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AIR MARSHAL MEHTAB SINGH DESWAL AVSM, VM TAKES OVER AS AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF EASTERN AIR COMMAND



CHENNAI – 2 Nov, 2026 Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal, AVSM VM assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, IAF on 01 Nov 26.

Air Marshal Deswal was commissioned in the flying branch of IAF as a fighter pilot on 14 Jun 1989. He has a flying experience of over 3200 hrs on a number of fighter aircraft He is a specialist in strike aircraft and Air Defence roles and a qualified Pilot Attack Instructor. The Air Officer is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), and National Defence College.

During his career, he has held several field and staff appointments which includes Air Officer Commanding of two flying bases and Commanding Officer of a fighter squadron. He was posted at the Embassy of India in Pakistan as the Air Attaché. The Air Officer has also served as Director General (Weapon Systems) at Air HQs. Prior to taking over as AOC in-C, EAC, the air officer held the appointment of Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) at HO SWAC.

In recognition of his distinguished service, Air Marshal Deswal has been awarded with Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vayu Sena Medal.