

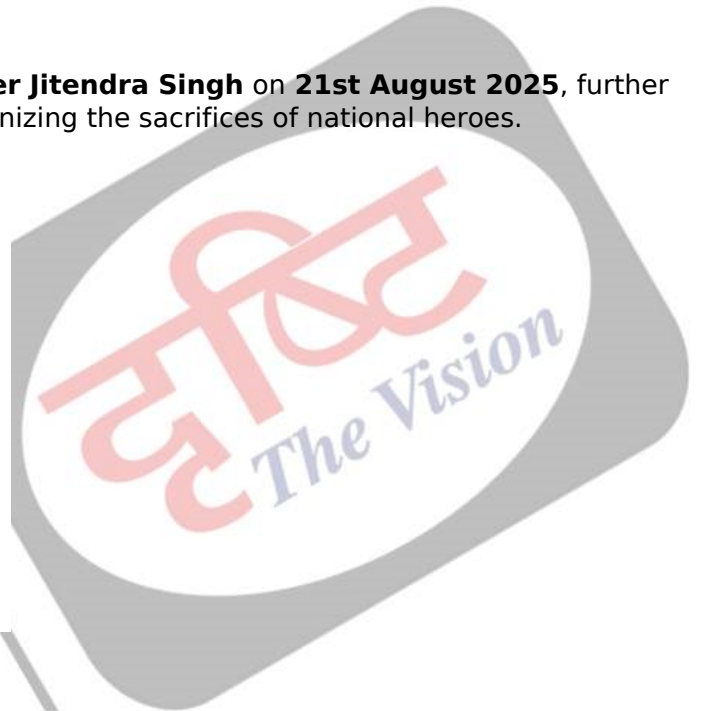


Udhampur Railway Station Renamed After Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan | Jammu & Kashmir | 22 Aug 2025

Why in News?

In a heartwarming tribute to **Captain Tushar Mahajan**, the **Udhampur Railway Station** in Jammu and Kashmir has been officially renamed after the martyr.

- The decision was announced by **Union Minister Jitendra Singh** on **21st August 2025**, further affirming the government's dedication to recognizing the sacrifices of national heroes.



Key Points

- **Renaming of Udhampur Railway Station:** **Captain Tushar Mahajan**, who was awarded the **MCTM (Military Cross for Gallantry)**, made the ultimate sacrifice during the **Udhampur terrorist attack**.
 - This gesture aims to honor his bravery and contribution to the nation.
- **Captain Tushar Mahajan:** **Captain Tushar Mahajan** was born on **20th April 1989**, in **Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir**.
 - He joined the **National Defence Academy** in 2006 and was later commissioned into the **Parachute Regiment**, joining the **9 Para(SF)**, an elite unit specializing in **mountain warfare** and **counter-terrorism operations**.
 - In 2016, Captain Mahajan led his team in the **Pampore Operation** to neutralize militants at the **Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI)**.
 - Despite multiple gunshot wounds, he eliminated terrorists before succumbing to his injuries and was posthumously awarded the **Shaurya Chakra** for his bravery.

Process of Renaming Railway Stations in India

- **Initiation:** The **state government** initiates the renaming process, with the **Chief Secretary** submitting the proposal to the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** after obtaining approval from the **State Cabinet**.

- **Central Government Review:** The **MHA** reviews the proposal, consulting relevant departments like the **Ministry of Railways, Intelligence Bureau, Department of Posts, Geographical Survey of India**, and **Ministry of Earth Sciences**. No-objection certificates are obtained, and MHA ensures the name is unique nationwide.
- **Approval and Notification:** Upon MHA's approval, it informs the **Ministry of Railways**. The **state government** issues a **Gazette notification**, and the **Lieutenant Governor's office** (in case of UTs) grants formal approval.
- **Implementation by Railways:** The **Zonal Railway** implements the name change after the notification, creates a new station code, updates the ticketing system, and changes physical signage at the station.

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