

OPERATION DUDHI: ASSAM RIFLES HONOURS SURVIVING SOLDIERS

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The Assam Rifles honouring the heroes of Operation Dudhi in Shillong on Monday. Special arrangement

The paramilitary Assam Rifles on Monday felicitated the surviving soldiers of Operation Dudhi, marked in the country's defence history as India's most successful counter-insurgency operation more than 30 years ago.

A team of 15 soldiers of the Assam Rifles' 7th Battalion led by Naib Subedar Padam Bahadur Chhetri had on May 5, 1991, gunned down 72 Pakistan-trained extremists and captured 13 others at 14,000 ft in J&K.

Two Assam Rifles soldiers — riflemen Kameshwar Prasad and Ram Kumar Arya — died during the six-hour gun battle.

"Our Director-General, Lt. Gen. P.C. Nair, had met some of the heroes of Op Dudhi during a recent trip to Nepal and thought of felicitating them for their outstanding feat that is yet to be matched. They were honoured in Shillong today," a spokesperson said.

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