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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL AP SINGH SUPERANNUATES AFTER 42 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE NATION



CHENNAI – 1 Nov, 2026 Air Chief Marshal AP Singh PVSM AVSM, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), superannuates from the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026, bringing to a close an illustrious career spanning 42 years of distinguished service to the nation.

An accomplished fighter pilot and an Experimental Test Pilot, he has made significant contributions to the operational capability, combat preparedness and modernisation of the Indian Air Force. His tenure as the Chief of the Air Staff was marked by decisive leadership and an unwavering focus on operational readiness, particularly during Operation SINDOOR, wherein the Indian Air Force demonstrated its combat capability, operational precision and resolve in the service of national objectives. His leadership reinforced the IAF's ability to respond decisively across the full spectrum of operations.

Beyond operational leadership, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh will be remembered for his deep and personal connect with air warriors across the length and breadth of the organisation. His interactions with personnel at the grassroots level reflected his conviction that the strength of the Indian Air Force rests in its people. Whether engaging with the last air warrior in the chain of command or interacting with young officers, airmen and cadets, he consistently emphasised professionalism, accountability, initiative and pride in service. His ability to connect with young minds, and inspire confidence reflected his belief in nurturing the next generation of air warriors and leaders.

Throughout his tenure, he focused on creating a technologically empowered and future-ready Indian Air Force, with emphasis on indigenisation, innovation and the integration of emerging technologies. His vision and guidance have further strengthened the organisation's resolve towards building a capable, credible and combat-ready force.

The Indian Air Force wishes Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and Mrs Sarita Singh, the very best for the years ahead. His legacy of leadership, operational resolve and enduring connect with air warriors will continue to inspire generations.