

# IAF's 'Vision 2030'



Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria (Photo: IAF)

## VAYU Interview with Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, CAS

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**VAYU:** *At a recent IAF Commanders' conference, IAF's 'Vision 2030' was articulated upon. Your concluding remarks were on the "need for rapid capacity building, increase in the serviceability of all assets and dedicated work towards effective integration of new technologies in the shortest time frame". Could you give us an overview on the time lines for these critical objectives to be met?*

**CAS:** Modernisation is an ongoing process to enhance operational potential in keeping with the desired combat capability. This includes induction of state-of-the-art modern equipment as well as upgrading existing systems to boost their capabilities and ensure operational relevance. Timeframes for such activity and effort run parallel to the induction and upgradation cycles and are met to ensure

an operational edge over the adversary at all times.

In the next five years we will induct the first of 83 Tejas Mk.1A and will put in place a rapid modernisation programme of our existing fighter fleets to integrate latest weapons, avionics and EW capabilities. We will also be inducting the HTT-40 and LCH to meet our training and attack helicopter needs. In the same timeframe we



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