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Though he retired from the Army in Oct 2011, he continued in government as a Military Adviser and Secretary to Government of India in the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) at New Delhi from May 2011 to 2014. From Mar 2015 till Mar 2017, he was the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) at the NSCS.

Served in the army for nearly forty years and has had extensive operational experience as a company commander on the Siachen glacier and the Line of Control (LoC). He has also commanded a Battalion, Brigade and a Division in Counter Insurgency areas in Central, North and South Kashmir.

He was the Commandant of the National Defence College(NDC) from 2009 to 2010. He has been awarded a Phd from the Madras University for his thesis, "Limited War and Nuclear Deterrence in the Indo-Pak context". He was appointed by the Union Cabinet as part of an expert group for the creation of the Indian National Defence University (INDU). He was the coordinator for the Naresh Chandra Committee that reviewed the National Security System. In 2014 he was a visiting fellow at the Nanyang Technology Institute, Singapore.