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Remembering the only 5-star general of IAF - Marshal of the  Air Force (MIAF) Arjan Singh on his birth anniversary 

Born on April 15, 1919, in Lyallpur, Punjab, MIAF Arjan Singh was the only Indian Air Force (IAF) officer to be promoted to 5-star rank

On 15 Aug 1947, he had the unique honour of leading the flypast of over a hundred IAF aircraft over the Red Fort.

Over the years, he was promoted to Wing Commander, Air Commodore and Air Vice Marshal. During this time, Arjan Singh displayed great commitment in his work.

Arjan Singh's crucial testing time came in 1965 when the Indian subcontinent was plunged into war.

When Pakistan declared the launch of Operation Grand Slam, Arjan Singh was called into the Defense Minister's office, where he was requested to provide air support.

He promised the Defense Minister that he would get the forces ready in an hour and true to his word, he attacked the Pakistani forces in an hour.

Arjan Singh thwarted Ayub Khan's plans to capture Kashmir by leading the Air Force with great valor and confidence.

In fact, Arjan Singh became the first Air Chief Marshal of the IAF. In 2002, Arjan Singh was awarded the rank of the Marshal of the Air Force by the Indian government, making him the first and the only five-star rank officer in the Indian Air Force.

After retiring from the Indian Air Force in 1969, Arjan Singh became an ambassador to Switzerland and a high commissioner to Kenya.

In his career, Arjan Singh flew more than 60 different types of aircraft ranging from Pre World War II era bi planes to the supersonic MIG-21.

His success formula :

Firstly, you should be thorough in your profession of everyone;
Secondly, complete the job at hand to the satisfaction of everyone;
Thirdly, you must have implicit faith in your subordinates;
And fourthly, your efforts should always be honest and sincere