Air Fest 2026 showcases Indian Air Force's skill, valour and aerial excellence in Nagpur

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari graces Air Fest 2026 on Sunday; event showcases Indian Air Force’s aerial prowess and operational capabilities

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Headquarters Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force, organised a spectacular air show at Vayusena Nagar, Nagpur, as part of the three-day Air Fest 2026. The event witnessed the participation of more than 16,000 spectators and showcased the operational capabilities, professionalism and traditions of the Indian Air Force through aerial displays, Special Forces demonstrations, precision drills and musical performances.



On colcluding day (Sunday, 22 November 2026), Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, participated in the event as the Chief Guest. He was received by Air Marshal Yalla Umesh, VSM, PhD, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command.



The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team enthralled spectators with its aerial manoeuvres and synchronised formations. The Sarang Helicopter Display Team, flying indigenous Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopters, demonstrated the agility and manoeuvrability of the aircraft through spectacular aerial formations. The Akash Ganga skydiving team captivated the audience with free-fall and parachute displays. A major attraction was the flypast by three Su-30 fighter aircraft in victory formation, along with an impressive Paramotor Display.



The Garud Special Forces team conducted a slithering demonstration, showcasing its specialised skills and operational preparedness. The Air Warrior Drill Team presented an impressive display of synchronised drill and discipline. The No. 5 Air Force Band added to the celebrations with martial tunes and patriotic melodies. The event also featured a static display of Indian Air Force aviation assets, giving visitors an opportunity to see various IAF platforms and learn about their capabilities.



The three-day Air Fest received an overwhelming response, with more than 16,000 spectators attending the event. A large number of visitors, particularly NCC cadets, school and college students, participated enthusiastically. The event provided an opportunity for young people to witness the professionalism, dedication and capabilities of the Indian Air Force. The displays also highlighted the importance of teamwork, discipline, technological advancement and indigenous capabilities in strengthening the nation's air power.



Air Fest 2026 also served as a public outreach initiative to strengthen the bond between the Indian Air Force and citizens. It aimed to inspire the younger generation to consider a career in the Indian Air Force, foster patriotism and create awareness about the role and contributions of the IAF in safeguarding the nation.



The successful conduct of Air Fest 2026 reaffirmed Headquarters Maintenance Command's commitment to public outreach and youth engagement, while providing citizens an opportunity to witness the capabilities and traditions of the Indian Air Force.






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