

## **Gallantry and Other Decorations for Coast Guard Personnel**

On the occasion of Independence Day, the President of India has awarded one President's Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service), four Tatrakshak Medals (Gallantry) and two Tatrakshak Medals (Meritorious Service) to Indian Coast Guard personnel for displaying conspicuous acts of gallantry, distinguished and meritorious service.

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## **Defence Minister's Customary Broadcast to The Armed Forces**

Following is the text of customary broadcast by the Defence Minister Shri Arun Jaitley to the Armed Forces personnel over All India Radio on the eve of the 71st Independence Day:

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## **Independence Day Fire Service and Home Guard & Civil Defence Medals Announced**

98 personnel have been awarded Fire Service Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day this year. Of these, President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry have been awarded to 17 personnel, Fire Service Medal for Gallantry have been awarded to 22 personnel, President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service to 09 personnel and Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service to 50 personnel.

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## **President Confers Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) to Group Captain Subhash**

## **Singh Rao, Flying (Pilot)**

On 10 Oct 2016, Wing Commander (Now Group Captain) Subhash Singh Rao, who was posted in a MiG-21 (Bis) Sqn as Flight Commander, was detailed for an Air Test sortie.

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## **President Confers Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) to Wing Commander Ravinder Ahlawat, Flying (Pilot)**

On 26 Jul 16, Wg Cdr Ravinder Ahlawat was authorized to carry out a 'Range Instructional Technique' (RIT) sortie over Pokharan Range in Mirage 2000 Trainer aircraft as the captain of the aircraft, occupying the front cockpit.