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LT GEN J.R. VAID - NEW DG AFMS

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Lt Gen J.R. Vaid will tomorrow (December 15) take over as Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. He succeeds Lt Gen A.K. Dev who is retiring.

Maj Gen B. Bhattacharjya has been appointed the new Director Medical Services (Army) in the rank of Lt Gen.

Lt Gen Vaid, who was born in 1908 joined the former Indian Medical Service in 1935. He served as Red Cross Commissioner with the Indian Custodian Force in Korea during 1953-54. He was promoted Maj Gen in 1963 and became Lt Gen in October 1966 when he was appointed Director of Medical Services (Army).

Lt Gen Vaid is an Hon. Surgeon to the President and Colonel Commandant of the Army Medical Corps.

Lt Gen A.K. Dev is retiring after 33 years of service. He served as Director of Medical Services, Navy during 1958 when he was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for services rendered to the Commonwealth Fleet during a joint exercise. Lt Gen Dev is also an Hon. Surgeon to the President and Colonel Commandant of the Army Medical Corps.

Maj Gen B. Bhattacharjya who is taking over as the new Director Medical Services (Army) in the rank of Lt Gen was born in 1909. During the last world War he served in Egypt and Burma. In 1965 he was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh and in the following year of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences this year.

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