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GENERAL THAPAR PASSES AWAY

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General Pran Nath Thapar, 69, expired this morning at his farm in Chhatarpur, Village near Mehrauli, Delhi. General Thapar was Chief of the Army Staff from May 8, 1961 to November 19, 1962.

After Independence, General Thapar commanded an Infantry Div. and two Corps. He completed the Imperial Defence College Course in U.K. in 1955, after which he was General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command and, subsequently, Western Command. He took over as Chief of the Army Staff from General K.S. Thimayya.

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