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SKAT COMIC GROUP

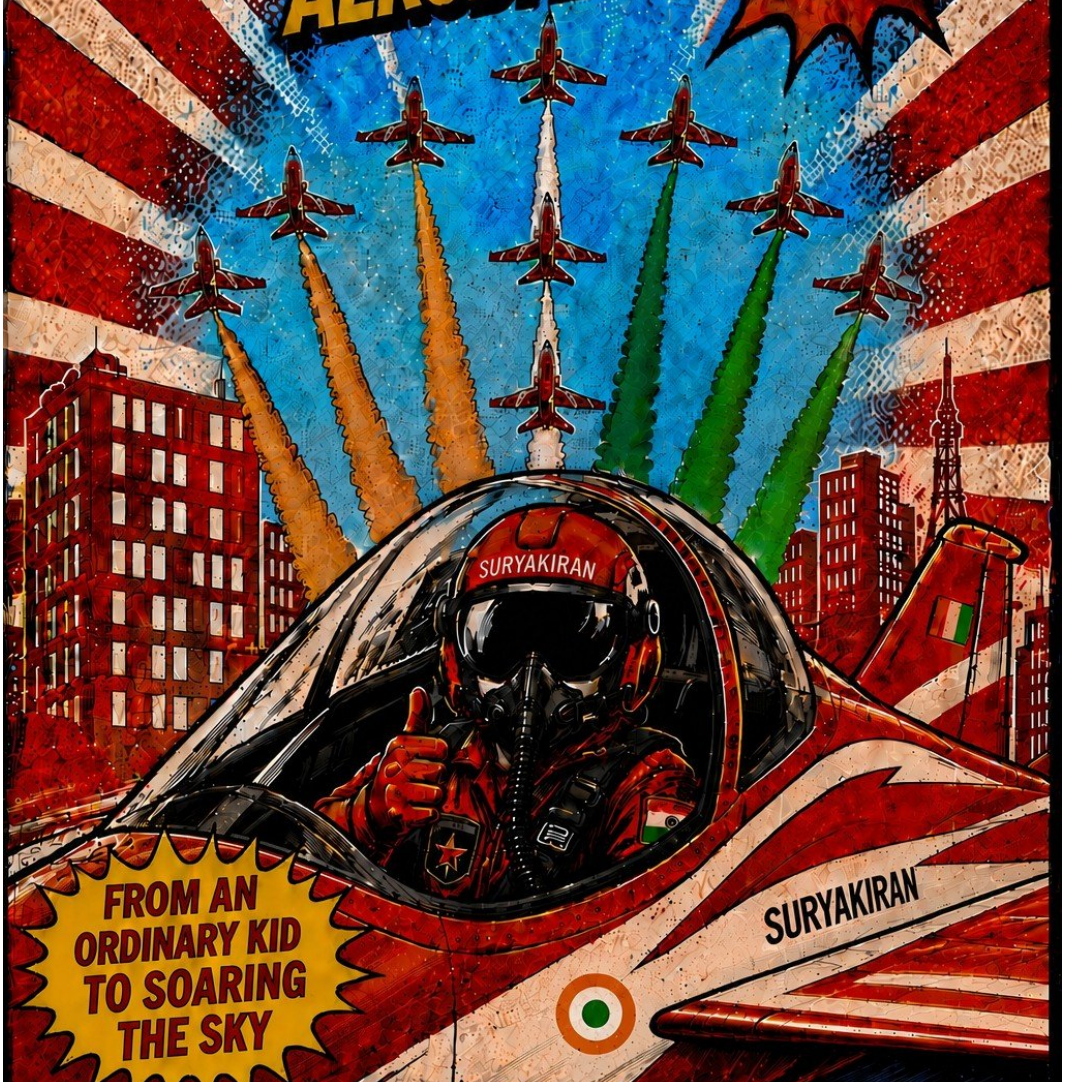
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INDIAN AIR FORCE'S PRIDE!

SURYAKIRAN AEROBATIC TEAM



FROM AN
ORDINARY KID
TO SOARING
THE SKY



WAYS TO JOIN INDIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER'S ENTRY

SERVICE BEFORE SELF • EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

SERVE THE NATION.
TOUCH THE SKY!
WITH GLORY!

