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AIR MARSHAL (RETD.) PHILIP RAJKUMAR

Air Marshal P Rajkumar was born in August 1941, graduated with a science degree from Central College in Bangalore and was commissioned in the Flying Branch of the Indian Air Force in November, 1962. During his service career, he served in fighter squadrons flying the Toofani, Mystere IV A and MIG 21 aircraft for 12 years and spent 20 years in test flying and flight test management duties. He commanded a MIF 21 squadron, a Jaguar base and the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment. He is a graduate of the Test Pilots School, France, Tactics and Combat Development Establishment, London. He has been awarded the PVSM, AVSM and VM by the Aeronautical Development agency which is in charge of the LCA development programme. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Aeronautical Society of India in 2002. The Air Marshal has flown 5200 hours on 75 different types of aircraft and helicopters during his service career.