

Lieutenant General Satish Nambiar, PVSM, AVSM, VrC (Retd)
(July 1996 to December 2008)

Lt Gen Satish Nambiar was commissioned into the 20th Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry on 15 Dec 1957. He participated in the 1965 and 1971 wars. He commanded two battalions of the Regiment. A graduate of the Australian Staff College, the General Officer served on the General Staff Branch at Divisional Headquarters and as the Additional Director General and later as Director General of Military Operations at Army Headquarters.

He raised and commanded the first mechanised brigade group of the Indian Army, and later commanded a mechanised division. He was a member of Indian Army Training Team in Iraq from July 1977 to January 1979. He served was on the faculty of the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington in the Nilgiris. He was also the Military Adviser at the High Commission of India in London from December 1983 to November 1987. As the first Force Commander and Head of Mission of the United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR), he had the distinction of setting up the Mission and commanding it from March 1992 to March 1993. He retired as the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff on 31 August 1994.

On 26 January 2009 the General Officer was honoured with Padma Bhushan for his contribution to National Security Affairs.

He assumed charge as the Director of United Service Institution (USI) of India on 01 July 1996 and relinquished it on 31 Dec 2008. During the tenure, he was appointed Adviser to Government of Sri Lanka on the peace process in that country from 2002 to 2003. He was also nominated by the Secretary General of the United Nations to serve on a 16-member high level panel to study global security threats and recommend measures for effective collective action. He has also been on the International Advisory Council of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sandoverken, Sweden.