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AIR MARSHAL JAYAL APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

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Air Marshal BD Jayal, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar has taken over as the Deputy Chief of Air Staff at Air Headquarters.

Commissioned as a fighter pilot in Indian Air Force on October 8, 1955, Air Marshal Jayal was awarded the coveted 'Sword of Honour' and 'Flying Trophy' at the time of commissioning.

He underwent the Test Pilot course in the United Kingdom in 1965. He has test-flown a variety of aircraft which include fighters, transport and the light-planes while serving as a Test Pilot with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and later as the Chief Test Pilot with Air Force Test Establishment. He has flown more than 45-types of aircraft and has over 4000 hrs of flying to his credit.

A graduate of National Defence College, Air Marshal Jayal has held many key staff appointments at Air Headquarters besides commanding a fighter Squadron and a premier fighter base. He has been the Director of Air Staff Requirements and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff for Plans as well as for Operations.

He was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal twice. A recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Air Marshal Jayal was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished services of the highest order.

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