

LT GEN [Dr] PRAKASH MENON, PVSM, AVSM, VSM [Retd]

Post Retirement

- Officer on Special Duty [OSD] at the National Security Council Secretariat New Delhi (NSCS) – March 2015-March 2017.
- Military Adviser and Secretary to Government of India at NSCS - May 2011 to 2014.
- Visiting Fellow at the Nanyang Technology Institute, Singapore – Aug/Sep 2014.
- Coordinator for the Naresh Chandra Committee that reviewed the National Security System in 2011-12.
- Elected member of the Executive Council of the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses [IDSA] and the United Service Institution (USI), New Delhi-2016.

Military Career [1972-2016]

- Alumnus of the 40th course of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and commissioned into infantry regiment, the Brigade of the Guards in Mar 1972.
- **Operational experience** - Company Commander [Major] on the Siachen glacier and the Line of Control [LoC] in Kashmir and Kargil, Commanded a Battalion (Colonel), Brigade (Brigadier) and a Counter Insurgency Force (Maj Gen) in active operational locations of Central, North and South Kashmir.
- **Teaching experience** – Instructor [Captain] at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Directing Staff [Colonel] Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Commandant [Brigadier] of the Guards Regimental Centre at Kamptee and Commandant [Lt Gen], National Defence College, New Delhi.
- **Staff experience** - Brigade Major of a Strike Corps brigade, General Staff Officer-1[Lt Col] at the directorate of Military Intelligence Army Headquarters, Secretary [Brigadier], National Defence College, New Delhi and Major General General Staff [MGGS] responsible for operations in J&K of the army's Northern Command.

- Alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, and National Defence College, New Delhi.
- Awards - three Distinguished Service awards - PVSM, AVSM and VSM. Commended by the General Officer Commanding in Chief for operational performance during tenure on the Siachen glacier, the highest battlefield in the world.
- Appointed by Union Cabinet as part of an expert group for the creation of the Indian National Defence University [INDU].
- Foreign Delegations - Led / participated in several delegations to foreign countries – Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Algeria, Chile, Denmark, United Kingdom, United States, UAE, Brazil.
- Observer at the first Sino-Indian joint exercise at Chengdu in 2009.
- Lectured at several institutions in India and abroad.
- Co-author of “Non Alignment 2.0” and has published several articles in professional journals.

Education

- MSc [Defence Studies- Madras University].
- Master of Management Sciences [Osmania University].
- **PhD** from the Madras University - thesis on “Limited War and Nuclear Deterrence in the Indo-Pak context”.

Special Interests

- Role of force in statecraft.
- Emerging role of nuclear weapons, cyber and space in the global strategic environment.
- Role of conventional military power in a nuclear environment.
- Role of irregular warfare in India’s strategic environment.
- India’s National Security System-policy evolution and execution.
- Balancing social and technology factors in strategic affairs.
- Civil-Military Relations in India.