

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

### **LIEUTENANT GENERAL SATISH NAMBIAR PVSM AVSM VRC (RETD)**

Born on 30th August 1936, Lt Gen Satish Nambiar had his education in Pune and Mumbai. Commissioned from the Indian Military Academy on 15th December 1957 into the 20th Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry, he saw active service in the country's North-Western and North-Eastern theatres, including counter-insurgency operations, and the 1965 and 1971 conflicts on the sub-continent. Commanded two battalions of the Regiment, 1st and 20th. **A graduate of the Australian Staff College**, the General Officer served on the General Staff Branch at Divisional Headquarters and in the appointments of Additional Director General and Director General of Military Operations at Army Headquarters. **In the latter capacity, he led two defence delegations for discussions with Pakistani counterparts in April 1991 in New Delhi and September 1991 in Islamabad.**

Raised and commanded the first mechanised brigade group of the Indian Army, and later commanded the Mechanised Division. **Was a member of an Indian Army Training team in Iraq from July 1977 to January 1979**, and was on the faculty of the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington in the Nilgiris. **Served as the Military Adviser at the High Commission of India in London from December 1983 to November 1987.**

**Deputed by the Government of India as the first Force Commander and Head of Mission of the United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia initially in the grade of an Assistant Secretary General and later Under Secretary General, he had the distinction of setting up the Mission under most difficult conditions, and commanding it for a year from 3rd March 1992 to 2nd March 1993. Declining an offer of extension, he returned to the rolls of the Indian Army, and retired as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff on 31st August 1994. Had the honour of serving as the Colonel of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment of the Indian Army from June 1988 to till retirement in August 1994.**

**Awarded the Vir Chakra for bravery in battle** during the Indo-Pak conflict in 1971, the General Officer is also the recipient of the Ati Vishist Seva Medal in 1991 and the Param Vishist Seva Medal in 1994, for distinguished service.

Holds a Masters Degree in Defence Studies from the University of Madras and has been **actively engaged since retirement, in the study and analysis of UN peacekeeping operations, national security matters, including defence strategy, and international relations.** Elected to the Council of the United Service Institution of India in end 1995, he assumed charge as the Director of the Institution on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1996. Is a life member of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi and an associate member of the India International Centre in New Delhi.

Invited to speak periodically at various institutions within India and abroad like the National Defence College, the Defence Services Staff College, the Foreign Service Institute, the Jawaharlal Nehru University and other universities, the Army, Navy and Air Force War Colleges, the Royal College of Defence Studies, London and so on, the General Officer is regularly invited to attend, participate and present papers, at various international symposia, seminars, and bilateral and multilateral discussions. Contributes regularly to periodicals and journals on national security, international relations and peace operations. Has authored chapters in

international publications on peace operations, international intervention, and just war and genocide.

**On 04 November 2003 the General Officer was nominated by the Secretary General of the United Nations to serve on a 16-member High Level Panel to assess threats to international peace and security, evaluate existing mechanisms, and recommend ways of strengthening the United Nations to provide collective security for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

During 2002/2003 he was adviser to the Govt of Sri Lanka on certain aspects of the peace process in that country. Is on the International Advisory Council of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sandoverken, Sweden; an inaugural member of the International Advisory Board of the *Security Council Report* a neutral and independent non-profit organisation dedicated to reporting on the United Nations Security Council; also an inaugural member of the Advisory Council of the International Network to Promote the Rule of Law (INPROL), an initiative based at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington DC.

Is a member of: an Indian group engaged in a strategic dialogue sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry with the US-based Aspen Strategy Group; a trilateral USA-Japan-India dialogue; the Indian delegation at the India-EU Round Table; and the India chapter of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP).

Married to Indira on 03 May 1970, he has two children, a girl, working on interior designing projects in Delhi, and a boy, who is a commissioned officer in the Indian Army, serving in the same battalion, the General Officer was commissioned into. A keen sportsman in his younger days, he is now restricted to golf.