

## **Lt. Gen. (Retd.) V R Raghavan**

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After a distinguished career in the Indian Army, where he was decorated on three occasions, he retired as Director General of Military Operations. His combat experience included operations in wars with Pakistan and China and in counter-insurgency campaigns.

The General joined DPG as the founding Director. In this capacity, he successfully conceptualized and implemented projects on *South Asian Comprehensive Security* focusing on the political, economic, environment security issues; *Non-Traditional Security* premised on non-military security threats and *Nuclear Policy Stewardship* aimed at sharpening the nuclear debate in India for introducing restraint and responsibility in nuclear policy. As President, CSA, he has led programmes on peninsular India's security perspectives, relations with South East Asia and on Civil Society –Governance interface. .

He is Council Member, *International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS)*, London. He was a Commissioner of the *Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission* chaired by Dr. Hans Blix; Visiting Fellow at *CISAC*, Stanford University and the *Henry L. Stimson Centre*. He is an elected member of the Council of *United Services Institution* of India. He was a member of the Committee to review the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. Gen. Raghavan has addressed conferences at the *Institute of Regional Studies*, Islamabad and the *Islamabad Policy Research Institute*; the *Shangri-La Dialogue*, Singapore and *Global Strategic Review Conference* in Geneva. He has made presentations and chaired sessions in conferences and seminars in India, South Asia, South-East Asia, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Europe and the United States.

The General has authored books amongst which, the monograph, *India's Need for Strategic Balance*; essay on *Limited War and Nuclear Escalation* in South Asia, the books *Infantry in India*, and *Siachen–Conflict without End* are widely known. He has edited more than dozen books. His articles have been carried in leading newspapers, journals, magazines in India and internationally. He is a Guest Lecturer at Indian War colleges and the National Defence College.

He graduated from the Royal Military College of Science and Army Staff College, U.K. in 1968.