

## Governor's Profile

Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retired)

Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff

Superannuation – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

Date of Birth – 1<sup>st</sup> February 1956

Birth Place – Jalal Usman, Amritsar, Punjab

Primary Education – Sainik School Kapurthala, Punjab.

Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, who is known for his military deftness and proficiency in the Indian Army, is presently bedecking the designation of Governor of Uttarakhand. Shri Singh's personality is a combination of bravery, courage, kindness, compassion, simplicity and honesty. A wonderful amalgamation of simplicity and popularity in his personality. An expert in taking tough decisions in his military career, Shri Singh is broad-minded, soft in spirit, heart and thoughts. He has compassion, love and affection for all.

Forgetting caste, religion and class, he has the attitude to see only soul and Almighty in a person. Shri Gurmit Singh Ji, who has entirely imbibed the three virtues of Sikhism; kindness, simplicity and honesty, in his personal life, has a unique combination of military aptitude and pleasing persona. He touches everyone's heart closely. After becoming the Governor of Uttarakhand, the spirit of Patriotism and his Vision of serving the State have already been felt in his first message.

It would not be an exaggeration, if it is said that the conscientious, dedicated personality of Shri Gurmit Singh ji is the legacy of our Nation. The philosophy, values and lifestyle of such personalities would be a unique present to the current generation. His personality and thinking are based on the path laid down by Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Guru Gobind Singh Ji's 'Sach Khand Vase Nirankar and '*Nishchiya Kar Apni Jeet Karon*'.

***About his personality and educational qualifications;***

Belonging to the most sacred place in Sikh religion, the city of Amritsar, he is the former Deputy Chief of Army staff of the Indian Army.

He belongs to a patriot family. His father *Shri Mohain Singh ji* served in the Indian Army and elder brother had served in Indian Air Force. He represented the country on many occasions. He participated in numerous talks regarding border issues with China and visited to Beijing, Shanghai and other cities of China for Talks/visits.

He visited Pakistan for Talks on Siachen and other issues. Had extensive tenure of counter terrorism in Jammu Kashmir and North East.

He is a well known as a scholar on defense matters. While serving the country, he also studied on defense matter in the Jawahar Lal Nehru University, National Defense University, Washington and National Defence University, Taipei, Taiwan. For two years, he researched on India-China border issues. As an Adjutant General of Indian Army, worked on human resource management. Apart from this, he was focused on information technology, human resource management, training, manpower policy and planning, recruitment, selection, motivation, morale, health, discipline, legal issues, welfare, resettlement and issues related to ex-servicemen during his various postings.

He has special attachment with soldiers, warriors and the martyrs. He was also Chief Executive Patron of the Rashtriya Sainik Sanstha . He has been participating in TV Media on Nation First focus, as Jai Hind General and as a defense expert.

He has been awarded with Four Presidential Awards and two commendations by Chief of Army Staff, during his nearly 40 years of service in the Army; Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. He had also served in Banbasa, of Uttarakhand during his tenure in Army.