FOR OFFICER ENTRY, YOU CAN JOIN THROUGH THESE PATHS

1. NDA

2. CDS

3. AFCAT (PC & SSC)

4. NCC SPECIAL ENTRY

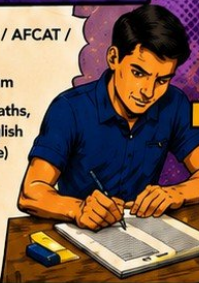
1 ELIGIBILITY

- Indian Citizen
- Age: 16.5 to 26 years (as per entry)
- Educational Qualification: Graduation / 10+2 (as per entry)
- Physical & Medical Standards as per IAF norms



2 ENTRANCE EXAM

- NDA / CDS / AFCAT / NCC
- Written Exam
- Subjects: Maths, Physics, English (as applicable)
- Qualify the Cut-off



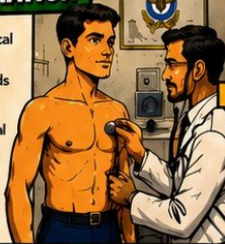
3 SSB SELECTION

- SSB Interview (5 Days)
- Officer Intelligence Rating
- Psychology Tests
- Group Testing
- Interview
- Conference



4 MEDICAL EXAMINATION

- Complete Medical Examination as per IAF standards
- Must meet physical & medical fitness criteria



5 MERIT LIST

- Final Merit List based on:
- Written Exam
- SSB Marks
- Medical Fitness
- Educational Qualification



6 COURSE TRAINING

- Training at IAF Academy, Dundigal
- Duration: 74 Weeks (Approx.)
- Academic, Physical & Flying Training



7 COMMISSIONING

- Award of 'President's Commission' as Officer in Indian Air Force
- Rank: Flying Officer



8 SPECIALISATION

- Branch Allocation (Flying / Technical / Administration)
- Further Training at various establishments



9 SERVICE TO NATION

- Lead with Courage
- Serve with Honour
- Protect the Skies of India



MISSION. INTEGRITY. EXCELLENCE.
BE AN OFFICER BE THE DIFFERENCE

APPLY NOW!



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JOIN INDIAN AIR FORCE | TOUCH THE SKY WITH GLORY

CHAPTER 1: WHEN THE SKY ROARED

AGE 3

XENO'S
DREAM
BEGINS.



VROOOM!

RATATATAT!



AGE 7-8

XENO'S
PASSION
TAKES
FLIGHT.



Xeno's life story



AGE 12-13

XENO
OBSESSED
WITH
THE SKY.

IT BEGAN ON A QUIET
AFTERNOON IN A SMALL TOWN...

...JUST AN ORDINARY BOY...



UNTIL, THE AIR TREMBLED...



AND THEN I SAW THEM...

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SURYAKIRAN HAWK MK132



THE SOUND OF
THUNDER AND STEEL!

ROOARRR!

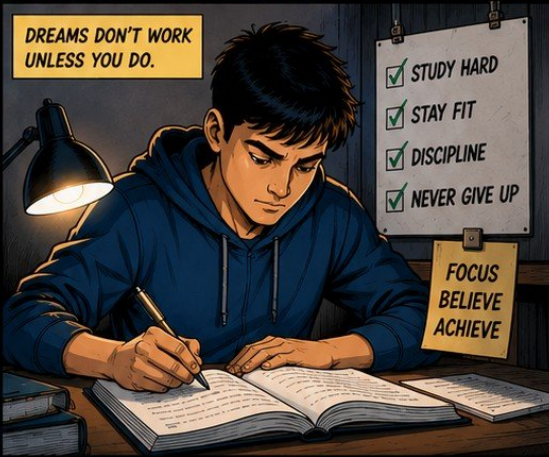


XENO THOUGHT IT WAS THE SWAT KATS FLYING IN REAL LIFE.
THE SURYAKIRAN WAS THE FIRST REAL LIFE AIRCRAFT HE EVER SAW,
THAT TOO FROM FAR, WAY AWAY FROM THE DISPLAY SITE.

CHAPTER 2 - CHASING DREAM



ONE DAY, I WILL WEAR THAT UNIFORM AND FLY FOR MY COUNTRY!



