



This calendar is dedicated to Fg Offr Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon of 18 Sqn IAF who single handedly battled six Sabres in a Gnat Mk I overhead Srinagar on 14 Dec 71. Sekhon was overwhelmed by superior numbers and killed in action but not before he forced two Sabres to disengage and one to be damaged by his guns. Sekhon received the nation's highest honour for gallantry, the IAF's first Param Vir Chakra for his dogged last stand against overwhelming odds in defence of Srinagar.



GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR Indo-Pak War of 1971



DECISIVE ROLE OF AIR POWER

The 1971 war was a watershed moment in India's military history with the scale and manner of victory having a profound political impact on the three nations involved. The synergy amongst the three arms of India's military in accomplishing a significant and clear victory on two fronts of war has enshrined itself in the annals of nation's history, apart from making the world take notice of India's impact in its neighbourhood. The operations also affirmed the supremacy of airpower in shaping the battlefield and bringing about a decisive victory. The Battle of Longewala and the Dacca Attack stand out as profound examples epitomising the credible offensive capability of the Indian Air Force at that time. Since then, the IAF has evolved and transformed into a potent aerospace power ever ready to accomplish its mission.

The need to encapsulate methods and patterns of operations is most essential to preserve a very important part of our history. Towards that, a large number of aerial photographs acquired by the IAF, of the period stand witness to the impact that the Indian military forces had on the battlefield. The Rich paintings in this commemorative calendar bring out some of those exciting moments of grit and valour displayed by the air warriors.

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CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Jan 26 Republic Day
 Mar 29 Holi
 Apr 02 Good Friday
 Apr 21 Ram Navami
 Apr 25 Mahavir Jayanti
 May 14 Id-ul-Fitr
 May 26 Buddha Purnima
 Jul 21 Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)
 Aug 15 Independence Day
 Aug 19 Muharram
 Aug 30 Janmashtami
 Oct 02 Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
 Oct 15 Dussehra
 Oct 19 Milad-un-Nabi/Id-e-Milad
 Nov 04 Diwali (Deepavali)
 Nov 19 Guru Nanak's Birthday
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS

Jan 01 New Year's Day
 Jan 13 Lohri
 Jan 14 Makar Sankranti / Magha Bihu / Pongal
 Jan 20 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday
 Feb 16 Basant Panchami / Sri Panchami
 Feb 19 Shivaji Jayanti
 Feb 26 Hazarat Ali's Birthday
 Feb 27 Guru Ravi Das's Birthday
 Mar 08 Swami Dayananda Saraswati Jayanti
 Mar 11 Maha Shivaratri
 Mar 28 Holika Dahan / Dolyatra
 Apr 04 Easter Sunday
 Apr 13 Chaitra Sukladi / Ugadi / Gudi Padava / Cheti Chand / Vaisakhi / Vishu
 Apr 14 Mesadi Tamil New year's Day
 Apr 15 Vaisakhadi (Bengal) / Bahag Bihu (Assam)
 May 07 Jamat-ul-Vida
 May 09 Guru Rabindranath's Birthday
 Jul 12 Rath Yatra
 Aug 16 Parsi New Year's Day / Nauraj
 Aug 21 Onam / Thiru Onam Day
 Aug 22 Raksha Bandhan
 Aug 30 Janmastami (Smarta)
 Sep 10 Vinayaka Chaturthi / Ganesh Chaturthi
 Oct 12 Dussehra (Saptami)
 Oct 13 Dussehra (Mahashtami)
 Oct 14 Dussehra (Mahanavmi)
 Oct 20 Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday
 Oct 24 Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chouth)
 Nov 03 Naraka Chaturdasi
 Nov 05 Govardhan Puja
 Nov 06 Bhai Duj
 Nov 10 Pratihara Shashthi / Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)
 Nov 24 Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve



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JULY

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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



9th Dec 71. Mi 4 helicopters from 110 and 105 HUs airlift a battalion of 4 Guards across the Meghna River from Ashuganj to Raipur (artistic rendition). The surprise heli-lift involved fourteen helicopters operating 67 sorties through the day and night and encircled Pakistani troops rendering Dacca defenceless. The Pakistani Army Commander Gen AK Niazi requested the UN for a ceasefire the next day.



