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LT GEN DEV TAKES OVER AS NEW D.G.
ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES

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Lt Gen A.K. DEV takes over on Wednesday, October 26, 1966 from Lt Gen T.R. PAHWA as the Director General Armed Forces Medical Services. Lt Gen PAHWA is retiring from the Army after nearly 35 years of service.

Lt Gen DEV's place as Director of Medical Services (Army) is being taken by Maj Gen J.R. VAID in the rank of Lt Gen.

Lt Gen A.K. DEV, who was commissioned in the former IMS in 1934, has held a number of important appointments both administrative and in command including the appointment of Director of Medical Services (Navy). He was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal for conspicuous service rendered to the Commonwealth Fleet. He was Deputy Director of Medical Services, Eastern Command during the Chinese operations in 1962 and was the Director of Medical Services (Army) during the Indo-Pakistan operations in 1965.

Maj Gen J.R. VAID, the new Director of Medical Services (Army) was first commissioned in 1935. He has held many varied and important appointments and during the 1939-45 war was mentioned in despatches. He served as Red Cross Commissioner with the Indian Custodian Force in Korea. He was promoted to the rank of Maj Gen in 1963.

The retiring D.G., A.F.M.S., Lt Gen PAHWA joined the erstwhile Indian Medical Service in 1931 and served with the Middle East Forces and the South-East Asia Command during World War II where he was awarded the C.in-C's commendation card. After holding a number of important appointments he was promoted to the rank of Maj Gen in 1959 and took over in 1963 as Director of Medical Services (Army). He became Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services in 1964.

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