DREAMS DON'T WORK UNLESS YOU DO.

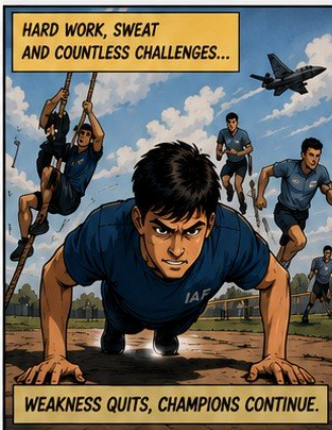
- ✓ STUDY HARD
- ✓ STAY FIT
- ✓ DISCIPLINE
- ✓ NEVER GIVE UP

FOCUS BELIEVE ACHIEVE



THE JOURNEY BEGINS...

XENO, YOU HAVE THE MENTAL STRENGTH, PHYSICAL FITNESS AND CONFIDENCE - GIVE YOUR BEST!



HARD WORK, SWEAT AND COUNTLESS CHALLENGES...

WEAKNESS QUITS, CHAMPIONS CONTINUE.



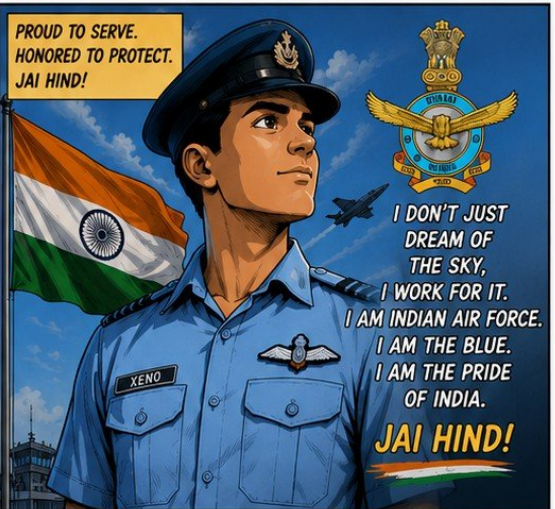
THE DAY OF SUCCESS!

AFCAT RESULTS
RECOMMENDED
ROLL NO. 27

XENO DID IT! ALL THE HARD WORK HAS MADE THE DREAM COME TRUE!



TRAINED TO FLY. BORN TO LEAD.



PROUD TO SERVE. HONORED TO PROTECT. JAI HIND!



I DON'T JUST DREAM OF THE SKY, I WORK FOR IT. I AM INDIAN AIR FORCE. I AM THE BLUE. I AM THE PRIDE OF INDIA.

JAI HIND!

XENO WORKED HARD, NEVER GAVE UP AND MADE HIS DREAM COME TRUE. HE JOINED THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

CHAPTER 3 -

TIP OF THE SWORD

XENO PROVED HIS WORTH.
SWEAT AND HARD WORK TO JOIN
FIGHTER STREAM OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

ONE DREAM.
ONE MISSION.
ONE NATION!

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POWER. REACH.
DOMINANCE.



BUILT FOR
SUPERIORITY.
BORN TO LEAD.

MiG-29

AGILE. DEADLY.
ALWAYS READY.



TURNING SKY
INTO OUR
ADVANTAGE.

MIRAGE 2000

SPEED. PRECISION.
PERFECTION.



ELEGANCE IN DESIGN.
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION.

JAGUAR

VERSATILE. RELIABLE.
MISSION READY.



WHATEVER THE
MISSION, WE DELIVER.

RAFALE

OMNIROLE. DOMINANCE.
RAFALE.



INNOVATION MEETS
INTIMIDATION.

TEJAS

INDIGENOUS. FEARLESS.
THE FUTURE IS HERE.



MADE IN INDIA.
MADE FOR INDIA.

DIFFERENT MACHINES.
ONE MISSION.
WE FLY. WE FIGHT. WE PROTECT.

THE SKY IS OURS.
THE NATION IS OURS.
VICTORY IS OURS!



XENO'S JOURNEY DOESN'T END HERE.
THIS IS NOT JUST A DREAM. THIS IS A CALLING.
THIS IS THE TIP OF THE SWORD.



