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INDIAN AIR FORCE

From
EARTH *to outer*
SPACE

OPPORTUNITIES INFINITE



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JOIN THE

INDIAN AIR FORCE

WHERE PASSION TAKES FLIGHT



Source: Archives

The IAF contingent has participated at the **Republic Day Parade since 1950**. The parade is a reflection of the discipline, pride and esprit de corps of the IAF. The contingent comprises men and women drawn from units across the service and embodies IAF's core values of **'People First Mission Always'**.

JANUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			① New Year's Day	2	③ Hazrat Ali's Birthday	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	⑭ Makar Sankranti/Magha Bihu/Pongal	⊗ Army Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	⑳ Sri Panchami, Basant Panchami	24	25
⑳ Republic Day	27	28	29	30	31	





A **Jaguar** and a **Su-30MKI**, together showcasing the IAF's versatile combat capabilities. The Su-30MKI executes air dominance and long-range strike missions. Jaguar DPSA, a dedicated ground attack platform, undertakes precision deep penetration strikes.

FEBRUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Guru Ravi Das's Birthday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati	13	14	15 Maha Shivratri
16	17	18	19 Shiva Ji Jayanti	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	





A versatile multi-role fighter, the **MiG-29 UPG** traces its roots to the mid-1980s. The fighter went through an upgrade and has added impressive capability in air superiority as well as air-to-ground roles.

MARCH

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3 HoliKa dahan/ Dolyatra	4 Holi	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Chaitra Sukladi/Gadi Padwa/Ugadi/Cheti Chand	20 Jamat-ur-Vida	21 Id-ul-Fitr	22
23	24	25	26 Ram Navami	27	28	29
30	31 Mahavir Jayanti					





Source: Archives

The **Mi-17 V5** helicopter was inducted into the Indian Air Force on 17 February 2012, as an upgrade of the Mi-17 medium-lift helicopters. It has state-of-the-art avionics with an onboard weather radar, autopilot system, and compatibility with Generation-III night vision goggles, enabling all-weather, day and night operations.

2020

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter Sunday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Vaisakhi/Vishu/Veshadi (Tamil New Year's Day)	15 Vaisakhasi (Bengali)/Bahag Bihu (Assam)	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Source: Archives

The **SPYDER** (Surface-to-Air PYTHON and DERby) missile system was inducted into the IAF in 2017. It uses highly manoeuvrable Python 5 and Derby missiles and is designed for quick reaction engagement of aerial threats.

2020

M A Y

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <small>Buddha Purnima</small>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <small>Birthday of Guru Rabindranath Tagore</small>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <small>Kisuf-Zuha (Bakrid)</small>	28	29	30	31





Source: Archives

The IAF inducted the **C-130J-30 Super Hercules** in 2011, enhancing its tactical airlift capability significantly. This versatile platform performs troop transport, cargo airlift, and special operations missions. It has carried out critical humanitarian relief and integrated strategic missions in challenging terrain.

2020

JUNE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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22	23	24	25	26 Muharram	27	28
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Source: Archivers

The **C-17 Globemaster III** entered IAF service in 2013, enhancing India's strategic airlift capacity. It has enabled major evacuation missions from troubled countries and regions. Trailing behind is the 9-aircraft **Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team**. Formed in 1996, SKAT was raised with Kiran Mk II and transitioned to Hawk Mk-132 in 2015. The team has made iconic appearances in the country and abroad.

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JULY

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13	14	15	16 <small>Rath Yatra</small>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Source: Archives

Sudarshan Surface-to-Air Missile System has ushered in a paradigm shift in IAF's Air Defence operations. With an ability to neutralise a wide array of aerial threats, the system proved its mettle when it demonstrated its capabilities against live enemy targets during Op Sindoor.

AUGUST

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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10	11	12	13	14	15 <small>Independence Day/ Parsi New Year's day/Nauraj</small>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <small>Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) Onam or Thiru Onam Day</small>	27	28 <small>Raksha Bandhan</small>	29	30
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Source: Archives

Having been inducted into service in 1963, the **MiG-21** variants completed 62 illustrious years before the historic last flight on 26 September 2025. It rendered yeomen service in the 1965 and 1971 wars, and etched glory during the Kargil War. The MiG-21 remains an indelible, iconic chapter in India's military aviation history.

SEPTEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 <small>Jyeshthband (Vashnav)</small>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <small>Ganesh Chaturthi/ Vinayak Chaturthi</small>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Source: ARII

The **Prachand** (Light Combat Helicopter) was formally inducted into the IAF in 2022. Prachand serves in close air support, anti-armour roles, air defence against slow aerial targets, and a variety of other roles. Its induction significantly enhances the IAF's capability to respond rapidly in air-land battles.

OCTOBER



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Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday

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Dussehra (Saptami)

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Dussehra (Mahastami)

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Dussehra Mahanavami/
Dussehra

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Maharshi Valmiki's Birthday

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Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chauth)

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Source: Archives

A **Jaguar** flies in formation with two **Tejas** aircraft. Together, they represent reliability of legacy platforms alongside modern cutting-edge capability. The IAF's inventory includes state-of-the-art battle proven platforms that have been upgraded indigenously, making them potent as well as precise.

NOVEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Diwali (Deepavali)/ Naraka Chaturdas
9 Govardhan Puja	10	11 Bhai Duj	12	13	14	15 Prashar Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhath Puja)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Guru Nanak's Birthday/Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	25	26	27	28	29
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Source: Archives

The **HAL Dhruv** Advanced Light Helicopter was inducted into the IAF in 2002, with the Mk-III variant inducted in 2012. It is a twin-engine, multi-role helicopter for troop transport, reconnaissance and attack. It features high-altitude performance, advanced avionics including a glass cockpit, and an integrated self-protection suite.

2026

DECEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	 Navy Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	 Hazarat Ali's Birthday	 Christmas Eve	 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2027

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