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A graduate of the Defence Services Staff College (India) and the Royal College of Defence Studies (UK) with an MSc and PhD from Madras University he joined 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF) after passing out from NDA in 1962. He was awarded COAS commendation in 1975, for fighting insurgency on Manipur Nagaland border, which then got him deeply involved in Small Arms and related issues resulting in selection of his PhD thesis "Relevance of Military Force in International Affairs". This expanded later into work on Look East Policy issues like BIMSTEC. He went on to earn PVSM by the President of India in 2001 as Chief of Staff, after serving as Joint Secretary (Mil), Secretary Chiefs of Staff Committee and Director General National Cadet Corps .He put NCC on the expansion path taking it to 13 Lakh ,during its Golden Jubilee period and importantly introduced National level games in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India with prizes awarded by the PM like the Republic Day.

He commanded an Independent Division in the Northern Command and a Brigade at the time of the Sino-Indian confrontation at Sumdo Rong -Wangdung incident in 1987-89, which earned him an AVSM in 1990. He was Director Military Operations at the Army Headquarters and Directing Staff at the Higher and the Senior Command at the College of Combat (Now the Army War College). He was selected to attend the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) at London in 1990 and later served as Military Adviser in the UK from 1991 to 1994 and was part of the mission when after liberalisation the Indo British Partnership Initiative (IBPI) was launched.

His writings and interviews have been published in various national and international newspapers, service journals, magazines and websites. He contributed to the edited volumes of the - "Cost of Conflict Between India and Pakistan" (SFG-2004) and "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Options for India." (Sage India-2004)

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Pugwash Society since 2013(www.pugwashindia.org). He was a member of the Executive Council of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA- www.idsa.in) and the Governing Council of Netaji Subhash Institute of Management Sciences (NIMS- www.nimsindia.net) till 2010 and 2013 respectively. He continues to be a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS - www.iiss.org) UK and a life member of the IDSA and the United Services Institution (USI- www.usiofindia.org) .

He is the founder member and President of the Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD) and also the founding member and the present President of the Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI- www.cafi-online.org), a job which has taken him to various countries including the United Nations . The first BIMSTEC project of CSIRD took his team and him to all member countries as also Japan. Myanmar was visited again for BIMSTEC Curtain Raiser in 2013. Seminars and track one and two discussions have resulted in seven CSIRD publications apart from vast number of papers mostly available on the net .The most popular being the book- "Towards BIMSTEC-Japan Comprehensive Economic Cooperation : The Benefits of Moving Together". He is member of the India International Centre (IIC- www.iicdelhi.nic.in) and India Habitat Centre (IHC- www.indiahabitat.org).
