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AIR FORCE PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER OF CHESHIRE HOME

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At a solemn function held here on Tuesday, the Delhi Cheshire Home celebrated its Founder's Day. Air Marshal L.M. Katre, Air Officer Commanding-in-Charge, Western Air Command and Smt Srilata Katre were the Chief Guests.

Rich tributes were paid on the occasion to Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and to the late Air Chief Marshal P.C. Lal who had laid the foundation stone of the Delhi Cheshire Home in April, 1970 and was a trustee and former chairman of the Home.

In his brief address, Air Marshal Katre described Group Captain Leonard Cheshire firstly as an illustrious pilot of Bomber Command of the RAF in World War II and also as a crusader who transferred his drive and dedication into forming a world wide organisation devoted to bringing succour and hope to the helpless and providing them with opportunities to express themselves and lead a useful life. Speaking about the late Air Chief Marshal Lal, he said that he would always be remembered as an exemplary aviator and administrator with notable contributions to his credit in whichever field he was assigned in the service of our country. His contribution to the Cheshire Home movement was equally exemplary and his memory as a humanitarian would always be cherished.

Air Marshal Katre presented a cheque for Rs.5,000/- to Major General Virendra Singh, Chairman, Delhi Cheshire Home as a donation from WAC.

Later, Air Marshal Katre, Smt Katre, Smt Ela Lal and other guests went round the home and met the inmates, five of them children and relatives of Air Force personnel.