



## **18th Subroto Mukerjee Seminar (Hybrid Format) India's National Security Dynamics**



Subroto Mukerjee was among the six selected for training at RAF Cranwell, when the decision to give commissions in the RAF to Indians was taken. After training at Cranwell, he and four other officers were inducted as pilots when the first Indian Air Force Squadron was formed on 01 April 1933, where he served as a Pilot Officer for sometime.

In July 1938, Subroto Mukerjee was put in command of 'B' Flight of No.1 IAF Squadron in the rank of Flying Officer. He was the first Indian ever to command a flight and later a squadron when he took over the command of No.1 Squadron on 16 March 1939. After converting to the Hawker Hart, the squadron moved to Miranshah in the NWFP. It was here that Subroto Mukerjee led the squadron into action against the tribals of the NWFP. Later, during World War II, he served in various staff assignments and for his services was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1944.

On 15 August 1947, when India attained Independence, Subroto Mukerjee was the senior most Air Commodore serving with the IAF and was promoted to Air Vice Marshal and posted as the Deputy Chief of Air Staff at Air HQ. Later he served as the Vice Chief for over 6½ years.

On 01 April 1954, at the age of forty three, Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee took over from Air Marshal Gerald Gibbs as the Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force. Under his tenure, the Air Force inducted a variety of state-of-the-art aircraft. Prominent among them were the Dassault Mystere, Hawker Hunter, BAe Canberra and Folland Gnat. He instituted number of measures for human resource planning and took forward the process of operational development of the fledgling Air Force.

Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, one of the pioneers of Indian aviation, has a very special place in the heart of every air warrior.

# Programme

0915-0945h Registration and Tea

## 0945-1020h **Inaugural Session**

Welcome Remarks  
Air Marshal **Anil Chopra** PVSM AVSM VM VSM (Retd)  
Director General, CAPS

Inaugural Address  
Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhari** PVSM AVSM VM ADC  
Chief of the Air Staff

Book Release: "India's Development Diplomacy" Authored by Ms Urmi Tat

## 1020-1040h **High Tea**

### 1045-1200h **Session I: India's Security Challenges**

**Chair:** Air Marshal **SC Mukul** PVSM AVSM VM VSM (Retd)  
Former Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

China's Emerging Posture  
Dr **Srikanth Kondapalli**  
Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Regional Security Challenges  
Ms **Suhasini Haidar**  
Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu

Cyber Space and Information Warfare: Threat and Challenges  
Rear Admiral **Mohit Gupta** VSM  
DG, Defence Cyber Agency, HQ IDS, MoD

### 1200-1315h **Session II: Growth & Security: Way Ahead – India**

**Chair:** Lt Gen **Vinod G Khandare** PVSM AVSM SM (Retd)  
Former Military Advisor to the National Security Council Secretariat

India's Diplomatic Choices  
Dr **Sanjaya Baru**  
Former Media Advisor to Prime Minister

Economic Challenges & Trajectory  
Dr **Arvind Virmani**  
Chairman, Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare & President, FSI

Transformation- India's Military Capabilities  
Air Marshal **R Nambiar** PVSM AVSM VM & Bar (Retd)  
Former AOC-in-C, HQ WAC

## 1315-1330h **Closing Session**

**Closing Remarks:** Air Marshal **Anil Chopra** PVSM AVSM VM VSM (Retd)  
Director General, CAPS

**Vote of Thanks:** Air Vice Marshal **Anil Golani** (Retd)  
Additional Director General, CAPS

1330h Onwards Lunch



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