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GENERAL S.M. SHRINAGESH PASSES AWAY

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General S.M. Shrinagesh passed away this morning at Army Hospital Delhi Cantt. after a brief illness.

General S.M. Shrinagesh was Chief of the Army Staff from May 1955 to February 1957. Prior to this, he was successively GOC-in-C Western and Southern Commands.

The eldest son of Dr. Shrinagesh Mallannah, who was personal physician to the Nizam of Hyderabad, Shrinagesh was born in 1903 at Kolhapur, received a public school education in England and entered Cambridge University in 1921.

Among the earliest batches of Indians to be nominated for Sandhurst, he won the Quetta Cup for the best man at arms entering the Indian Army for his year. He was commissioned in 1923.

After serving with the North Staffordshire Regiment, 2/1 Madras Pioneers, 4/19th Hyderabad Regiment (now the 4th Kumaon Regiment), he commanded 6/19th Hyderabad Regiment (now the 6th Kumaon Regiment) in December 1942. He fought in Waziristan, Assam and Burma with the Lushai Brigade.

In 1948, he became Adjutant General at Army Headquarters. Two years later, he was promoted Lieutenant General and appointed overall commander of all troops in Jammu and Kashmir. He held this command till the Cease-Fire on 15th January 1949 when he became GOC-in-C Western Command, succeeding General K.M. Cariappa who took over as the first Indian C-in-C.

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He took over as Chief of the Army Staff from late General Maharaj Shri Rajendarasinji on May 15, 1955.

Later, he was Principal of Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad.

He was Governor of Assam from October 1959 to September 1962, Andhra Pradesh from September 1962 to May 1964 and Mysore (now Karnataka) from May 1964 to April 1965.

He was Colonel of the Brigade of Guards and Madras Regiment, and Colonel Commandant of Corps of Engineers.

General T.N. Raina, Chief of the Army Staff called on Mrs. Shrinagesh to convey his condolences today.

His body will be cremated with full military honours at 1200 hours on December 28, 1977 at the Electric Crematorium, Delhi. The cortege will leave 12-A, Friends' Colony West at 1040 hours tomorrow.

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