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Born	27 October 1993
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Spouse(s)	Vineet Chikara
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Education Banasthali
University,
Rajasthan, India
(B.Tech Computer
Science)

Occupation	Fighter Pilot
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Allegiance India

Branch/service  Indian Air Force

Rank

Flight

Lieutenant

Chaturvedi likes to play chess, table tennis and to do sketching and painting.

Avani's elder brother, who is an officer in the Indian Army, inspired her to join the Indian Air Force. She also had a few hours of flying experience in the flying club of her college Banasthali University, which further inspired her to join the IAF.^[5]

Career

Avani Chaturvedi was selected to train at Hyderabad Air Force Academy and complete the training at the age of 25. After completing one year of training there, Chaturvedi became a fighter pilot in June 2016. Once Chaturvedi completes Stage III training at Bidar in adjoining Karnataka next year, they will be able to fly fighter jets like the Sukhoi Su-30MKI and Tejas.^{[6][7]}

In 2018, Chaturvedi became the first Indian woman pilot to take a solo flight in a MiG-21. In 2018 Avani was promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.^[8]

Chaturvedi is posted in Indian Air Force No. 23 Squadron Panthers in Suratgarh, Rajasthan.^[9]



(L-R) Mohana Singh Jitarwal, Avani Chaturvedi and Bhawana Kanth

Awards and recognition

In 2018, she was honored with the doctorate degree from Banasthali Vidyapeeth.

On 9 March 2020, Chaturvedi was awarded with Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind.^[10]

Personal life

Avni Chaturvedi married Flight Lieutenant Vineet Chikara in November 2019.^[11]

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