

## **BIO-DATA**

### **LIEUTENANT GENERAL SK GADEOCK, AVSM (RETD) FORMER COMMANDANT, DEFENCE SERVICES STAFF COLLEGE, WELLINGTON, TAMIL NADU**



Lieutenant General Sunil Kumar Gadeock, AVSM (Retd) was commissioned into the Brigade of the Guards, Indian Army on 11 June 1977. He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He is Master of Science (Defence Studies), Master of Philosophy and Diploma in Senior Level Defence Management. He has received his Doctorate in Defence & Strategic Studies from Madras University, Chennai.

During his distinguished career in the Army, he served two Presidents, viz Dr Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy & Dr Giani Zail Singh at Rashtrapati Bhawan and was consequently posted as Adjutant of the prestigious National Defence Academy, Pune. He graduated from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, commanded a GUARDS mechanized unit and also an Armoured Brigade notably. He was nominated as Logistics Advisor to Botswana Defence Force, as part of the Indian Army Training Team at Gaborone, Botswana in Africa, where he established their Defence Logistics. He served as General Staff Officer Grade 1 (Operations) and Colonel Administration of two different Armoured Divisions respectively.

He was appointed Director in Military Operations Directorate, Brigadier Quartermaster (Brig Q) of Corps Headquarters in low intensity conflict operations area in North Eastern Sector, commanded an infantry Division with distinction, held operational assignments of Master General General Staff (MGGS) and also Lieutenant General General Staff (LGGS) in a Command Headquarters. He was specifically chosen and posted as Commandant, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington in 2014, where he received accolades and many awards for his millennial contributions.

He was decorated with Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his distinctive creation of infrastructural assets and maintaining high threshold of operational readiness during Command of the Infantry Division. He was awarded two Chief of Army Staff Commendation Cards, one Commendation Card from Army Commander, Eastern Command and another one from Army Commander Western Command for his distinguished service & exponential contribution in operational & logistics, ushering multi-faceted progression in the Army. Under his visionary leadership, Defence Services Staff College was conferred with coveted Golden Peacock Training Award 2016 at Dubai and 'Special Commendation' for Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2016 by Institute of Directors, New Delhi, as also ISO 9001 & ISO 14001 Certificates for Staff College. Was given 'Scholar Warrior Badge & Certificate' by the Army Commander of Indian Army Training Command and won both the 'Indian Books of Records' and 'Limca Book of Records' for conducting the biggest 'Nilgiris Eco Trail Run' towards Conservation of Ecosystem & Biodiversity in the Nilgiris. Awarded 'Life Time Achievement' Award 2016 for his contribution to the Armed Forces, Society and Nation building by Rotary District 3201 and also the Rajiv Gandhi Gold Medal Award by GEPR. He has been associated with the Academic Council of Madras University and was on the Board of Governors of Good Shepherd International School. At London, he was bestowed with the 'Distinguished Fellowship Award' 2016, by Institute of Directors. The Hon'ble President of India presented the 'Presidents Colors' to Defence Services Staff College on 09 September 2016, under his stewardship as the Commandant, for holistic transformation of the Staff College during his dynamic tenure.

The General Officer retired after nearly 40 years of creditable service from the Army on 31 January 2017 and is presently serving with Amity University as Director General Amity Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies and Commandant, Amity Institute of Education & Training. He is an environmentalist, philanthropist, accomplished 'transformational' leader, military thinker and strategist with 40 years of accredited capabilities in the Army. He has published numerous Coffee Table Books, magazines and articles in various journals of different

institutions in his illustrious military career. Designed and constructed majestic War Memorials and Archives. He has appeared frequently on 'Republic' TV as a panelist.