

Kargil Vijay Diwas – Salute to our Hero Vistaarians

Kargil Vijay Diwas, named after the success of **Operation Vijay** is celebrated on **26th of July** every year in the honor of the **Kargil War Heroes** and to commemorate **India's victory in the Kargil conflict against Pakistan**.

We at Vistaar honored our two heroes & fellow Vistaarians: **Mr. Prasad M S, AVP - HR (Ex-serviceman - Army)** & **Mr. Vijay Kumar K T, Chief Manager - Admin (Ex-serviceman - Navy)** for their bravery and contribution done for the country during the war.

This is also an occasion that invokes feelings of both pain and pride for the families of the brave **Jawans** who laid down their lives, as **our Hero Vistaarians** shared their **Kargil War** experience with others which made us all feel proud Indians!

Mr. Prasad Says:

“I’m glad that today it is possible for me to be here amongst you all. While many of our soldiers lost their lives in the Kargil War. It so happened that once when we were on our way to **Bhaderwah, Doda District**, in 2 trucks, jawans (Soldiers) who were travelling in the front truck became the victims of an **IED explosion**. It was a very horrifying scene which took our breath away. It was just a matter of a few seconds and our truck could have got exploded by the blast. As true soldiers, leaving the horrifying scene behind we moved forward to fight for our country without a second thought and a heavy heart. Just like this famous quote says, **“Brave men rejoice in adversity, just as brave soldiers triumph in war”**”



Mr. Prasad & Mr. Vijay Being honored by our CFO and EVC



Mr. Vijay Says:

“During War, I was posted on board: **INS Pondicherry** at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. Headquarters, Western Naval Command deployed Naval Ships to carry out an exercise named **“SUMMEREX”** in the Arabian Sea.

I was deployed on **“Look Out”** duty posted on the Bridge of the ship and was to detect through the binocular any movement of other ships, boats, navigation hazards or any unidentified objects in the sea along the port of **Pipavav to Port of Kandla, Kutch**.

I noticed a boat getting drifted towards us. I immediately reported this to the captain,

who in turn instructed the sailors to lower the Air boat and move towards them.

It was identified as a **Pakistani trading boat** which was carrying dates. The boat and the crew were later handed over to the Indian Coast Guard.

Exercise **SUMMEREX** was for **two months** and we were on-board ship duty for approximately **22- 25 days**. We had access to stored water only for **7 minutes** twice in a day for drinking & brushing while we stayed on-board.

I feel very proud to mention that I am one of the recipients of **“OPERATION VIJAY MEDAL”** and **“OPERATION VIJAY STAR”** awarded to those participated in the Kargil War.”



Medals won by Mr. Vijay during his period of service to our country

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States	13
Branches	224
Districts	152
Customers	42,270
Employees	1,979
Disbursements (YTD) (₹ Crs.)	248
Portfolio (₹ Crs.)	1,311