



General Bipin Rawat

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Recently, the Minister of Defence of India unveiled a life-size statue of the **late General Bipin Rawat (1958-2021)**, the **country's first [Chief of Defence Staff \(CDS\)](#)**, at TonsBridge School, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

- Bipin Rawat was born in Pauri, Uttarakhand on 16th March 1958. He is an alumnus of the [National Defence Academy \(NDA\)](#) and the **Indian Military Academy (IMA)**.
- **Military Career Highlights:**
 - Served in various capacities including General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-C) Southern Command, and General Staff Officer Grade 2 at the Military Operations Directorate.
 - Commanded a multinational brigade in the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#) as part of the [United Nations Peacekeeping Force](#).
 - Became Vice-Chief of Army Staff before assuming the role of Chief of Army Staff (COAS).
- **Key Achievements:**
 - Played a significant role in reducing militancy in the Northeast.
 - Instrumental in planning the **2016 surgical strikes** across the [Line of Control](#) into **Pakistan-occupied Kashmir**, which was a response to terrorist activities.
- **Decorations and Awards:**
 - During his service, he was decorated with the **Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal, and Sena Medal**.



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