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GENERAL CHAUDHURI PASSED AWAY :
AN OUTSTANDING MILITARY LEADER,
SAYS SHRI R VENKATARAMAN

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General JN Chaudhuri, a former Chief of the Army Staff, passed away here this morning following a cardiac arrest.

General JN Chaudhuri was Chief of the Army Staff from November 20, 1962 to June 03, 1966. Following his retirement from the Army, General Chaudhuri was the Indian High Commissioner in Canada. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

The last rites will be performed at the Electric Crematorium with full military honours, here at 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

The Defence Minister, Shri R Venkataraman, the Minister of State for Defence, Shri KP Singh Deo and the Chief of the Army Staff, Gen KV Krishna Rao, have sent messages of condolence on the death of General JN Chaudhuri.

The Defence Minister, Shri R Venkataraman in his message said: " I am deeply grieved to hear the sad demise of General JN Chaudhuri. An outstanding military leader, General Chaudhuri had taken over the reins of the Army at a very difficult period following the Chinese Aggression in 1962. He restored the morale of the Army in a short time, organised its expansion and successfully led it during the Indo-Pak operations in 1965.

A person known for his intellectual attainments, he represented the country with distinction during his tenure as High Commissioner in Canada".

The Minister of State for Defence, Shri KP Singh Deo, in his condolence message said; " General Chaudhuri was one of the outstanding leaders produced by the Indian Army. He had the distinction of being the first Indian to command an Armoured Regiment, the 16th Light Cavalry, during the Second World War in the battle of Meiktilla. After Independence, he led the First Armoured Division during the Hyderabad operations in 1948. He was also the overall commander of the Goa operations in 1961. Called upon to take over as the Chief of the Army Staff in 1962, following the reverses suffered during the Chinese aggression, he restored the morale of the Army in a short period and led it successfully during the 1965 Indo-Pak Operations".

The Chief of the Army Staff, General KV Krishna Rao in his message to Mrs. Chaudhuri said: "Deeply grieved to hear about the sad demise of your respected husband. May his soul rest in peace. General Chaudhuri was one of our finest military leaders who took over as Chief of the Army Staff at a time of crisis and rendered distinguished services to the nation. May God give you and the members of your family the strength to bear this loss with fortitude. On behalf of the Army and myself, I send to you our heartfelt condolences".

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