XENO'S LIFE AS A FIGHTER PILOT

PASSION. PURPOSE. PROTECTING THE NATION.

1. THE DREAM BEGINS

AS A CHILD, XENO LOOKED UP AT THE SKY AND DREAMT OF SOMETHING GREATER. NOT JUST TO FLY, BUT TO DEFEND.



2. THE CALLING

HE CHOSE THE PATH OF DISCIPLINE, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.



3. IN THE AIR

FIRST SOLO. FIRST FLIGHT. A HEART FULL OF EXCITEMENT. A MIND FOCUSED. A NATION IN HIS HEART.



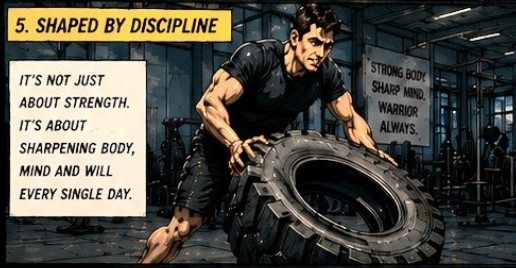
4. MASTERING THE MACHINES

EVERY MISSILE. EVERY RADAR. EVERY SWITCH. HE LEARNED TO TURN TECHNOLOGY INTO TRUST.



5. SHAPED BY DISCIPLINE

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT STRENGTH. IT'S ABOUT SHARPENING BODY, MIND AND WILL EVERY SINGLE DAY.



6. BROTHERS BEYOND THE SKY

IN THE SQUADRON, THERE ARE NO STRANGERS. ONLY BROTHERS WHO TRUST YOU WITH THEIR LIVES.



7. OFF THE ROUTINE. ON THE THROTTLE.

WHETHER ON TWO WHEELS OR IN THE COCKPIT, THE THRILL IS THE SAME—FREEDOM, FOCUS, FULL ALIVE.



8. BEYOND BORDERS

NEW PLACES. NEW CULTURES. NEW PERSPECTIVES. BUT THE MISSION REMAINS THE SAME—TO DEFEND.



9. ALWAYS READY

DAY OR NIGHT. IN PEACE OR WAR. XENO IS ALWAYS READY. BECAUSE THE SKY IS NOT JUST A PLACE—IT'S A PROMISE.



24/7. 365 DAYS.
ONE CALL.
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES.
WE DON'T JUST FLY...
WE DEFEND.
WE PROTECT.
WE ARE THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

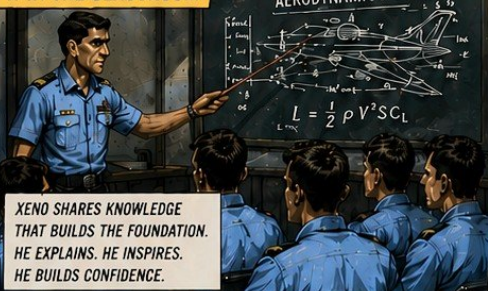
MISSION TODAY. VICTORY TOMORROW. PRIDE FOREVER.

CHAPTER 4 –

TIME TO GIVE IT BACK

XENO IS NOT ONLY A FIGHTER PILOT.
HE IS NOW AN INSTRUCTOR.
IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK.

1. IN THE CLASSROOM



HE SHARES KNOWLEDGE
THAT BUILDS THE FOUNDATION.
HE EXPLAINS. HE INSPIRES.
HE BUILDS CONFIDENCE.

2. FLIGHT TRAINING



IN THE SKY,
HE TEACHES FOCUS.
HE BUILDS SKILL.
HE INSTILLS PURPOSE.

3. DRILL SQUARE



HE LEADS BY EXAMPLE.
HE BUILDS DISCIPLINE.
HE SHAPES CHARACTER.
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

4. NAVIGATION TRAINING



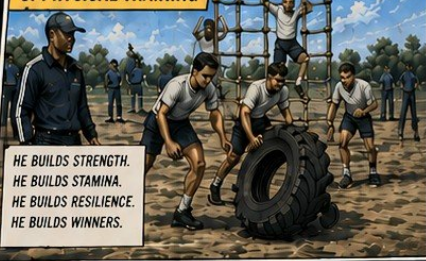
HE GUIDES THEM
TO THINK AHEAD.
HE TEACHES THEM
TO TRUST THE PLAN
AND EACH OTHER.

