

Major General SC Sinha, PVSM (Retd)

(November 1987 to June 1996)

Major General SC Sinha was commissioned into the 15th Battalion of Maratha Light Infantry in Dec 1943 and later volunteered for the Parachute Regiment in 1945. He participated in the 1947- 48 War and was wounded in the battle of Jhangar. He took part in Operation Vijay (liberation of Goa) in 1961 as the Second-in-Command of 2 PARA (Maratha).

After attending Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in USA, he was posted as General Staff Officer Grade I in the Military Operations Directorate at Army HQ in 1965-67. Later he commanded a mountain brigade, a Parachute brigade and an infantry brigade – a rare achievement to have commanded three different brigades. Consequently he commanded an infantry division in J & K.

During 1971 Indo-Pak War, he was attached to HQ Eastern Command as Deputy Director Civil Administration for Bangladesh, a role in which he made substantial contribution to the overall success of the campaign. He also served as the Inspector General, Special Frontier Force (SFF) from 1981 - 1984 and retired from there after 40 years of glorious service.

Post retirement, he was Director United Service Institution (USI) of India from 24 Nov 1987 – 30 June 1996. During his tenure, the present building was constructed and USI shifted from its previous location in Kashmir House. He was also an elected member of the USI Council for a number of years. His contribution to USI will be remembered for all times to come. Major General Samir Sinha Auditorium has been named after him, and an annual memorial lecture in his name serves to commemorate his distinguished services to this Institution.