

## Bio-Data

## Air Vice Marshal Upkarjit Singh AVSM

Air Vice Marshal Upkarjit Singh Ati Vishisht Seva Medal was commissioned in the IAF in Dec 1980 into the fighter stream of the flying branch. He has more than 3800 hrs of flying, mainly in Mig-21 variants and Kiran / HPT-32 aircraft. A Qualified Flying Instructor Cat 'A' and Instrument Rating Instructor & Examiner, he has commanded a Mig-21 fighter Squadron, a Signal Unit and a prestigious Air Force Station. His other operational and Instructional assignments include Directing Staff at the Flying Instructors' School, College of Air Warfare and Air Force Examiner at Aircrew Examining Board. An alumnus of Defence Service Staff College, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (Hawaii, USA), Army War College and National Defence College, he has M Phil degrees from DAVV Indore and University of Madras. He has held various appointments which include Principle Director Operations (Air Defence), Principle Director Operations (Information & Electronic Warfare) and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff Operations (Space) at Air HQ. He was Air Officer Commanding J&K before assuming the present Appointment of Commandant College of Air Warfare. He is married to Mrs Suneta Singh and they have one son who is a software engineer.