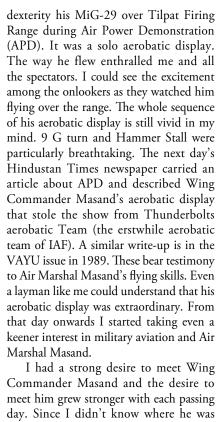
Rajnish Sharma says...

I learnt more than flying from them: Air Marshal (R) Harish Masand

Supersonics, celebrating their Diamond Jubilee in March 2023, I thought this was an appropriate time to pay tribute to a living legend who not only converted the Squadron

on MiG-29s but also set a new bar on aerobatics and air combat. I have known Air Marshal Harish Masand since 18 March 1989, then a Wing Commander. In fact, it was an enrapturing experience as I watched him flying with graceful



posted at that time, I sent a New Year Greeting card addressed to Air Chief Marshal NC Suri in December 1992 and requested him to redirect an enclosed envelope addressed to Wing Commander Masand to wherever he was posted then. Thankfully, the Air Chief redirected that envelope to Wing Commander Masand. I express my gratitude to Air Chief Suri Sir if he is reading this article. Sometime in the middle of January 1993 I received a letter from Group Captain Masand (he was promoted to Group Captain soon after the APD). He was in the USA then, deputed by IAF for a course in Air War College, Montgomery, Albama. Group Captain Masand had topped in that course, thereby adding another feather in his cap.

Soon after his return from the USA sometime in 1993 he was appointed as Director of MiG upgrade. The redoubtable MiG-21s (I would rather prefer to call



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