



KIRTI CHAKRA AWARD 2007



Tarun Kumar Dutta
(23.01.1960 - 12.09.2006)

Late Trun 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.