

Lt. Gen. Shamsher Singh Mehta (Retd.)



Commissioned into the Indian Army in 1962 in 63 Cavalry, Lt. Gen. Shamsher Singh Mehta led the only tank column to reach Dacca on 16 Dec during the 1971 War for the Liberation of Bangladesh. During his 41 years of service, he served as the Military Assistant to General K Sundarji, Assistant Director General Military Operations, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, and Army Commander, Army Training Command. Before retiring in Jan 2004, during Operation Parakram, he held the prestigious appointment of General Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Command. During his service he attended the Nuclear Chemical and Biological Course at the Tamishenko Academy in the former USSR and the US Army College Course in Pennsylvania, USA. Lt. Gen. Mehta was Principal Adviser to the Confederation of Indian Industry from 2004, and was its Director General from May 2006 to April, 2008. He conceptualised and launched the 'SKILL INDIA' initiative in CII which facilitated India's entry to 'WORLDSKILLS' International. He was a Member of the National Security Advisory Board from 2004 to 2006. Lt. Gen. Mehta is on the board of the Indian Council of World Affairs, and a Trustee of the Tribune Trust. The General Officer was the Service Member of the National Task Force on Information Technology. He was also a member of the Group of Ministers' Task Force on the Review of Defence Management.