

Col (Retd) N C Gupta, SM

Naveen Chandra Gupta was born in to an Airforce family in 1946. His initial schooling was in Baldwin Boys High School and later in Air Force Central School New Delhi. In 1962 he joined National Defence Academy and was commissioned in to the Corps of Signals In 1966

In 1967 he was awarded Sens Medal Gallantry for his role at Nathu La in a week-long battle against China (Film producer J P Dutta is launching his new movie Paltan, on 07 Sep 2018 covering his role). Two years later he did his B Tech from Military Collage of Telecom Engineering and has served in several signal units across the country. He has always been fond of innovations and has done a lot of them during his army service. He also took active part in 1971 war with Pakistan.

He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff Collage and held several operational appointments in active areas of Arunachal Pradesh, J&K and in Siachen. He has also been instructor in National Defence Academy and Collage of Air Warfare

Post retirement in 1992, he has worked as country head of two US companies, Cylink Corporation and UC Wireless

In 2002, he joined Tulip Software as Head Business Development. In this appointment he was instrumental in planning and executing the world's largest CUG wireless deployment as part of Akshaya, an ICT literacy project of Government of Kerala. This project was the for-runner of government of India's CSC (Common Services Centre.) He was also instrumental in converting Tulip from a box pushing company in to Tulip Telecom, a data services provider

In 2005, he joined Radwin, the wireless company of the Rad group as country head and later as advisor. He also had his own company – Icaras Data Systems specialising in audio, video software development. The company executed several projects related to audio video streaming for the Army in J&K and for All India Radio

In 2012, he sold the company and moved to his son in Australia to try his hand at Farming. It was here that he got deeply involved in the use of Drones for farming. Seeing its potential, he joined his son in opening Drone World Australia. A company providing drone-based services

Working on his farm, he created his own little R&D set up in Australia, to customise and create solutions for the Indian Farmers. His focus has been on how drones along with other agricultural technologies can be used for the benefit of marginal farmers having small land holdings in India

Encouraged by success, he opened Bharat Drone Systems Pvt Ltd in New Delhi. He now plans to bring the benefits of his experience to the farmers in India starting with Telangana and Andhra