

LT. GEN. N.S. KANWAR (RETD.) PASSES AWAY



Lt. Gen. N.S. Kanwar (Retired) left for heavenly abode on 15-9-2017. He assumed the appointment of Director General Remount Veterinary Services (DGRVS) on April 1, 2013. He was the 4th DGRVS of Indian Army. During his distinguished service for over 36 years in RVC, he has held multi-disciplinary assignments with various organizations in different sectors of the country and has vast operational experience in Counter Insurgency operations, Field and High Altitude Areas. He was awarded Honorary Fellowship of IAVP in 2013.

Lt. Gen. N.S. Kanwar, born on 18 Aug 1953, is a 1970 batch alumnus of College of Veterinary Medicine, PAU, Ludhiana. He was commissioned in the Indian Army in 1977. He accomplished with distinction the National Diploma in Equine Husbandry Medicine and Surgery (NDEHMS) in 1986 and Master's degree in Veterinary Pathology from Division of Pathology, Deemed University, IVRI, Izatnagar in 1996 under able guidance of Dr O.P. Paliwal on topic "Pathology of caprine pulmonary affections with special reference to pneumonia". During his distinguished service for over 36 years in RVC, he has held multi-disciplinary assignments with various organizations in different sectors of the country and has vast operational experience in counter insurgency operations, field and high altitude areas. The General Officer actively participated during Kargil Operation 1999 where he was conferred with OP Vijay Medal and Star. He also had tenures

as Deputy Commandant with prestigious National Laboratories-like Defense Institute of High Altitude Research (erstwhile FRL) with DRDO at Leh and Central Military Veterinary Lab (CMVL) Meerut. The General Officer has wide experience of various high profile command and staff appointments which includes Director at Command HQs and holding the distinguished command of an Advance Field Veterinary Hospital (Kashmir Valley), Remount Training School and Depot, Saharanpur and both Equine Breeding Studs of Army at Hisar and Babugarh, UP. Lt. Gen. N.S. Kanwar assumed the coveted appointment of Director General Remount Veterinary Services (DGRVS) on 01 Apr 2013. He was the 4th DGRVS of Indian Army. He was Superannuated from army services on 31/08/2014.

As an avid wildlife lover, he has actively pursued the cause of wildlife conservation throughout his service life. In recognition of his excellent command and professional contributions, from time to time, he has been awarded with Addl DG RVS Trophy during 2002, QMG's Trophy during 2006 and Vice Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card during 2009. The General Officer has also been conferred with Fellowship of the Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research (FIAAVR), National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (NAVS) and Honorary Fellowship of the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (FIAVP) in recognition of his overall contribution in development of Veterinary Sciences in the country. Further, he qualified in various senior level military courses in defense management and strategic affairs with unique distinction. He was an excellent horse rider and a qualified international event veterinarian from Switzerland under the patronage of Federation Equestrian International (FEI). He was an active member of EFI /FEI and served as Vice President (Vet) of EFI. He was a well known motivator and regularly invited for talk shows apart from contributing more than 46 research and professional articles in various National/International journals or seminars. Lt. Gen. Kanwar (Retired) left for heavenly abode on 15-9-2017. He is survived by his Professor Dr (Mrs) Kamla Kanwar, three sons Digvijay Singh, Varun Kanwar and Karan Kanwar, their wives and grand children. IAVP expresses deep condolence on demise of Lt. Gen. Kanwar and prays to God that the departed soul may rest in peace. We remember his great services to nation and profession.