



BRIGADIER SUNIL V. GAOPANDE (RETD)

● *Nation First !*

Brigadier Sunil V. Gaopande is from our own Nagpur having studied in New English high school, CP and Berar high school, Hislop College and graduating as BE mechanical engineer from Nagpur University.

He is one such unique person who have served on all borders of our country.

In more than 37 years of his service, he was deployed on mountains, deserts, jungle, high altitude areas, training centers, command and army HQ and most important in his 5 and 201 engineer regiment He was in Jammu and Kashmir, Leh and Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, UP, Bihar, Kerala Lakshadweep etc.

A coverage of vast area and thus gained immense quantum of ground experience in various tasks that include regular military services of battalion, security, military engineering works, technical assignment, admin job etc. He was platoon commander, company commander, second in command, command task force, colonel (Administration and Management), Chief engineer in southern naval command, deputy director general (Navy and Defence production) and chief construction engineer (High altitude area - Borders). He as military engineer, constructed and planned mega projects, as well, Bridges, tracks, water supply, in forward areas, living accommodations for troops, families technical buildings, helipads, hangers, Jetties, training Infra Structures, sports complex, parade ground, swimming pool, etc.



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As instructor, he has guided potential students to join military, paramilitary services. Methods and how-to-go and how-to-prepare for that were part of his guidance.

He was selected to go for SSB interview during his final year final year of engineering. He has cleared Interviews for SSB Bangalore, SSB Bhopal Navy, he wanted to join army and serve the nation. From Lieutenant to Caption, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier, he rose step by step. He is qualified in various courses such as Commando Course, Physical Training, Weapon training course, Heavy Machinery course, Command Course etc. He has done ME, M.Tech, MA (History and Heritage Management), PG diploma in Information Technology and PG Diploma in Sanskrit

He has received various medals such as

- 1. Field Service Medal*
- 2. Sainya Seva Medal*
- 3. Independence Medal*
- 4. Kargil Vijay Medal*
- 5. Operation Rakshak Medal*
- 6. Long and Meritorious Service Medal*
- 7. Chief of army staff commendation card*
- 8. Naval commendation card*
- 9. Army commanders' commendation card*



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In civil life too, he has received Sir Visvesvaraya award for excellence in technical education, Human rights award, Surbhi sahitya academy award, Khasdar Mohotsav Award etc.

He is fellow of Institution of Engineers, Fellow of Indian valuers' association, Member of Indian Military Engineers, Member of Indian building congress Member of cryospheric society of India.



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