

Gp Capt Prem Vir Singh

Retired Indian Air Force Group Captain | Former Director Defence Acquisition Council, Ministry of Defence

Full Speaker Bio

Gp Capt Prem Vir Singh is a retired Indian Air Force Group Captain and former Director Defence Acquisition Council, Ministry of Defence, with extensive experience across fighter aircraft maintenance, defence procurement, aviation technical management, project management, and strategic defence business leadership.

Commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1979, he served in the Aeronautical Engineering branch and built deep expertise in Russian fighter aircraft, aircraft serviceability, induction management, reliability and maintainability, avionics, aerospace systems, and ground electronic systems. During his service, he was commended by the Chief of Air Staff for improving fighter fleet serviceability, and by senior Air Command leadership for aircraft induction and fighter maintenance expertise.

After retiring from the Indian Air Force as Group Captain in 2005, he continued his contribution through roles in the Ministry of Defence, Defence PSU and corporate environments, with a focus on capital and revenue procurement, offset management, strategic negotiations, technical evaluation, field trials, resource management, marketing, sales, and defence business development.

An alumnus of Aligarh Muslim University, where he completed Electrical Engineering with Honours, Gp Capt Singh also served earlier as a Scientific Officer at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. He is recognised for his analytical thinking, disciplined execution, collaborative working style, and public-interest engagement. His current areas of interest include defence acquisition reform, governance practice, civic contribution, and India's ambition to become a developed nation by 2047.

Short Speaker Bio

Gp Capt Prem Vir Singh is a retired Indian Air Force Group Captain and former Director Defence Acquisition Council, Ministry of Defence. His career spans fighter aircraft maintenance, defence procurement, aviation technical management, Defence PSU and corporate leadership, and public policy engagement. Commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1979, he received major commendations for improving fighter fleet serviceability, aircraft induction, and maintenance expertise. An Electrical Engineering Honours graduate from AMU and former Scientific Officer at BARC, he now contributes to public-interest discussions on defence acquisition, governance practice, and India's developed-nation ambition by 2047.

Suggested topics: defence acquisition reform; aircraft induction and fleet maintenance; governance practice; India 2047 and civic contribution.