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Founder & Editor, **VAYU** Aerospace & Defence Review



Pushpindar Singh is internationally well-known for his research and writing on Indian aviation matters for over five decades, being regarded as virtual chronicler of India's aviation history and present times.

His 'Aircraft of the Indian Air Force 1933-73' became standard reference book on the IAF and was followed by an account of the Service on its Golden and then Diamond Jubilees. The definitive three-volume History of the Indian Air Force 'Himalayan Eagles' was officially released at the IAF's Platinum Jubilee in 2007.

His various publications include 'The Battle Axes', 'Fiz'aya', 'History of Aviation in India: Spanning the Century of Flight', 'Fly Navy', 'Diamonds in the Sky', 'Tigers in the Sky', 'Valiant to the Last', 'The Black

Archers', 'The Fighting Fourteen', 'On the Wings of Gold', 'Dragon Fire', 'First to the Last', 'The First Supersonics', 'Tusker Charge', 'Fly Navy' plus two dozen more on military aviation history subjects. He also wrote many books on other matters including a biography of his late father Major General Mohindar Singh Chopra (1947: A Soldier's Story), a book on 'Neuve Chapelle' & The Jullundur Brigade, 'Portrait of Courage: Century of the 5th Battalion, The Sikh Regiment' amongst many others on varied topics.

He was the Founder-Editor of the Vayu Aerospace and Defence Review, now in its 47th year of publication and was Indian editor for the Air International, World Air Power Journal, Asian Defence Journal, Jane's Defence Weekly and Aviation Week

& Space Technology. During an earlier Farnborough Air Show, he was given a special award for his breaking news story on the Indian LCA programme from the Royal Aeronautical Society of the UK. In 2015, at the Aerospace Media Awards held at the Paris Air Show, he was awarded 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for Outstanding Contribution to Aviation Journalism'.

In the year 2000, he also started another magazine The Nishaan, a non-political journal on Sikh culture, history and heritage.

Indeed, Pushpindar Singh's writings on the Indian aviation and defence matters, impacting too on the international stage for over five decades, have inspired and encouraged generations of those who later joined the industry and are continuing to serve the profession with honour.