Heroes of Freedom 🇮🇳

Param Vir Chakra Legends: Major Somnath Sharma & Subedar Joginder Singh

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The Highest Medal of Valor: Param Vir Chakra

"The enemy is only 50 yards from us. We are heavily outnumbered... I shall not retreat an inch but will fight to our last man and our last round."

— Major Somnath Sharma's Last Wireless Message (Battle of Badgam, 1947)

🎖️ Major Somnath Sharma

India's First Param Vir Chakra Recipient

In November 1947, Badgam airfield in Kashmir was under heavy attack. Major Somnath Sharma was serving with his left hand in a plaster cast from an earlier injury!

Despite his arm injury, Major Sharma continuously loaded ammunition magazines for his soldiers and ran across open grounds under fire to guide his troops. His supreme sacrifice protected the vital airport and saved Srinagar!

🎖️ Subedar Joginder Singh

Hero of the 1962 Bum La Battle

During the 1962 war at Bum La pass in Arunachal Pradesh, Subedar Joginder Singh commanded a small platoon defending a vital mountain post.

When wave after wave of enemy troops attacked, Subedar Joginder Singh, despite being wounded in the thigh, held his position with roaring courage, inspiring his men to fight valiantly till the very end!

🌟 What is the Param Vir Chakra?

- **Highest Honor:** The *Param Vir Chakra* (PVC) is India's highest military decoration awarded for the most conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy.
- **Symbol of Valor:** Designed by Savitribai Khanolkar, it features Indra's *Vajra* (thunderbolt) surrounding the national emblem.

🫡 Salute to Duty Challenge

Our soldiers teach us duty, discipline, and protecting others selflessly. Write down 1 duty you will perform faithfully today (e.g., studying on time or keeping your surroundings clean):

My Daily Duty: _____