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AIR MARSHAL WOLLEN APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

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Air Vice Marshal M.S.D. Wollen has been promoted to the rank of Air Marshal and appointed Deputy Chief of the Air Staff at Air Headquarters here. He will take over his new appointment tomorrow.

Air Marshal Wollen was commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1949 and was awarded the President's Trophy, the Sword of Honour and the Flying Trophy. As an experienced fighter pilot, ^{he} has commanded Hunter, Gnat and MIG-21 Squadrons. He also flew operationally in the 1965 and 1971 conflicts. His last flying appointment was with the Directorate of Air Staff Inspection. Prior to his promotion, he served as Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operations) at Air Headquarters.

Air Marshal Wollen graduated from the National Defence College in 1972. Presently keen on Golf and Squash, Air Marshal Wollen has been an Inter-Service Boxing winner.

For his distinguished services of the most exceptional order, Air Marshal Wollen has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal. He is also a recipient of the Vayu Sena Medal.

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