



NDRF MARTYR
Rajendra Gautam

Rank: CT/GD

Unit: 09 Bn NDRF



27.06.1981 - 22.02.2019

Brief of Martyrdom

Ct/GD Rajendra Gautam was tasked to attend contingencies during the massive Kumbh Mela of 2019 at Prayagraj. At about 0545 hrs on 19th February while performing his duty at Someshwar Ghat, Prayagraj, he noticed an elderly pilgrim who had crossed the barricade in the river to take holy dip being swept away in the fast current of river Ganga. In a quick appreciation of the situation, Ct/GD Rajendra Gautam sensed the imminent danger to the pilgrim and without caring for his own life promptly reacted and jumped into the river to save the victim. Unfortunately, while responding, he hit a wooden log pegged in the river which was not visible and in the process sustained serious injury in his spinal region. His action nevertheless helped others to identify the victim in distress and he was eventually rescued. Ct/GD Rajendra Gautam was shifted to hospital in New Delhi for specialized treatment where he succumbed to his injuries on 22nd February 2019. Late Rajendra Gautam of 9 Bn NDRF laid down his life in the line of duty. He will always be remembered for his unflinching commitment to the service of the Nation.

