



Raksha Mantri releases commemorative book on Op Sindoor, chronicling soldiers' personal testimonies

The publication captures human dimension of modern warfare that translates strategy into success: Shri Rajnath Singh

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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on May 29, 2026, released a commemorative volume on *Operation Sindoor*, documenting the personal testimonies of 100 officers, sailors, airmen and other soldiers who participated in the operation. In a post on X, Raksha Mantri termed the publication as a tribute to those who executed this operation, providing a connection with the devotion and resilience of soldiers. "The citizens need to draw inspiration from this book and be citizens worthy of the tremendous cost the nation pays to ensure security and maintain sovereignty," he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh described *Op Sindoor* as an unprecedented success wherein India compelled Pakistan to seek a ceasefire within four days. It was different from all other wars that India has fought so far, he wrote, adding that this commemorative publication goes beyond historical account and captures the personal experiences of brave soldiers. It also offers insight into the human dimension of modern warfare where leadership, courage, judgment under pressure and commitment translates strategy into success, he stated.

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The commemorative publication on Operation Sindoor released today goes beyond historical account... pic.twitter.com/pTmS6bZRww

— Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) May 29, 2026

The volume departs deliberately from the conventions of official military historiography. Most accounts of war privilege the view from the headquarters and the operations room, as the decisions of commanders are recorded, analysed and debated. Yet the texture of the war as it was actually lived - by soldier on the Line of Control targeting adversary bunkers, the air defence operator tracking and neutralising inbound drones, the pilot in the cockpit at the moment of weapons release and the sailor at action stations as the fleet moves to a heightened posture - is almost always lost.

This book is an attempt to recover that texture. The accounts span across the three Services as well as Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff and includes combat aviators, naval watchkeepers, surface-to-air missile crews, special forces operators, signallers, logisticians, medical officers & the personnel of the joint and integrated organisations that knit the operation together.

The publication was released during a ceremonial function attended by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh in New Delhi.



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