5. SIMULATOR TRAINING



HE CREATES REAL-LIFE
SITUATIONS.
HE COACHES. HE CORRECTS.
HE BUILDS CONFIDENCE
TO HANDLE ANY CHALLENGE.

6. PHYSICAL TRAINING



HE BUILDS STRENGTH.
HE BUILDS STAMINA.
HE BUILDS RESILIENCE.
HE BUILDS WINNERS.

7. AIR TRAINING – PILATUS PC-7 MK II



HE TEACHES THEM
TO FLY WITH PRECISION.
TO STAY CALM.
TO MAKE EVERY MOVE
COUNT.

8. LEADERSHIP LESSONS



LEADERSHIP
• INTEGRITY
• COURAGE
• TEAMWORK
• SERVICE
• EXCELLENCE

HE SHARES EXPERIENCES.
HE SHARES VALUES.
HE MOTIVATES THEM TO
SERVE WITH HONOR.

9. OUR HOME. OUR PRIDE.



HE REMINDS THEM—
THIS IS MORE THAN AN ACADEMY.
THIS IS A LEGACY.

TRAINING TODAY... PROTECTING TOMORROW.



HE LEARNS.
HE LEADS.
HE FLIES.
HE DEFENDS.
HE INSPIRES.
HE IS THE
INDIAN AIR FORCE.

CHAPTER 5: NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS

XENO HAD ONE GOAL BEYOND THE CLOUDS – TO BE THE BEST A FIGHTER PILOT CAN BE.



THIS ISN'T JUST FLYING... THIS IS SURYAKIRAN.



XENO APPEARS FOR SKAT – THE TOUGHEST TEST OF SKILL, FOCUS AND COMMITMENT.



FROM THE GROUND, XENO PROVES HIS METTLE. BUT INSIDE THE COCKPIT, HE FIGHTS HIS REAL BATTLE.



EVERY MANEUVER IS A BATTLE. EVERY SECOND COUNTS.



NOT EVERYONE COULD MAKE IT.



THE TRIALS ARE OVER. THE RESULT IS CLEAR.

XENO IS SELECTED FOR THE SURYAKIRAN AEROBATIC TEAM.



HE ISN'T JUST A FIGHTER PILOT ANYMORE.

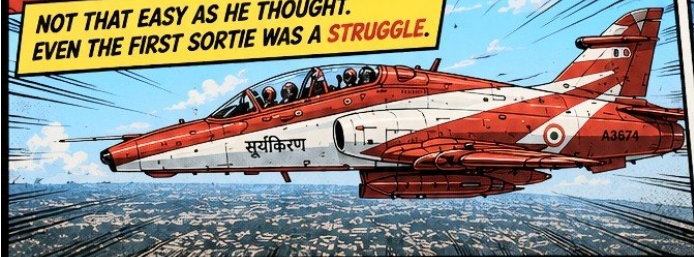
HE IS A SURYAKIRAN.

DISCIPLINE. DEDICATION. DETERMINATION. THE BEST DON'T JUST FLY... THEY INSPIRE.

LIFE IN SURYAKIRAN BEGINS

NOT THAT EASY AS HE THOUGHT.
EVEN THE FIRST SORTIE WAS A **STRUGGLE**.

LOW LEVEL
RUN... LOOKS
GOOD!



ROLL IN...

PULL THROUGH...



XENO PUSHED HARD,
BUT ROLLING IN PERFECTLY
WASN'T SO EASY.



TIMING, COORDINATION, PRECISION—
HE WAS **STILL** LEARNING.

SUDDENLY...



TOO LOW!!!

UNINTENTIONALLY, XENO **VIOLATED** THE MINIMUM HEIGHT.
A HARSH REMINDER OF HOW LITTLE MARGIN HE HAD.

HEIGHT VIOLATION!

MIN HEIGHT: 500 FT AGL



HE DROPPED BELOW THE MINIMUM HEIGHT.
A MISTAKE THAT COULD HAVE **COST HIM EVERYTHING**.

FOWL LINE BREACH!

