

ABOUT BRIG (RETD) HEMANT MAHAJAN, YSM

Brig Hemant Mahajan joined IMA Dehradun in July 1973 and passed out as a Commissioned Officer on 15 June 1975. He was commissioned into the Infantry in 7 MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY. He has served extensively in Counter Insurgency Operations in Insurgency and Terrorist prone areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and North East and has taken part in all important operations undertaken by the Army since 1975.

Highlights of Career

He served in the areas of Poonch and Naushera region from 1995 upto 1998. He commanded his battalion 7 MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY in Operation Rakshak in the most difficult areas of Poonch and Rajouri during the times of highest militancy. His unit was responsible for stopping terrorists from Pakistan into Jammu and Kashmir. **His unit was awarded Unit Citation, 18 gallantry awards including YSM for the officer.**

He was very actively involved in various operational activities during 'Operation Parakram' (the biggest mobilization carried out by Indian Army which almost led to war with Pakistan). **In recognition of his hard work he was rewarded with the Army Commanders Commendation award.**

He commanded a Brigade in Operation Rakshak again in very intense insurgency areas of Poonch, Krishna Ghati, Surankot and Rajouri of Jammu and Kashmir. One unit was awarded Unit Citation, BSF Bn was declared the best bn in the country & highest award for the year 2006 was awarded to one of the offrs in the bde, He joined as a DS the faculty of Higher Command Wing in Army War College in February 2006 and where he served for three years with distinction. The Higher Command Course consists of 70 top most Colonels and equivalent of Army, Navy and Air Force. As a Directing Staff he was responsible for guiding the student officers in understanding various facets of national security. Large number of war games are conducted which is essence in planning preparation and conduct of war against our inimical countries. He has guided the student officers in subjects such various aspects of Management, Nuclear Biological Chemical warfare Insurgency in Kashmir and North East, Left wing extremism, Terrorism, infiltration from sea etc.

He has also been awarded the following medals during the service :-

- (a) GOC-in-C Central Command Commendation Card.
- (b) Yudh Seva Medal.

Additional Experience

- (a) **Media Experience.** He has appeared on the electronic media number of times
- (b) **Writing Experience.** He has been writing regularly to professional Armed Forces magazines like 'Army War College Journal', 'Infantry', 'Pratividrohi', etc.

- (c) **Guide For Master of Philosophy.** He has been guiding officers of Army, Navy and Air Force in their research work for the degree of Master of Philosophy (M Phil) of Devi Ahilya Vishwa Vidyalaya (DAVV) University Indore for last three years.
- (d) **Military Diplomacy to Foreign Countries.** He has led number of military delegations abroad to further military diplomacy and improving defence cooperation. Some of the countries he visited include Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan etc.
- (e) **Writing In Newspapers.** His articles on national security are regularly published in all leading Marathi news papers. He has published **more than 650 articles in last four YEARS since retirement.**
- (f) **Visiting Professor.** He also visits many think tanks in Maharashtra delivering lectures on subjects related to national security IN NAGPUR, MUMBAI KOLHAPUR, BELGAUM, Solapur. AVERAGES FIVE TO SIX LECTURES PER MONTH.
- (g) He is a member of Centre For Advanced and Strategic Studies (CASS) and **presented a paper on “Pak Military Strategy” in a seminar held in HQ Southern Command on 10 Jul 09. NAXALISM-PAST,PRESENT and FUTURE.**
- (m) Recently published book NAXALISM – CHINA’S PROXY WAR ON INDIA
- (O) Appears on TV debate on news channels
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