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Jasjit Singh joined the Indian Air Force in 1954 and served in command and staff appointments as a fighter pilot in peace and war before retiring in 1988 in the rank of Air Commodore. Decorated by President of India thrice while in IAF for distinguished service of an exceptional order and gallantry in the face of enemy, he served as Director Operations at Air Headquarters before being deputed to Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India's premier think tank on strategic and security issues, where he was Director General for 14 crucial years (1987-2001). He is the founder Director General of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies and independent think tank Centre for Air Power Studies in New Delhi. He was DG, CAPS from 2002- 2013.

Jasjit Singh, MA (History), F.Ae.S.I., is one of the leading strategic/defence experts in India. Author/contributing editor of nearly three dozen books including Air Power in Modern Warfare (1985); Non-provocative Defence (1989); Nuclear India (1998), India's Defence Spending (2000), Air Power and Joint Operations (2003), Iraq War (2004), Asian Defence Review 2006, Defence From the Skies: Indian Air Force Through 75 Years (2007), he has published extensively on strategic and security issues. Has lectured regularly at defence and war colleges in India and abroad (USA, USSR, China, France, Germany, NATO, Italy, etc.) on strategic and security issues. He was the Convenor of the Task Force to set up the National Security Council, 1998, and Member of National Security Advisory Board, 1990-91, and 1998-2001. He is Fellow of World Academy of Art and Science, and Fellow of Aeronautical Society of India. He was a Council Member of ICWA and ICSSR.