NEVER CROSS THE FOWL LINE



IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT,
HE **CROSSED** THE FOWL LINE.
ANOTHER **VIOLATION**. ANOTHER LESSON.

MY MISTAKE...
I'LL NEVER LET
THIS HAPPEN
AGAIN!

THE REALISATION HIT HARD.
BUT XENO WAS **DETERMINED** TO GET BETTER.

PULL UP...

CLIMB TO SAFE ALTITUDE!



HE CORRECTED IN TIME.
ONE MISTAKE, **MANY** LESSONS.

LESSON LEARNED!

- ✓ RESPECT MINIMUM HEIGHT
- ✓ STAY BEHIND FOWL LINE
- ✓ MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!

XENO LEARNED THE HARD WAY.
WITH EVERY SORTIE, HE GOT BETTER. **DISCIPLINE. AWARENESS. PRECISION.** THAT'S HOW HE MASTERED IT.



CHAPTER 6- A NEVER ENDING CHAPTER-SKAT

FOR XENO, GETTING INTO SURYAKIRAN WAS JUST THE BEGINNING.



ONE CANNOT ACHIEVE IT SO EASILY.

EVERY SORTIE IS A TEST. EVERY MOMENT, A LESSON.



MONTHS OF HARDWORK AND ASPIRATION TO ACHIEVE THIS.

BEHIND EVERY PERFECT DISPLAY ARE COUNTLESS HOURS OF SWEAT, FOCUS AND SACRIFICE.



PERFECTION EVERY SINGLE TIME.



ZERO SCOPE FOR ERROR.

REPETITION BUILDS PRECISION. PRECISION BUILDS TRUST.



LIVES, TEAM AND MISSION—THERE IS NO ROOM FOR MISTAKES.



FAILURE IS PART OF THE JOURNEY.

XENO LEARNED THE HARD WAY. HE MADE MISTAKES. HE FACED CONSEQUENCES.



BUT HE NEVER GAVE UP. HE ADAPTED. HE IMPROVED. HE ROSE ABOVE.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT FLYING. IT'S ABOUT REPRESENTING THE NATION WITH PRIDE.

SKAT IS NOT A DESTINATION. IT'S A COMMITMENT THAT CONTINUES EVERY DAY.

THE SKY DOESN'T FORGIVE. BUT IT REWARDS THOSE WHO NEVER SETTLE.

FOR XENO, THIS ISN'T THE END. IT'S A NEVER ENDING CHAPTER-SKAT.



HEART+ PIERCE

A MANOEUVRE THAT SPEAKS LOVE!

LOVE IS IN
THE AIR!

SYNCHRO'S
FAVORITE!



♥ I love IAF ♥

CROSSES

DARE TO DO IT.
ONLY FEW CAN.
ONLY THE BEST DO!

TWO JETS.
ONE MOMENT.
INFINITE PRECISION!

SKILLS OF
SYNCHRO.
PERFECTED IN
THE SKIES!

CROSSING PATHS.
SPLIT-SECOND TIMING.
ONE TEAM. ONE MIND.

PRECISION.
PASSION.
PERFECTION.
THAT'S THE CROSSES.



A CROSS

ONLY NO.5 AND NO ONE ELSE KNOWS HOW IT IS DONE.

CROSSING IN-BETWEEN THE FORMATION OVER 800 KMPH!

EXACTITUDE. PASSION. FLAWLESS EXECUTION. THAT'S THE CROSS.

TRICOLOUR PROUDLY SHOWCASED!

SPEED, SKILL & SPLIT-SECOND TIMING ONLY THE BEST CAN PULL IT OFF.

(DNA)

CHALLENGING TO MASTER!

ACCURACY AT EVERY STEP!

A MANEUVRE THAT LOOKS EASY IN THE SKY, BUT DEMANDS EVERYTHING FROM THE PILOT.

- PRECISE TIMING: EACH ROLL MUST BE PERFECTLY SYNCHRONIZED.
- TIGHT FORMATION: MAINTAINING SPACING DURING COMPLEX MOVEMENT.
- HIGH WORKLOAD: PILOTS MANAGE SPEED, ANGLE, ROLL RATE & POSITIONING.
- ZERO ROOM FOR ERROR: EVEN A SMALL MISTAKE CAN BREAK THE PATTERN.