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जनवरी

JANUARY

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11	12	13 Lohri	14 Veterans' Day/Pongal Makar Sankranti/Magha Bihu	15	16	17
18	19	20 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	21	22	23	24
25	26 Republic Day	27	28	29	30	31



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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



HF-24 Maruts attack Pakistani armour and troop carriers on 10 Dec 71 along the Umar Kot-Naya Chor axis. Maruts from 10 and 220 Sqn at Uttarlai devastated enemy convoys from Munabao to Dhoronaro in support of 11 Div advance into Pakistan.



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Sukhoi-7 aircraft from 101 Sqn attack enemy 26 Cavalry armour west of the Munnawar Tawi near Chhamb village on 05 Dec 71. Massive and sustained Close Support attacks halted the enemy armour at Chhamb stabilizing the LAC in perilous circumstances. 101 Sqn earned the Battle Honour "Falcons of Chhamb-Akhnoor" for this action.



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Swami Dayananda
Saraswati Jayanti

Maha Shivaratri

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Holika Dahan/
Dolyatra

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



A Hunter T Mk 66 of 122 Ad Hoc Sqn from Jaisalmer attacks a Pakistani T-55 tank of Pakistan's 22 Cavalry at Longewala on 04 Dec 71. The Ad Hoc unit made up of five pilots and four Hunters including a trainer, from the OCU destroyed or disabled 26 tanks and scores of other vehicles of the Armour Regt in three days of the Close Air support campaign to save the Indian 23 Punjab encircled at Longewala. The armour regiment was completely routed from the air as it withdrew in disarray across the border.



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Chaitra Sukladi/
Gudi Padava/Ugadi/
Cheti Chand/Vaisakhi/Vishu

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Mesadi Tamil
New Year's Day

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Vaisakhadi (Bengal)/
Bahag Bihu (Assam)

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Ram Navami

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Mahavir Jayanti

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



Sukhoi-7s from 222 Sqn at Halwara attack enemy rolling stock at Bahawalpur Railway Station on 07 Dec 71. Continued interdiction against Pakistani railways from Sukkur to Lahore forced enemy trains to ply mainly by night, preventing the enemy from shifting his Army Reserve South to the besieged northern battlefields of Shakargarh and Kasur.



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Buddha Purnima

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Jamat-UI-Vida

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Guru Rabindranath's Birthday

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



A MiG 21 T-77 of 47 Sqn shoots down an attacking F-104 Starfighter of the PAF's 9 Sqn overhead Jamnagar on 12 Dec 71. The two MiGs scrambled on OP report and just managed to catch the Starfighters overhead. The PAF starfighter crashed into the sea off the coast of Jamnagar.



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JUNE



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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



Two Gnats of 15 Sqn at Agartala destroy Pakistani riverine traffic on the river Padma in Bangladesh on 14 Dec 71. Hunters and Gnats brought all riverine traffic on the inland waterways to a halt preventing resupply and escape to the besieged West Pakistani forces.



