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The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa PVSM AVSM YSM VM ADC Flies MiG-21 Type-96 Solo at a Forward Base

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The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa is on a visit to Air Force Station, Utarlai from 12 to 14 January 2017. This is his first visit to a forward operational base as the Chief of the Air Staff.

The Air Chief Marshal flew MiG-21 Type-96 aircraft solo, which is the oldest fighter fleet in the IAF inventory. Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa flew the same type of aircraft during Kargil Operations and carried out many night strike missions in the mountainous terrain. He was awarded Yudh Sewa Medal for these gallant acts.

He is visiting the forward air base in the western sector to assess operational readiness and review the morale of the personnel stationed there.

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