EXCELLENCE IS NOT JUST A SKILL... IT'S OUR PROMISE IN THE SKY!

JAI HIND BREAK

COORDINATION IN OUR DNA

THE FINAL MOVE TO HONOUR THE AUDIENCE AND THE NATION.

ACCURACY EVERY TIME. TEAMWORK IN OUR DNA.

ONE TEAM. ONE NATION. ONE SALUTE.

JAI HIND!



READY TO FLY,
READY TO LEAD!



HANDLING
FILES & REPORTS



BUILDING TODAY,
STRONGER
TOMORROW!
SQUADRON
DEVELOPMENT
IN ACTION.



THE MULTI-TASKING SURYAKIRAN PILOT

MOTIVATING
ALL AIR
WARRIORS



TEAMWORK
MAKES THE
DREAM WORK!



ALL HANDS
ON DECK,
ELEVATING
SPIRIT!



SHARING
SMILES,
INSPIRING
TOMORROW'S
AVIATORS!

BEYOND COCKPIT, COUNTLESS ROLES.
ONE MISSION – EXCELLENCE!



★ ONE PILOT. MANY ROLES. ONE MISSION. ★

THAT'S THE SURYAKIRAN WAY!

AIMING FOR
EXCELLENCE!



FAME DOESN'T COME OVERNIGHT. IT'S BUILT ON YEARS OF HARDWORK, FOCUS AND SACRIFICE.



BEFORE HE SOARS WITH THE SURYAKIRAN... HE LIFTS HIMSELF.

HARD EARNED FAME, RESPECT FOR REDS

★★★ THE STORY OF SURYAKIRAN ★★★



BECAUSE FOR HIM, EVERY SMILE... EVERY EYE THAT LOOKS UP... MAKES THE MISSION WORTH IT.



EVERY INTERACTION... EVERY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT... EVERY MOMENT SPENT WITH THEM... THAT'S HIS TRUE VICTORY.



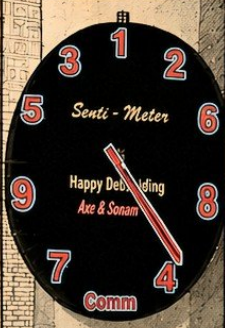
AND WHEN HE TAKES TO THE SKY... ALL EYES. ALL HEARTS. ALL CAMERAS...



BEFORE THE ROAR, THERE IS SILENCE. BEFORE THE GLORY, THERE IS GRIND.



ON SURYAKIRAN!



OUR CLOCK RUNS DIFFERENT.

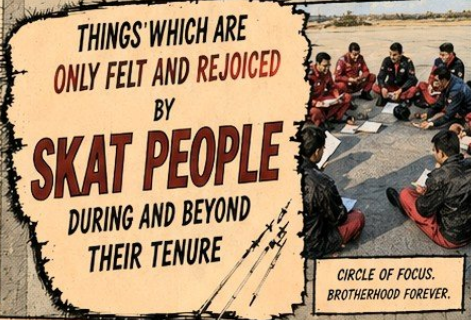


BRIEFING TODAY. PERFECTION TOMORROW.



WHERE EVERY MEAL TASTES LIKE HOME.

THE HOME WE NEVER FORGET.



CIRCLE OF FOCUS. BROTHERHOOD FOREVER.

THINGS WHICH ARE ONLY FELT AND REJOICED BY **SKAT PEOPLE** DURING AND BEYOND THEIR TENURE



WHERE BRIEFINGS BUILD FOCUS AND VICTORIES.

ONE MAY TAKE YOU OUT OF **SKAT** BUT NOBODY CAN TAKE SKAT OUT OF YOU.



WHERE EVERY STEP CARRIES PRIDE.



LONG HOURS, LOUDER LAUGHS. STRONGER BONDS. STRONGEST MEMORIES.



WHERE LAUGHTER ECHOES LOUDER AND BONDS GROW STRONGER.



LEADING, NOT ONLY IN BRIEFING ROOM. EVEN LOOKS, WE'RE HUMBLE. EVEN NIGHTS, WE'RE KILZEEER.

IN THE SKY, WE PERFORM. ON THE GROUND, WE BELONG. IN OUR HEARTS, SKAT STAYS FOREVER.

