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LT GEN JK PURI VICE CHIEF OF THE
ARMY STAFF RETIRES

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The Vice Chief of the Army Staff, Lt Gen JK Puri retired today after 38 years of distinguished services.

Commissioned in the Regiment of Artillery in December 1949, Lt Gen Puri has held a number of key, command, staff and instructional appointments. Besides attending various professional courses successfully, he has also done the French Army War College Course.

As a Lt Col, he commanded a field Regiment and was Instructor in the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. As a Brigadier, he commanded a Mountain Brigade and was Brigadier General Staff at the Corps HQs. Promoted as Major General in January 1978, he commanded an Infantry Division and was later Chief of Staff at HQ Western Command.

In October 1981, he was promoted to the rank of Lt Gen and continued to serve as Chief of Staff. He was appointed Director-General of Assam Rifles in December 1981 where he moved around the difficult terrains understanding and assuaging the problems of the troops. He improved the standard of training and administration of Assam Rifles.

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Later, he took over the command of a Corps in the Eastern Sector. Lt Gen Puri took as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command in February 1986. He has taken over as Vice Chief of the Army Staff on June 1 this year. He was also Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Artillery.

He was awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal by the President for distinguished services of the most exceptional order in April 1987.

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