

The Incredible Story of Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia

It is the Indian Army that provides us with the satisfaction that we are safe in the nation. Indian Army guards in all situations to give us a peaceful life. They sacrifice their homes and spend their life on the border. Even they sacrifice their lives just to protect the people in the country. The country owes much to the Indian Army and Indian soldiers.

Major Ajay Kumar Jasrotia, also known as “Rambo of Indian Army” was born on 31 Mar 1972 and hailed from Jammu in J & K. Son of Shri Arjun Singh Jasrotia and Smt Beena Jasrotia, Maj Ajay did his schooling in his hometown. He did his graduation from Commerce college in Jammu. He belonged to a military family wherein his grandfather Lt Col Khajoor Singh served in the Army. His father served as DIG in BSF. He also wanted to join the Armed Forces since his younger days and followed his dream after graduation. Major Ajay got selected through the Combined Defence Services (CDS) and joined the Army in 1996 at the age of 23 years.

He was commissioned into 13 JAK Rifles of the J & K Rifles Regiment, an infantry Regiment known for its gallant soldiers and numerous battle exploits. During 1999, Maj Ajay Singh Jasrotia's unit was deployed in Sopore in J & K but was moved to Drass region in June as part of Operation Vijay.

Op Vijay: 15 June 1999

In June 1999, Maj Ajay Singh Jasrotia's unit moved to Drass region under the command of 56 Mountain Brigade. In Drass the enemy had secured Tololing, Point 5140, Point 5060, Point 4700 ridgeline extending towards northwest till Point 5353 and Tiger Hills. The next phase was capture Point 5140 in conjunction with 18 Garhwal Rifles battalion. However, on 15 June 1999, Maj Jasrotia's unit location came under heavy artillery shelling from the enemy troops. The first shell resulted in injuries to six soldiers. This sent a wave of shock and panic across the unit and his troops desperately ran for cover. He realized the gravity of the situation and decided to take control of the situation. Ajay ordered his men to take cover within the area of the administrative base and took it upon himself to rescue the injured troops. He moved on despite heavy artillery shelling and tended to the wounded soldiers and arranged for their evacuation to safety. Ajay organized troops into groups and arranged for quick evacuation of the injured soldiers by carrying them on their backs. During this process, a shell landed in the close vicinity of Maj Jasrotia and he was seriously injured.

Despite his injuries, he continued the evacuation of his injured troops. He was losing a lot of blood and his condition worsened, but he refused to leave the battleground and consequently life slowly ebbed out of him. He moved six casualties to



safety before he collapsed owing to his injuries. Later he succumbed to his injuries and was martyred. Maj Jasrotia's efforts saved the lives of six soldiers who survived and lived on. He displayed exceptional courage, leadership, and camaraderie during the operation and made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.



Maj Ajay Singh Jasrotia was a gallant soldier and a fine officer who led his men from the front like a true military leader. He was given the gallantry award, “Sena Medal” posthumously for his valour, devotion to duty, fighting spirit, and supreme sacrifice.

Kids Craft: Puppet Theatre

Materials:

three 1/4? x 3? x 2' boards, one 1/4? x 6 x 2' board
one 1? x 4? x 4' board, thin (1/2?) baseboard moulding
thick (1 1/2?) baseboard moulding, wooden decorative mouldings
paint for the main part and paint for the accents
acrylic varnish, wood glue, epoxy glue
hammer, handsaw, small nails, sand paper

Optional are:

wood filler, frame saw, scroll saw or a jigsaw

How to Make a Puppet Theatre

Cut all the boards to the right size. After they are cut, you can see the frame we are working towards. The frame is constructed of light 1/4? boards.

Cut the thin baseboard trim. You will need to get two pieces: one should be the same length of your other boards (2'), and the other should be equal the length of the boards minus the width of two boards (1.5').

Cut the thick baseboard trim. These piece will mark the tops of columns, so they should have the same width as your boards (3?). Make an angle template to mark the angles and cut four pieces. Assemble the frame again to check if all the parts fit.

For supporting the frame, you will use a 1? thick board. Cut a couple of 90-degree



triangles with the longer side being around 7-8?.

(Optional) If you have a frame saw, or something similar, you can cut the tops of the columns and the top piece to the shape of your mouldings. However, if you do not have a frame saw, this step can be skipped – it is an aesthetic step.

Sand all the cuts. Paint the decorations (wooden mouldings and baseboard mouldings) with an accent paint. In our case, it is a golden acrylic paint.

Varnish the decorations. It will add additional gloss to the parts.

Paint the other parts of the theatre. Do it at least twice. A roller is preferable for this job. Attach the decorative trim to the structural boards. We do it with 5-minute epoxy glue, but other variants are possible. We tried it with a hot glue at first, but it did not hold well. If you leave parts of the boards unpainted, you can also attach the decorative trim to them with wood glue. It holds well.

Start assembling the theatre. Use both nails and glue for extra sturdiness. First, attach the bottom part to the columns. Then nail the front part to the columns as well. Last, attach the support stands to the back.

Touch up the nail heads with a bit of paint.

The theatre is ready! If you want to turn it into a shadow theatre, get a big sheet of vellum paper from a craft or art store and stretch it tightly across the back, securing the ends with pins.

FUN RIDDLES

I add lots of flavor
and have many layers,
but if you get too close
I'll make you cry.
What am I?

English Proverbs and Meanings

*** Actions speak louder than words.**

What a person actually does is more important than what they say they will do.

*** Advisers run no risks.**

It's easier to give advice than to act.

*** An empty purse frightens away friends.**

When one's financial situation deteriorates, friends tend to disappear.

*** Anger is the one thing made better by delay.**

When you are angry, it is best not to speak or act immediately.

*** April showers bring May flowers.**

Something bad or unpleasant today may bring good things in the future.

*** Any time means no time.**

If the date of an event remains vague, it will never happen.

*** All things grow with time - except grief.**

As time goes by, grief subsides little by little.

Choco Pops



Ingredients:

1 cup coconut milk,
4 teaspoon honey
6 almonds
4 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1 Pinch salt, 6 cashews

Method

Put coconut milk in a pan and put it on medium heat. Whisk it a bit. Add cocoa powder, honey and a pinch of salt. Whisk well to ensure there are no lumps. Let it cook for 5-6 minutes or until the mixture thickens a bit.

Once done, turn off the flame and let it cool down a bit. Now pour the mixture into four paper cups. Fill them 1/2 or 3/4th with the choco mixture. You can also use moulds, if available.

Let the pops freeze for 1 hour. Once they are semi-set, insert sticks into them and let them freeze until completely set.

Now just remove the paper cups by tearing them away. Crush some nuts and roll the choco pops in them. You can also add some chocolate sauce to the pops and then coat them with nuts.

Now your healthy choco pops are ready to be served.

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Blueberry Parfait



Ingredients:

1 cup blueberry
1 1/2 cup blueberry jam
5 leaves mint leaves
2 cup muesli
2 cup yoghurt (curd)
1 tablespoon honey

Method

To begin with wash fresh blueberries and keep aside.

Next, take the chilled blueberry jam and whisk it nicely to make a smooth consistency.

Take another mixing bowl and add honey and yogurt (curd) in it, whisk the curd until it is soft and plain.

Now, take a parfait glass and add a layer of muesli.

Then, add a layer of blueberry jam mixture followed by adding blueberry, whisked yogurt and muesli.

Repeat the process, if you want to add more layers to your parfait.

Garnish with mint leaves and serve chilled!

Tips

You can also add some granola to make it yummy.