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INDIA'S FIRST WOMAN GENERAL

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The Indian Army has its first woman General. She is Miss G.A. Ram. Promoted to the rank of Major General, she heads the Directorate of Nursing Service.

India is the third country in the world to have a woman as a General. So far only the American and the French armies had this distinction.

Major General (Miss) G.A. Ram has been Matron-in-Chief in the rank of Brigadier since October 30, 1975. She assumed her present rank on August 27, 1976.

Born on December 21, 1919, Major General Ram was commissioned in the Military Nursing Service as a Lieutenant on August 12, 1944 and posted to Banu now in Pakistan. From August 12, 1946 to November 27, 1947, she had served in Singapore and Kaulallimpore. From November 1948 to May 1949 she served as a flight nurse CT Sister on Air Evacuation Duties during the first Indo-Pak war. From August 15, 1961 to August 30, 1962 she again served overseas with the United Nations Commission in Congo. After holding various appointments in all the three services of the Armed Forces she was promoted to the rank of Lt.Col. (Principal Matron) on October 2, 1967 and Colonel on February 25, 1973. She served as Command Principal Matron (Colonel) HQ Northern Command from June 12, 1974 to October 30, 1975.

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