

प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister

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Smt. Roopa Padmanabhan Ji,

I received the news of the demise of General S. Padmanabhan (retd.) with a feeling of grief and sadness. My heartfelt condolences are with you in this hour of intense grief. Such a loss leaves a void that can never be filled.

Widely respected for his fine leadership skills, General Padmanabhan remained a quintessential soldier all his life. Throughout the course of his long career, he served the nation with dedication and commitment, particularly during his tenure as Chief of Army Staff, towards further strengthening our frontiers.

A profound thinker on strategic affairs, General Padmanabhan was equally adept at wielding the pen and educating people through his communication skills.

The values that General Padmanabhan instilled will continue to inspire the family. Memories of the times spent with him will provide you solace and comfort in this difficult hour. He will be missed by family, friends and well-wishers, but he will always continue to reside in hearts.

May you gather the strength and fortitude to endure this grievous loss.

Om Shanti.

(Narendra Modi)

Smt. Roopa Padmanabhan

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