

## LT GEN JOHN RANJAN MUKHERJEE, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (RETD)

Lt Gen John Ranjan Mukherjee, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), son of Late Dr Chuni Lal Mukherjee, a renowned Doctor from West Bengal is an alumnus of La Martiniere College, Calcutta, National Defense Academy, Khadakvasla, Staff College at Camberly, UK, National Defence College, New Delhi, besides having done many other career courses and been an instructor at the \*College of Combat, Mhow, MP. He was commissioned into the ASSAM Regiment in 1964 and rose to be the Colonel of the Regiment. He retired from Army service in 2004 as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Eastern Command. During his service career he had commanded three battalions of the Assam Regiment, a mountain brigade, a mountain division, 15 Corps in J & K during the latter part of the Kargil Conflict onwards. He had also served in many staff appointments at Army, Command and Corps/Division Headquarters and as Head of the Indian Training Team at Botswana Africa. He is known for his knowledge of J & K and India's North East having served in these regions extensively and with men of the Assam Regiment almost throughout his career, and even after his retirement has been in close touch with the north east. He had authored a series of articles published on the Editorial pages of the Statesman, Telegraph and Ananda Bazaar Patrika newspapers and three books, titled 'An Insiders Experience of Insurgency in India's North East,' 'History of the ASSAM Regiment' and on his 'Reminiscences' (under publication). He is currently President of a think tank called the 'Research Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies (CENERS-K) Kolkata.