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# National Air Force Day Celebrated with 'Air Fest 2018'

The Indian Air Force one of India's pride which was celebrated at the 86th National Air Force Day with an 'Air Fest 2018' in Shillong. October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1932 was the day when Indian Air Force was established by the British rulers during that period of time. Later after India got its independence, the name got changed to Royal Indian Air Force. The Prefix 'Royal' was dropped after a term of three years. The President of India plays the major role of a commander in Indian Air Force (IAF). In this article, find major details on the History & Laurels of the Indian Air Force & find the list of Prized Possessions of the Air Force of India which will be helpful for various Railways, Banking & SSC exams.

## 86th National Air Force Day 2018

The 86th National Air Force Day celebrations event was inaugurated by Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, Air Marshal R Nambiar. On this occasion, an Air Force festival 'Air Fest 2018' at the Eastern Command headquarters, Shillong Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) was organised. The event began with a flypast of Su-30 MKI multi-role fighter aircraft and Mi-17 helicopters. The elite commando force of the Indian Air Force 'Garud' also a performed slithering operation. Celebrating this National Air Force Day, IAF reiterated its motto Nabhah Sprsam Diptam i.e. is to 'Touch the sky with glory'.





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**INDIAN AIR FORCE DAY**  
MISSION, EXCELLENCE & INTEGRITY

Indian Air Force/भारतीय वायु सेना was founded 86 years ago on **8TH OCTOBER 1932**

Role  
**AERIAL WARFARE**

Size  
**1,39,576 ACTIVE PERSONNEL**  
**APPROX. 1,720+ AIRCRAFT**

Part of  
**INDIAN ARMED FORCES**

Motto  
**नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्**  
**TOUCH THE SKY WITH GLORY**

Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)  
**AIR CHIEF MARSHAL**  
**BIRENDER SINGH DHANOA**

Notable Operations

↑ World War II	1939-1945
↑ Indo-Pakistani War	1947-1948
↑ Congo Crisis	1960-1965
↑ Operation Vijay	1961
↑ Sino-Indian War	1962
↑ Indo-Pakistani War	1965
↑ Bangladesh Liberation War	1971
↑ Operation Meghdoot	1984
↑ Operation Poomalai	1987
↑ Operation Pawan	1987
↑ Operation Cactus	1988
↑ Kargil War	1999

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## National Air Force Day - History of the Indian Airforce!

- Like mentioned earlier, Indian Air Force was established on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1932 by the Britishers.
- The Indian Air Force's 1<sup>st</sup> mission of aeroplanes was held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1933 by west-line Wapiti Biplanes by five Indian pilots.
- During those days the Indian pilots were led by the British commanding officers. It was during the World War II IAF played a crucial role by not letting the Japanese Army in Burma, with its 1<sup>st</sup> ever air strike.

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- They were also involved in aerial bomber support and in pathfinding mission of the RAF and USSAF heavy bombers.
- Due to their amazing services showcased during that period, King George VI gave the force a prefix “Royal” to Indian Air Force.
- Later when India became a republic nation, the prefix was dropped and was referred to as the Indian Air Force.

Indian Air Force has always come to rescue during calamities to help us as our guardian angel. Indian Air Force was majorly involved in important war-zones during wars with Pakistan and China. IAF is also credited for historic operations like Operation Meghdoot, Operation Vijay and Operation Cactus. Indian Air Force and Indian Army work hand in hand and support each other during critical times, for instance, aerial shifting’s during calamities. The Indian Air Force, with highly trained crews, pilots provides India with the capacity to provide rapid response evacuation.

### **Indian Air Force’s Role in Annexation of Goa**

It was in 1961 when the Indian government decided to attack the major side of the Portuguese colony of Goa. It was because of the major disagreement of New Delhi and Lisbon. IAF was requested to give the elementary support which was later on named as the Operation Vijay. It was a massive war between the two parties where the wireless station of Bambolim was destroyed to the core. This caused their defeat and made them to surrender their former colony of Goa.

## **Indian Air Force's Fighter Planes**

- MiG29 is the IAF’S main aircraft which is known as Baaz (Hindi for Hawk). It started with an upgradation of the aircraft in the year 2007.





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- India, later on, finalized the deal with France to upgrade India's Mirage (known as Vajra) 2000H to Mirage 2000-5 MK 2 variant with new radar systems and weapon suites.
- The Sepecat Jaguar remains as the IAF'S favourite Aircraft other than the Mirage 2000.
- HAL came up with light combat aircraft in 1983, which developed and replaced India's MiG21.
- After a series of war zones with these upgraded indigenous combat aircraft, they were named as HAL TEJAS.
- Since then, TEJAS is been into the IAF for Final Operational Clearance.
- This year 2018, IAF has committed to buying 201 HAL TEJAS Aircrafts.
- Indian Government also planned to buy 36 Dassault Rafale but it is still under negotiation and the 1<sup>st</sup> aircraft is said to be delivered to the IAF by early 2019 and the rest of the consignment of the aircraft to be delivered by 2022.
- For VIP transport duties, IAF has two AIR INDIA Boeing 777-300 ER for the use.
- IAF has HAL Dhruv for all the transportation of logistics to limited Search and Operations.

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