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## **NAVY BIDS FAREWELL TO AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHERN AIR COMMAND**



**Air Marshal Sumit Mukherji, inspecting the Guard on board INS Tir**

Air Marshal Sumit Mukherji, Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Air Command, Thiruvananthapuram arrived at Naval Base Kochi on 10 Jun 11 for his farewell visit. The Air Marshal is retiring from the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 30<sup>th</sup> June, after nearly 40 years of distinguished service. The Air Marshal was received by Vice Admiral KN Sushil, Flag Officer Commander in Chief, Southern naval Command on board INS Tir, where he reviewed a ceremonial Guard of Honour. The Air Force Commander in Chief also later called on the Naval Commander in Chief on board the Ship. Air Marshal Mukherji's other programmes at Southern Naval Command included a briefing, visit INS Tarangini at sea, and a formal reception at Southern Naval Command Officers Mess later in the evening.

Air Marshal Sumit Mukherji a veteran Fighter Pilot of the IAF has over 3700 hours of flying experience on various fighter aircraft. Air Marshal is the only Pilot in the history of the IAF to have commanded units with the Mig-21, MiG-23U, MiG-25, MiG-27 and MiG-29 aircraft. He has also served as the Air Attaché in the Indian Embassy at Washington.



**The Air Force and Navy Commander in Chiefs exchange Mementos**