



# In rare honour, Army chief finds a place on medal list

Posted at: 26/01/2019

## **411 gallantry, distinguished service awards to be given away**

- In a rare gesture, the Chief of the Army Staff, General Bipin Rawat, has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) for distinguished service on the eve of the 70th Republic Day.
- Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani has been posthumously awarded Ashok Chakra, India's highest peace time gallantry award.
- The President approved the award of 411 gallantry and distinguished service medals.
- These include one Ashoka Chakra, four Kirti Chakra, 11 Shaurya Chakra, 28 PVSMs, three Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 51 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, 10 Yudh Seva Medals, 122 Vishisht Seva Medals, 109 Sena Medals (gallantry), seven Nao Sena Medals (gallantry), two Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry), 40 Sena Medals (devotion to duty), nine Nao Sena Medals (devotion to duty) and 14 Vayu Sena Medals (devotion to duty).
- The Kirti Chakras were awarded to Major Tushar Gauba and posthumously to Sowar Vijay Kumar, Constable Rajendra Kumar Nain and Constable Pradip Kumar Panda.

### **Add Info:**

- Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) is a military award of India.
- It was constituted in 1960 and since then till date, it is awarded in recognition to peace-time service of the most exceptional order and may be awarded posthumously.
- All ranks of the Indian Armed Forces including Territorial Army, Auxiliary and Reserve Forces, Nursing officers and other members of the Nursing services and other lawfully constituted Armed Forces are eligible for the award.