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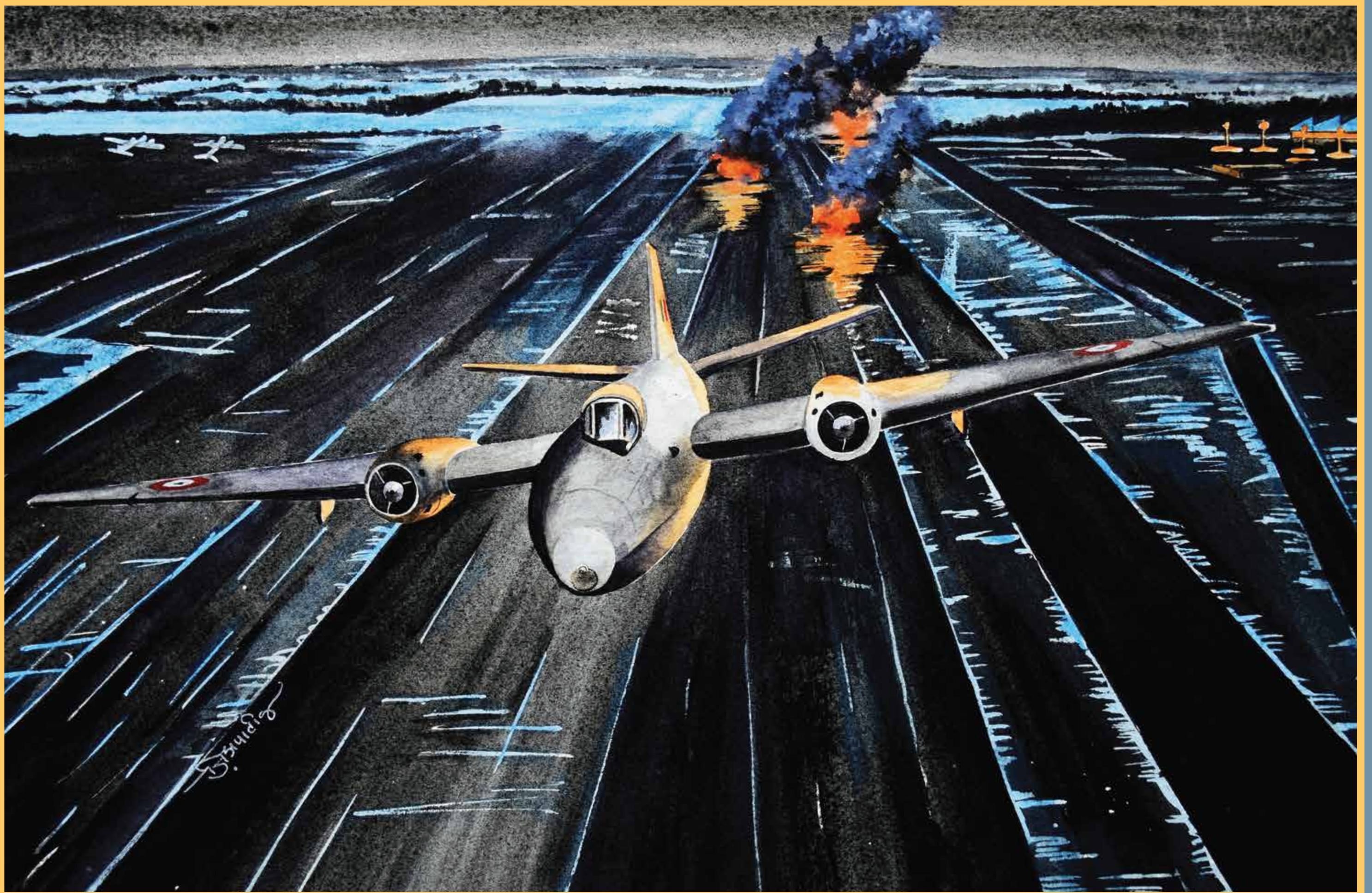


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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



The CO of 16 Sqn after a 1800 Km flight in a Canberra B (I) 8 from Gorakhpur attacks the runway at PAF base Mianwali just before dawn on 05 Dec 71 with the 'Y' Bomb. The bomb was designed to scatter 'Y' shaped nails in a fast drying jelly along the runway. The accurate moonlight attack grounded all PAF aircraft at Mianwali for the next 24 hours.



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Janmashtami
Janmashtami (Smarta)

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Independence Day

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Parsi New Year's Day/
Nauraj

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Onam or
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Raksha Bandhan

