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An alumnus of Sherwood College, Naini Tal, the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla and the National Defence College, New Delhi, Major General Dhruv C. Katoch, SM, VSM, was commissioned in the DOGRA Regiment on 31 March 1972. A third generation army officer, he has a Masters Degree and a M Phil in Defence Studies from Madras University. He is also a recipient of Doctor of Philosophy, (Honoris Causa), conferred by the Indira Gandhi University, Rewari.

After nearly four decades of Service in the Indian Army, which included tenures in all the border areas of India as also Operation Pawan in Sri Lanka, he retired in 2009. Post retirement, the General Officer served in the Indian Army's premier think tank, Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) from November 2009 till November 2014 and was the Director of CLAWS for the last three years of his tenure.

A prolific write and commentator on Defence and security related issues, he has edited-coedited eight books and has written book chapters for many more. He also appears frequently on national television channels on debates featuring national security and international relations. Presently, he is Director, India Foundation, Editor, SALUTE Magazine and the Secretary General of the Indian War Veterans Association (IWVA).