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## Captain Vikram Batra: Shershah of Kargil

Captain Vikram Batra, the legend of 1999 Kargil war, was born on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1974 in Himachal Pradesh. He was immensely popular among his classmates and teachers. Besides being brilliant at studies, he was a keen sportsman and an avid tennis player. Deeply patriotic from young age, Vikram Batra joined Indian Army. He could have easily gone for a decent paying job in Merchant navy. But he chose motherland over money as always aimed bigger & extraordinary. In spite of enemy having the advantage of height, Captain Batra and his men led a brilliant tactical assault on the enemy, and won a decisive victory. Elated that all his men made it alive, he famously told

“Ye Dil Maange More”!

Captain Batra showed the unparalleled courage under intensified attacks, raining mortars and recaptured 17000ft high point 4875 and strengthened India's hold on territory. Under heavy

fire he hurled grenades at the enemy, killed 5 Pak soldiers, cleared bunkers when he was hit by a bullet on his chest. Mortally wounded Vikram fought ferociously and died fearlessly displaying bravery and leadership. His military prowess became the stuff of legend on both sides. He was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military honor for valour and unflinching courage. Captain Vikram Batra's valour in the gritty and decisive war in the ferocious & inhospitable battle field of Kargil will inspire generations to come.