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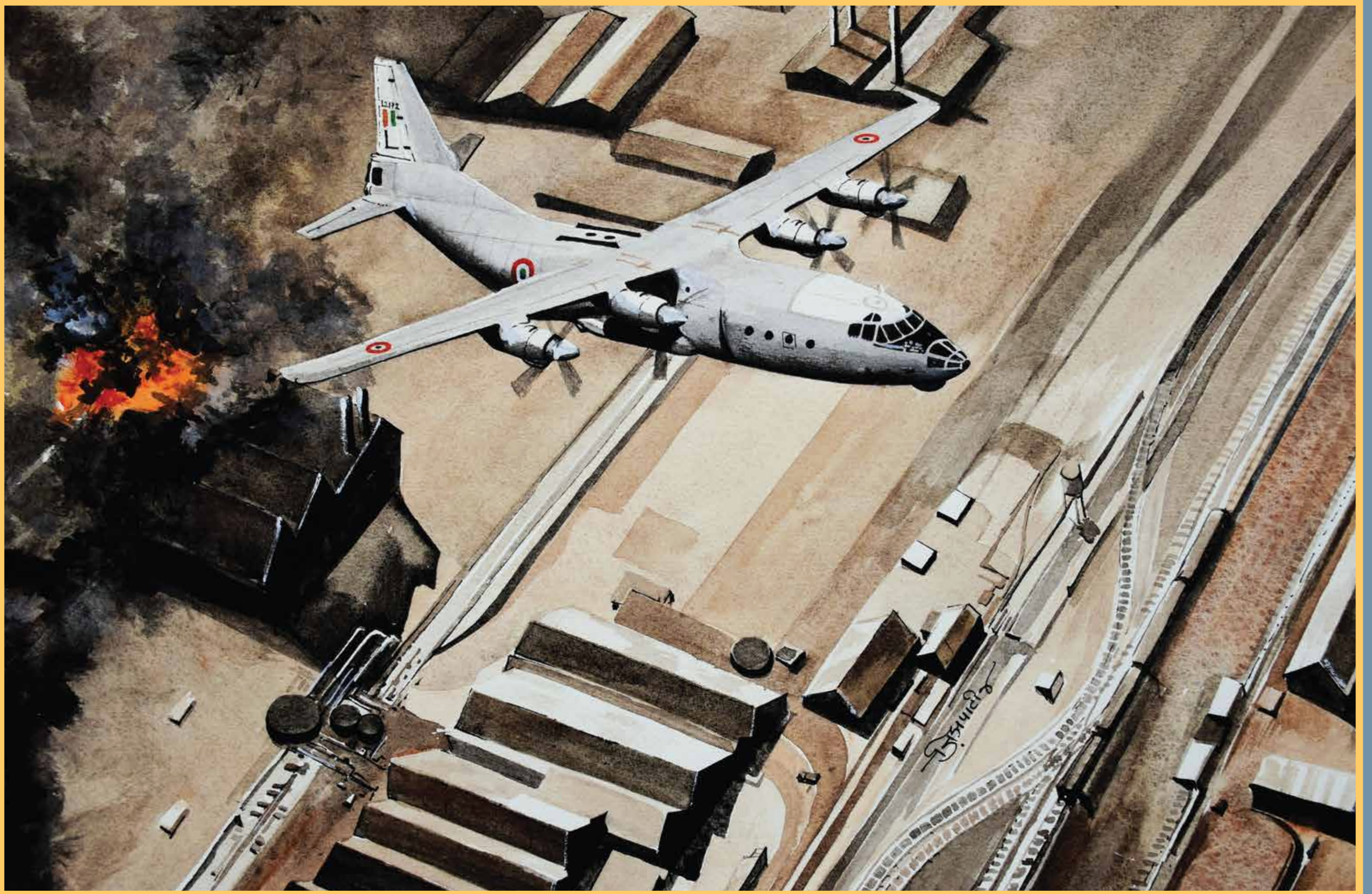


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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



An An-12 from 44 Sqn, Bareilly attacks the Pakistani Rohri Railway Junction at Sukkur in broad daylight on 15 Dec 71. An-12s roamed the length of West and East Pakistan initially by night and then in daylight carrying a devastating load of 95, 500 Lbs of High Explosive & Napalm bombs.



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सितम्बर

SEPTEMBER

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



Two Hunters from 20 Sqn, Pathankot catch PAF Sabres refuelling at Murid Airfield in West Pakistan on 05 Dec 71. The resulting conflagration destroyed five Sabres on the ground, making it the most successful counter-air sortie of the war.



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Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday

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Air Force Day

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Dussehra
(Saptami)

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Milad-un-Nabi/
Id-e-Milad

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Maharishi Valmiki's
Birthday

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Karaka Chaturthi
(Karwa Chouth)

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



A 14 Sqn Hunter from Kalaikunda shoots down a PAF Sabre of 14 Sqn PAF over Tezgaon, Dacca on 04 Dec 71. Attacks on the runway and air to air combat grounded the PAF in 48 Hrs when the runway was cratered beyond repair.



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Naraka Chaturdasi

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Diwali
(Deepavali)

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Govardhan Puja

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Pratihara Shashthi/
Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)

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Guru Nanak's
Birthday

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Guru Teg Bahadur's
Martyrdom Day

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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR : INDO-PAK WAR DEC 1971



A pilot and his ground crew share a meal between missions next to a Hunter Mk 56A. IAF Ground crew worked round the clock in adverse winter weather and under continuous enemy air attack. Their courage and determination allowed the IAF to fly approximately 6500 sorties in 14 days.



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Armed Forces
Flag Day

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Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

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