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PRESS NOTE

GENERAL CARIPPA MADE FIELD MARSHAL

In recognition of the most valuable services to the Armed Forces and the Nation, as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, Honorary rank of Field Marshal for life has been conferred on General K.M. CARIPPA, OBE(Retd) with effect from 15th January, 1986.

It was on 15th January, 37 years ago that General K.M. CARIPPA took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief. His outstanding leadership groomed the Armed Forces of Independent India into one of the best fighting forces in the world. Successive generations of officers and men have looked upto him as a father figure.

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