



Lakshman Das Arora
(15.03.1954 - 24.03.1993)

Late Shri Lakshman Das Arora, born on 1954, joined the Indian Revenue Service (IRS), Customs & Central Excise in 1977. He was posted in the Jamnagar Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) as Assistant Director. Shri Arora was posted as Additional Commissioner of Customs (Preventive) in Rummaging & Intelligence wing of Mumbai Customs. During the period 1986 to 1992, Shri L. D. Arora contributed towards record seizure of gold, silver, narcotic drugs and foreign currency on the basis of information and intelligence developed by him. He was involved in the biggest seizure of gold and Mandrax tablets in the history of Indian Customs. He was instrumental in busting international drug syndicates.

Late Shri L.D Arora was a great motivator. He built a team of highly dedicated, sincere and motivated officers who successfully developed and worked out information relating to smuggling syndicates, in and around Mumbai. On 24th March, 1993, he was martyred while in the service of the Nation in Allahabad by the underworld who entered into a criminal conspiracy to eliminate him and prevent him from passing on information about their smuggling activities and their involvement in the deadly Mumbai blasts on 12th March, 1993. The exemplary courage exhibited by Late Shri L.D. Arora in the service of the nation shall remain a source of inspiration to the officers of Indian Customs and country shall always remember him with reverence and pride.