

Lt.Gen. Madhuri Kanitkar

An Incredible Women To Learn From



LIEUTENANT GENERAL
Dr Madhuri Kanitkar
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The President Of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind presenting the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal to Major General Madhuri Kanitkar, at the Defence Investiture Ceremony–I, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on March 27, 2018.

Maj Gen Madhuri Kanitkar receiving the AVSM

Military career



On 28 January 2017, she assumed the office of **Dean & Deputy Commandant** of her alma-mater Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.

Dr Kanitkar then served as **Major General** Medical at the Northern Command at Udhampur.

Dr Kanitkar was promoted to the rank of **Lieutenant General** on 29 February 2020.

The **Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)**

Awards & decorations



Kanitkar has been awarded the GOC-in-C Commendation Card once and the Chief of the Army Staff Commendation Card five times.

She was also awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal –VSM in 2014 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal -AVSM in 2018.

And most prestigious Param vishishta seva Medal - PVSM in 2022

Lieutenant general

is a three-star general officer rank in the Indian Army.

It is the second-highest active rank in the Indian Army.

The equivalent rank in the Indian Navy is Vice Admiral and in the Indian Air Force is Air Marshal

Awards and decorations



The Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)

is a decoration of the Indian armed forces.

It is awarded to recognize "distinguished service of a high order"

Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)

is a military award of India given to recognize distinguished service of an exceptional order" to all ranks of the armed forces.

The award is a peacetime equivalent of Uttam Yuddh Seva Medal,

Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)

It, it is awarded in recognition to peace-time service of the most exceptional order

Early life and education



She was born 15th octomber 1960 into a Maratha family, with three daughters, in Dharwad, Karnataka .

Her grandmother & grandfather were both medical doctors.

She being a CBSE toppers & a National Science Talent scholar could have joined any medical college, but it was the uniform that beckoned her and much against the wish of her parents she joined AFMC in 78

She placed first in Pune University in all three phases of her MBBS.

She was awarded the President's Gold Medal for the best outgoing student of the graduate wing in academics and extra-curricular activities, apart from **the Kalinga Trophy for excellence in academics.**

Personal life

Her husband, Lieutenant General Rajeev Kanitkar,
is a retired General Officer

The first couple in the Indian Armed Forces to achieve the three-star rank

She has daughter vibhuti and son Nikhil.





A soldier. A doctor. A teacher.

She has taken on all these roles with determination & pride. Lieutenant General Kanitkar has taken great strides in being on the forefront, in whatever she undertakes.

As the third female Lieutenant General in the history of India, she has broken society-perceived stereotypes.

“My parents & teachers never considered gender an obstacle to achieve dreams.

My parents taught me & my two sisters that nothing is impossible

Success mantra for the perfect work/life balance ?



Work hard, but don't forget to enjoy the simple pleasures in life & have fun.

The journey is beautiful if you take the time to smell the roses.

I have realised that teamwork is important.

'I' has to be replaced by 'WE' to move from 'Illness' to 'Wellness'.

We need to spend time developing a team & giving credit to each member.

Individual brilliance has to be supported by collective competence.

Also, focus, balance and time management are crucial.

Advice young women who're looking to select a career path?

Gender should not come in the way of their choice of a career.

It should be their passion.

It is important to introspect, reflect & talk to friends and family to help choose a path.

At the same time, once a path is chosen, pursue the journey with dedication, passion and perseverance.

There will be difficulties, but it is these very difficulties that make you strong.

Whichever career you choose, don't think yourself any lesser.

You do not need to be like a man, You are able and capable as a woman.

So, go out with courage, confidence and cheer... every time and anytime.



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