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Col Ram Vasant Athavale, is a 1981 batch Army officer. He is an alumni of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. He has commanded an Armoured Regiment in the Western sector during and after Op Parakram. Col Athavale has held numerous Staff appointments at Integrated Headquarters Ministry of Defence (Army), and at various other Headquarters in the Indian Army, dealing with operations, intelligence, planning and training. He has served in Intense Counter Insurgency areas, Strike formations as well as at the Headquarters of the Tri-Service Andaman Nicobar Command.

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Col Athavale has qualified at the Senior Command Course from Army War College, Mhow, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Staff Officers' Course from College of Military Engineering, Pune and Defence Services Staff Course from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (HR), a Certificate in Disaster Management and a M.Sc. in Defence and Strategic Studies. He has also completed a Fellowship in, "Consequence Management of WMD Disasters : The Indian Need" from Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Univ of Pune.