



Birth Anniversary of Air Force Marshal Arjan Singh

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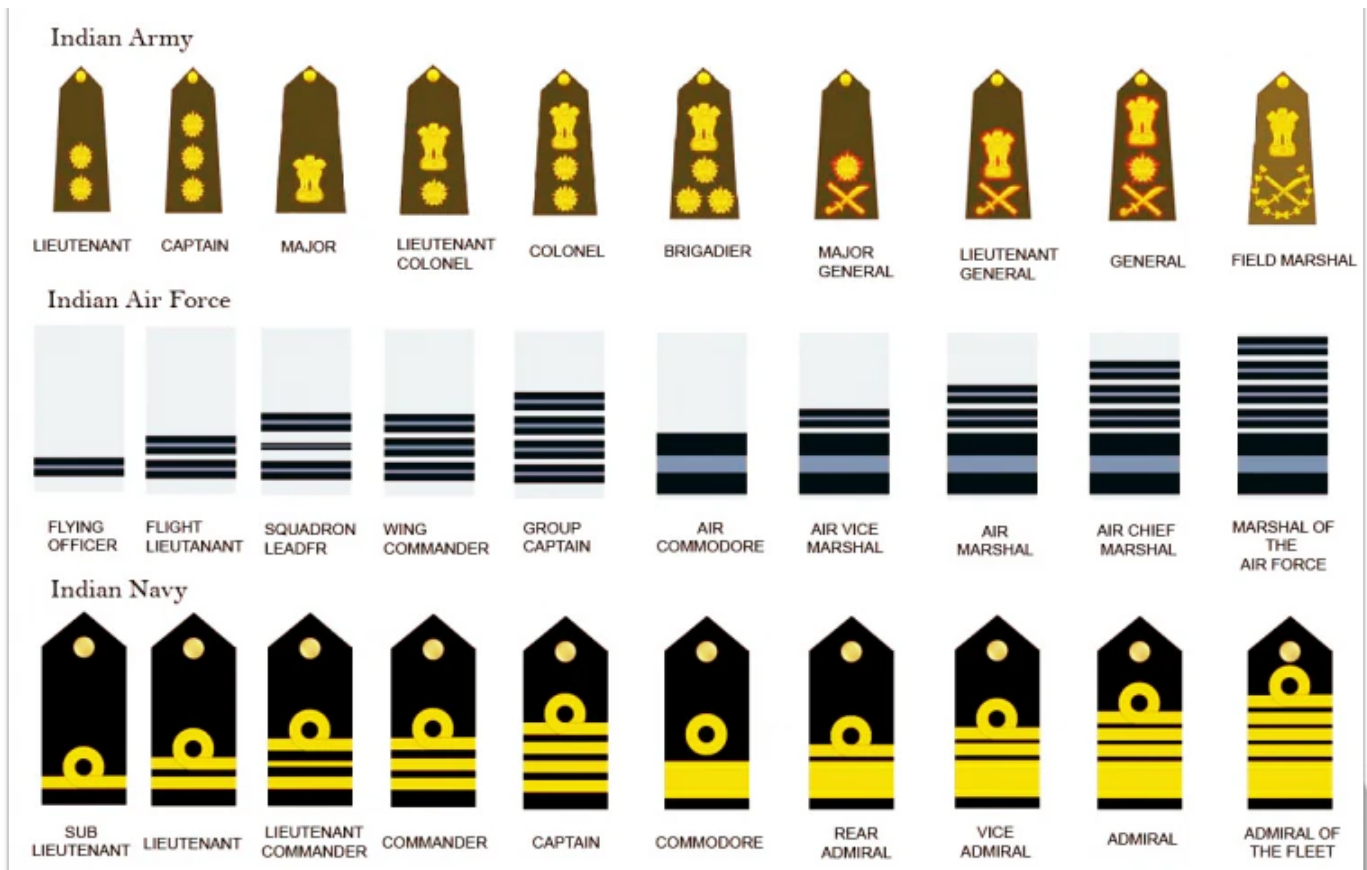
The **106th birth anniversary** of **Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh** was commemorated with the unveiling of his **bust (stone model)** at Astha Senior Citizen Home, Delhi.

Air Force Marshal Arjan Singh

- He was **born in 1919** in Lyallpur (now in Pakistan), was commissioned into the **Royal Indian Air Force in 1939** and awarded the **Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)** for his role in the **Burma Campaign during World War II**.
 - He became **Chief of Air Staff in 1964** at the age of 44.
- During the **1965 Indo-Pak war**, his decisive leadership enabled the **IAF to repel Pakistan's offensive in Akhnoor within hours**, earning him the **Padma Vibhushan**.
- In 2002, he became the **only IAF officer** to be conferred the **Five-Star rank of Marshal of the Air Force**.
- Post-retirement, he served as **ambassador** and **Lt Governor of Delhi**.

Five-Star Ranks in the Indian Armed Forces

- The five-star ranks in the Indian Armed Forces- **Field Marshal (Army)**, **Marshal of the Air Force (Air Force)**, and **Admiral of the Fleet (Navy)** represent the **highest military honours** and are **awarded for exceptional service**.
- These ranks are **rarely conferred and are held for life**, with the officers considered **serving personnel until death**.
- **Field Marshal** has been awarded only to **K.M. Cariappa** and **Sam Manekshaw**, while **Admiral of the Fleet**, have not yet been awarded.



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