

Flying High, Fighting Hard: The GARUD Special Forces



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The IAF Special Force aka the GARUD SF is a creed of elite warriors always ready to take on the most daunting and heart wrenching challenges. The GARUD SF is the dedicated Spec Ops unit of the IAF and one of the three SFs of the Indian Armed Forces, rest two Navy's MARCOS and Army's PARA SF. Raised in February 2004 as a specialised force to counter both conventional and unconventional threats, the GARUD SF have evolved from a new raising to a well trained and established SF at present. The GARUDs have seen immense amount of combat, be it in the Kashmir Valley or the Naxal prone jungles of Chhattisgarh. They have always proven their mettle on the battlefield and came out as a very effective force and will continue to do so.

The GARUD SF is specialised in a very vast spectrum of skillsets, some of which are the CCT, TACP, Para Rescue, S&R, etc. These are some of the core specialisations that are very difficult to achieve but on the other hand very necessary for a SF unit like the GARUDs. The IAF SF is also showcasing jointness by improving in these skillsets with the rest of the Tri-services SFs.

