



(L-R) Major Chandra Kant, Jane Himmeth Singh, Jai Singh and Mukul Deva

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Authored by Mukul Deva, *The Garud Strikes* was released by erstwhile royal Jai Singh at the Rambagh Palace on Friday. On the occasion, an interaction between the war hero Major Chandra Kant Vir Chakra and the author was organised. "This is the story of the fourth battalion Brigade of the Guards (one of whom was a Rajput). They were ordinary men, like you and me. But when push came to shove, they rose to the occasion and left an indelible mark on the pages of history," said Deva.

He further shared, "It's a compelling story of four guards and the critical role

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An inspiring novel on the fourth battalion Brigade of the Guards during the Indo-Pak war of 1971, was released on Friday

they played in the 1971 Indo-Pak War and how they helped releasing 75 million

people from the torturous clutches of the Pakistani army. In merely sixteen

days, under the inspiring leadership of Lt Col Himmeth Singh, four guards (one Rajput), played a pivotal role in leading India towards one of the fastest successful military campaigns of modern times - one which not only led to the creation of Bangladesh, but also resulted in the capture of 95,000 Pakistani soldiers."

"Jane Himmeth Singh, wife of late Lt Gen Himmeth Singh conceived of the idea of bringing out the book. It took four years of painstaking efforts and research. During this period, she even went to Bangladesh and met a large number of retired officers, soldiers and junior commissioned officers," Deva informed. Later he and Kant answered a number of questions posed by the audiences. ■

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