

Lieutenant General P.K. Singh, PVSM (Retd)

(Director, USI from Jan 2009 to Dec 2019)

Lieutenant General P.K. Singh was commissioned into the Indian Army on 16 December 1967 and superannuated as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Command, on 31 Aug 2008. Over the course of an illustrious military career, he held key command appointments including those of a Self-Propelled Field Regiment, a Mountain Brigade, an Infantry Division, a Corps in the plains, and eventually an Army Command. He also served as the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Artillery. His instructional tenures include appointments at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; the School of Artillery, Deolali; and the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Following his retirement from active service, he assumed charge as Director of the United Service Institution (USI) of India on 1 Jan 2009, a position he held until 31 Dec 2019. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in strengthening USI's institutional linkages and intellectual footprint. He served in various advisory capacities, including as a member of the Governing Council of the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi; a member of the International Advisory Board of Royal United Services Institute International, United Kingdom; and a member of the High-Level Advisory Committee of the Special Centre for National Security Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He was also actively engaged with the Challenges Forum, Sweden, and was instrumental in the establishment of the International Peace Capacities Network and the Effectiveness of Peace Operations Network.