BONDING BEYOND BOUNDARIES. ROOM BANG, BEYOND RIDE. BEYOND TIME.



LEFTIES, ALWAYS LOOKING UP, INTO THE SUN.

RIGHTIES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT, LEFTIES BEAT'EM OUTRIGHT.

RIGHTIES ARE ALWAYS LEFT OUT, RPM!!!



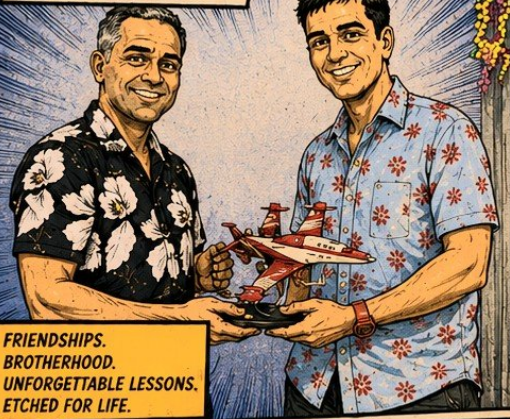
NOT JUST A NAME...



IT'S AN IDENTITY. IT'S A LEGACY. IT'S OUR SKAT!

CHAPTER 7- A SKY FULL OF MEMORIES, A FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.

EVERY JOURNEY HAS ITS TIME.
XENO'S IN SURYAKIRAN.
HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY.



FRIENDSHIPS.
BROTHERHOOD.
UNFORGETTABLE LESSONS.
ETCHED FOR LIFE.

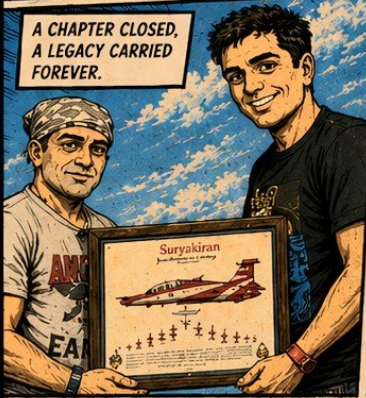
FOR THE MEMORIES.
FOR THE MENTORS.
FOR THE RED THAT
WILL ALWAYS RUN
IN HIS VEINS.



A CHAPTER CLOSED,
A LEGACY CARRIED
FOREVER.

IT'S NOT
A GOODBYE...
IT'S SEE
YOU AGAIN.

SURYAKIRAN
WILL ALWAYS BE HOME.
AND THE SKY,
WILL ALWAYS CALL.



THE SKY IS JUST
THE BEGINNING.
XENO'S JOURNEY
CONTINUES...

BACK TO HIS FIGHTER SQUADRON,
TO CONTINUE OPERATIONAL FLYING.

UNDERTAKING LEADERSHIP
ROLES IN THE IAF.



LEADING WITH EXPERIENCE.
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION.
SERVING THE NATION.

IN THE COCKPIT, THE MISSION CONTINUES.
IN THE SKY, THE WARRIOR REMAINS.

GUIDING. MENTORING. LEADING.
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE IAF.



SKAT RED ON HIS BLOOD
WILL NEVER FADE.
THE WINGS MAY CHANGE,
BUT THE SPIRIT REMAINS.
ALWAYS A SURYAKIRAN.
ALWAYS A WARRIOR.

**ONWARD.
UPWARD.
ALWAYS.**

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES.

ONE PILOT. MANY ROLES. ONE MISSION.

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE!

**FROM WHERE
IT ALL STARTED**

**NOSTALGIC
EVERY SINGLE
TIME** ♥

HONOUR
IN PERFORMING.
IT'S NOT JUST
A MANEUVER,
IT'S A **SALUTE**
TO THE NATION!

**MAKING
EVERY
PARENT
PROUD.**



**DEDICATION.
PRECISION.
PERFECTION.
THAT'S OUR
TRADITION!**

**EVERY FLIGHT,
EVERY MOMENT,
EVERY HEART
BEATS FOR
THE NATION!**

ROOTED IN PRIDE. SOARING IN UNITY.

LEGACY IN THE SKY!



SURYAKIRAN AEROBATIC TEAM



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