

'That' loop over Dacca



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It is an honour for me as an aviation enthusiast to write this story which has been little known - until now! In a recent conversation with Air Commodore Suren 'Bundle' Tyagi, an Indian Air Force veteran, he happened to narrate a rather quirky incident which caught my imagination and I felt this was a story that just had to be told! And as good luck would have it, Mr Pushpindar Singh of Vayu Aerospace Review tasked me with writing this story.

So we go back to July 1971, some months before Indo-Pakistani War. MiG-21FL fighters of Nos. 4 Squadron 'Oorials' and 28 Squadrons 'First Supersonics' both operating from Guwahati, were on ORP (Operational



No.4 Squadron pilots before a mission: (left to right) Balasubramaniam, Ajit Bhavnani, Suren Tyagi and Lawrie Menezes.