



LT GEN RAKESH KUMAR LOOMBA,

PVSM, AVSM (RETIRED)

Lieutenant General Rakesh Kumar Loomba, an alumni of the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy Dehradun, is a visionary and a soldier general of exceptional calibre with rich, vast and varied experience. Commissioned in the illustrious Skinner's Horse in June 1970, he commanded the Deccan Horse, a highly decorated and battle hardened Regiment.

A 1971 War veteran, General Loomba has the distinction of having commanded one of the strategically important Armoured Brigades during "Op Vijay", and thereafter the primary Strike Armoured Division of the Indian Army. As a Corps Commander, he provided strategic leadership and direction as the General Officer Commanding of a Corps in intense Counter Insurgency environment in the North East, with jurisdiction over six states.

General Loomba, with his vast and varied experience in all theatres of war, has tenanted numerous important staff and instructional appointments. He was Commander Higher Command Wing, a prestigious apex level strategic training institution, responsible for grooming senior officers. Prior to retiring, after an illustrious career spanning 40 years, Gen Loomba was the Director General of Military Intelligence; wherein he gave a fresh impetus to matters 'Intelligence and National Security'.

The General Officer was awarded commendation cards by three Army Commanders, prior to the award of Ati Vishist Sewa Medal and Param Vishist Sewa Medal by the President of India for rendering services of an exceptionally high order. A Master of Sciences and Master of Philosophy, General Loomba is a keen sportsman. He has also been the Colonel Commandant of Skinners' Horse, the Deccan Horse and 86 Armoured Regiment. Post retirement he conceptualised the Indo Sri Lanka Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He is presently the Co Chairman of the Chambers. Presently he is also the Special Adviser to the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways.