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DY CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF RETIRES ON 28 FEB

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Lt Gen N S Malik, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (DCOAS) is retiring from service on 28 Feb 1998 after rendering 38 years of distinguished service. An alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun he joined the National Defence Academy in January 1956 and was commissioned from Indian Military Academy in December 1958 into 4th HORSE, an elite regiment of which he is the Colonel Commandant.

The Gen had had a vast and varied experience in operations, high altitude areas, counter insurgency, armament production -MBT ARJUN, acquisitions and acceptance, personnel management and command assignments.

A Post Graduate in Defence Studies from Madras University and Ph D in Defence Studies from Meerut University, the General is a Graduate of Frunze Military Academy, Moscow and National Defence College, New Delhi.

General Malik has held many instructional appointments at numerous military establishments. He has been instructor at Armoured Corps Centre and School (Ahmednagar), Defence Services Staff College (Wellington), Tactical School, Iraqi Army and Director Faculty of Studies, College of Combat, Mhow.

As Director General Combat Vehicles in the Ministry of Defence from November 1994 till September 1996, the development and refinement of ARJUN, the Indian Main Battle Tank received his special attention. This tank project made great progress under his direction with user trials - being conducted during his tenure.

Lt Gen N S Malik assumed the appointment of Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Planning & Systems) in September 1996. In this appointment he was involved in financial planning, formulating futuristic Army plans and their implementation.

The General Officer and Mrs Shakuntala Malik speak Russian fluently. They have a son Sandeep who is a Major in 86 Armoured Regiment and a daughter, Sonia - both married.

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