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NEW APPOINTMENT FOR AIR MARSHAL MEHRA

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Air Marshal SK Mehra, Deputy Chief of Air Staff at Air HQ's will take over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command, Jodhpur, on March 1, 1987.

Commissioned into the Air Force in December 1951, Air Marshal Mehra has about 4,000 hours of operational flying on various fighter aircraft in the Indian Air Force.

During his distinguished service, Air Marshal Mehra has held important Command and Staff appointments. He has commanded premier fighter squadrons and fighter bases inclusive of the Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment. He has also served as Assistant Chief of Air Staff(Operations) Air Headquarters.

Air Marshal Mehra is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College in India and the Air Command Staff College in the U.S.A. He has also served as a member of the Directing Staff at DSSC, Wellington, as well as Air Attache in Moscow.

Air Marshal Mehra is a recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal for rendering distinguished service of the most exceptional order, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medal.

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