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GENERAL H.C. DUTTA APPOINTED NEW GOC-in-C,  
CENTRAL COMMAND

Asadha 9, 1904

New Delhi ~~June 30, 1982~~

Lt Gen H.C. Dutta, has been appointed General Officer Commanding in Chief, Central Command from July, 1, 1982.

Commissioned in 1947 from the Indian Military Academy in to the 5th Battalion of 8th Gorkha Rifles, Gen Dutta participated in the J & K Operations in 1948 and also commanded a battalion during 1965 operations.

He attended the Staff Officers' Course at Kingston, Canada, and later graduated from National Defence College in 1971.

He has done instructional assignment at National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla in 1954 and at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington in 1965.

He was promoted to the rank of Major General in 1974 and commanded an Infantry Division. He was Deputy Chief of Army Staff from 1978 to 1981. Later he commanded a Corps. Gen Dutta succeeds Lt Gen WAG Pinto, retired today after 38 years of distinguished service.

Gen Dutta is the Colonel of 8th Gorkha Rifles.

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