

Presentation on Battles of Hajipir and Tangail Ops

Programme Details

24 Nov 2023

Venue: USI Auditorium

Time	Event	Remarks
1100 -1110 Hrs	Welcome Address	DG, USI
1110-1125 Hrs	Keynote Address by the Chief Guest (COAS-TBC)	TBC
1125 - 1155 Hrs	Presentation on Bde level Planning and Execution.- Battle of Hajipir	Brig Shamsheer Singh (Retd), Brigade Sparrow
1155 - 1210 Hrs	1 Para Ops	Brig Arvinder Baicher (Retd) ex 1 PARA
1210 - 1225 Hrs	19 Punjab Ops	Maj General J R Bhatti (Retd) ex 19 PUNJAB
1225 - 1240 Hrs	4 Rajput Ops	Brig Shamsheer Singh (Retd), Brigade Sparrow
1240 - 1255 Hrs	6 Dogra Ops	Col Surjit Singh Sandhu (Retd) ex 6 DOGRA
1255 - 1310 Hrs	Q & A	
1310 -1400 Hrs	Lunch Break	
1400- 1430 Hrs	Tangail Airborne Op.: A Review of its Planning and Effectiveness	Lt Col RS Bangari (Retd) Ex 6 PARA
1430 - 1500 Hrs	Presentation on Battle of Tangail & Account of Link-up	Brig B K Ponwar, AVSM, VSM (Retd) Ex 1 MARATHAS
1500-1530 Hrs	Account of Airborne Operations	Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), former Governor of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.
1530 - 1545 Hrs	Q & A	
1545 - 1550	Vote of Thanks	Director CMHCS

The Presentation on the Battle of Tangail will be conducted by:

- (a) Brigadier Shamsheer Singh (Retd). He was OC Sigs of 68 Inf Bde. He was located at Rustam Picquet (both Ridges are visible from Rustam) with Rover Gp of then Brig Z C Bakshi. He moved with the Rover Group of the Bde Cdr to Hajipir Pass after its capture to be with the Cdr for the battles for link up (primarily Bisali and Gittian)

(b) Brig Arvinder Baicher (Retd). He was commanding D Coy 1 Para, and participated in the capture of Hajipir Pass and features dominating it. Got wounded and evacuated for treatment.

(c) Maj General JR Bhatti (Retd). He was Adjt of 19 Punjab. He will narrate the capture of Bedori and subsequent ops undertaken by 19 Punjab.

(d) Capt V K Agarwal (Retd). He took part in 4 Rajput attack on Bisali. (TBC)

(e) Col Surjit Singh Sandhu (Retd) was a PI Cdr during Gittian Battle. He later commanded 6 Dogra.

(f) Lt Col RS Bangari (Retd), 6 PARA. Author of article published at USI Journal Vol CLIII July-Sep 2023 titled "Fifty Years after India's First Airborne Operation at Poongli Bridge, Tangail: What we know of its planning"

(g) Brig Basant K Ponwar, AVSM, VSM (Retd), veteran of the 1st Battalion The Maratha Light Infantry (Jangi Paltan). He participated in Tangail Link up.

(h) Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, (Retd). He was part of the Airborne Assault Group, the first Indian Army Unit to enter Dacca. He was former Governor of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.