suspected boy. However, he was bold enough to give his statement to the police even in very critically injured condition, which was very important for the successful investigation of the case and further trial. Here, it is very important to mention the facts that his suspicion was actually genuine because the accused Basant Kumar, who was later, arrested was also wanted in case FIR No. 88 dated 18.04.2013 u/s 302, 307, 364, 449, 34 IPC & Arms Act, PS-Rai, District-Sonipat (Haryana).

Inspector Sucha Singh thus displayed exemplary act of bravery & devotion to duty and laid down his life while performing his duties.
Every day we fight with crime.

Today, we fight our tears as well.

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We salute our Martyrs
Souvenir
A Tribute to Martyrs of Chandigarh Police
by Shri Tajender Singh Luthra, IPS,
DGP, U.T. Chandigarh