

Air Marshal (R) Harish Masand says...

I learnt more than flying from them: Hasimara Happiness December 2024 (Part-1)



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Hasimara has been on my mind for a long long time and I personally carry some unforgettable memories from that place where I spent perhaps the best four years of my youth and literally turned from a boy to a man. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, I just could not make a visit after 1981 when our daughter, Ruheene, was born in 10 Air Force Hospital in Hasimara. Ever since we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the 1971 Indo-Pak War in 2021 in Gauhati courtesy the then C-in-C Air Marshal DK Patnaik, many of my friends had also been egging me on to organise a visit to Hasimara. Most persistent amongst these was my course mate, Wing Commander VK “Actor” Vasudeva, who kept at asking me to organise this visit/reunion in Hasimara particularly after seeing the way I had organised the course reunion in Secunderabad in early January 2018 on the occasion of the Golden jubilee of our commissioning and getting our wings on 31 December 1967.



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