



Tarun Kumar Dutta
(23.01.1960 – 12.09.2006)

Late Tarun Kumar Dutta joined the department as Inspector of Central Excise & Customs in 1985 after completing his education from North Bengal University. He joined DRI as Intelligence Officer in July, 1997 and participated in many successful operations against drug trafficking. He was instrumental in busting many smuggling syndicates and drug cartels in the North-Eastern region of India. During his posting in DRI, he effected many seizures of narcotic drugs collectively valued at Rs 35.38 Crores, risking his life on numerous occasions while performing his duties. Recognizing his contribution to the department, he was conferred with the ‘Presidential Award for Specially Distinguished Record of Service’ in the year 2001. Continuing his fight against drug trafficking, he made the supreme sacrifice on 12th September, 2006 at Guwahati, when he was shot dead, just a week after successfully effecting a seizure of approx. 5 MT of Ganja. For his unmatched bravery and courage beyond the call of duty, in 2007, he was posthumously awarded **Kirti Chakra**, the second highest Gallantry Award during peacetime. The same year he was also posthumously conferred with the ‘Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for Specially Distinguished Record of Service’ a second time. The exemplary courage exhibited by Late Tarun Kumar Dutta shall remain a source of inspiration to the officers of DRI and the country shall always remember him with reverence and pride. He was awarded **DRI Martyr’s Medal** on the occasion of Founding Day of DRI in 2017.



(05.01.1935 - 07.07.1979)

Late Sambhu Nath Dasgupta joined the Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise) in 1962 after completing his education from Patna University. His first posting was in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, followed by stints at Purnia, Bihar and Kolkata Customs House. He subsequently joined the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence as the Deputy Director of Calcutta DRI unit on 01.10.1973, working there till the end of 1978. Having served with exemplary honesty, dedication and commitment all throughout, his stint in DRI was especially successful as he waged an unrelenting battle against smugglers. Breaking norms of hierarchy, he managed to cultivate a prolific body of informers in his personal capacity. His acumen as an Intelligence official mirrored his excellence in the game of Bridge which he played at tournament level. On promotion, he joined as Collector of Central Excise, Jaipur where he made the supreme sacrifice to the cause of DRI and the nation, when he was shot dead at the instance of a smuggling syndicate on 7th July, 1979. His devotion to duty in service of the nation shall forever continue to instill passion and courage in the officers of DRI and the country shall always remember his sacrifice with pride and reverence. He was awarded **DRI Martyr's Medal** on the occasion of Founding Day of DRI in 2017.
