



# MacGregor Memorial Medal

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Five military personnel were conferred the [MacGregor Memorial Medal](#) by [Chief of Defence Staff](#) for their outstanding contributions in **military reconnaissance, exploration, and adventure** for **2023** and **2024**.

- **History:** The award was instituted on **3rd July 1888**, to honor **Major General Sir Charles Metcalfe MacGregor**, the founder of the [United Service Institution of India \(USI\)](#) in **1870**.
  - **USI** is a national security and defense services **think tank** based in **New Delhi**.
- **About Award:** Initially **awarded for military reconnaissance and exploration**, the medal's scope expanded **post-1947** to include **adventure activities** like **mountaineering, sailing, and ultra-running**.
  - It is **open to all ranks of the** [Indian Army](#), [Navy](#), [Air Force](#), [Territorial Army](#), [Reserve Forces](#), [Rashtriya Rifles](#), and [Assam Rifles](#).
- **Charles Metcalfe:** He was a **British officer and explorer**. He contributed to the **Anglo-Bhutan War (1864-1865)** by **surveying** and **mapping frontier regions**, gathering **intelligence**, and **strengthening British knowledge** about the difficult Himalayan terrain.

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