

Letter to the Editor

Book Release by the Marshal of the Air Force

Dear Sir,

1. I must congratulate you for organising an excellent function for the release of the book '*In Memoriam: The Fallen Air Warriors*' authored by Air Marshal Bharat Kumar, PVSM, AVSM and proudly released by the Marshal of the Air Force, Arjan Singh, DFC, himself a highly decorated Air Warrior.
2. The venue of the function was thoughtfully planned in the outside lawn, keeping in view the winter season. The Podium was aptly given an Air Force blue colour. Adequate media coverage was given without disturbing the august gathering. High tea served; and a good occasion to meet senior officers.
3. Listening to the Air Marshal, one could realise the daunting task of collecting the material for printing such a book, probably a first one of its kind by an Air veteran; though the book attracted only the Air Force Organisations, for obvious reasons.
4. To be frank, I was not sure if the Marshal of the Air Force, nearing his 100th birthday, would be able to address the audience but lo, how clearly and with lots of wits he entertained the audience with apt anecdotes. How gracefully and with humility he said goodbye to the audience. Surely, the old soldiers have their own style of doing things.
5. However, I was disappointed to observe the thin audience for such an occasion, where a memorable book was released by the Marshal of the Air Force and expected a big gathering in attendance from the Air Force units, located a little distance away from the venue.
6. But a very good effort by the USI and credit for it goes to Gen PK Singh and his able team.

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Yours Sincerely,
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