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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LAL CREMATED

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Air Chief Marshal PC Lal, former Chief of Air Staff, was cremated at the electric crematorium here today with full military honours.

Contingents from all the three Services lined up the funeral route and a 17-gun salute was given as the former Air Chief's body was consigned to the flames.

Wreaths were placed on behalf of the Defence Minister, Shri R Venkataraman. General KV Krishna Rao, Admiral OS Dawson and Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh laid wreaths on behalf of all ranks of the Army, Navy and Air Force respectively. A wreath was also placed on behalf of the military attaches based in the capital. Other wreaths placed on the body included those on behalf of Air India, Indian Airlines, International Airport Authority and many other organisations with which Air Chief Marshal Lal was closely connected.

Air Force Guard of Honour was presented as the funeral procession arrived at the electric crematorium and the contingents of airmen reversed their Arms.

The casket bearing the body of the late Air Chief was covered with the Air Force Ensign. The medals, ribbons and the peak cap of Air Chief Marshal Lal were kept over the casket.

Air Chief Marshal Dilbagh Singh and the former Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh were among the pall-bearers. Two minutes silence was observed before consigning the casket to the flames.

Air Chief Marshal Lal died in London on last Friday after a heart attack and his body was brought to India on Saturday night by an Air India flight.