

A
Brief Report
on
Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon Param
Vir Chakra 9th Annual Memorial Lectures

Organized on
14th December, 2025

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Air Force Association
(Gujarat Branch)
HQ SWAC, IAF
Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

Event Outline

Title of Event:	Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon Param Vir Chakra 9th Annual Memorial Lectures
Type of Event:	“Operation Sindoor-Takeaway and Way forward” Lecture delivered by Lieutenant General Dushyant Singh PVSM AVSM (Retd), “Operation Sindoor-Rewriting the India-Pakistan Rule Book” Lecture delivered by Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd).
Date of Event:	14.12.2025 (Sunday)
Time of Event:	10:00 AM onwards
Mode of Conduction:	Offline
No. of Cadets / Students:	25
Faculty / CTO:	Mr. Yash Kanani (Assistant Professor) Dr.Divya Deep Singh (Caretaker Officer -NCC) Gandhinagar University, Taluka - Kalol Dist. Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
Vice Chancellor :	Prof. (Dr.) Kamalesh V.N. Gandhinagar University, Taluka - Kalol Dist. Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

**REPORT ON THE 9th ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURES
FLYING OFFICER NIRMAL JIT SINGH SEKHON PARAM VIR CHAKRA
DATED: 14th FEBRUARY, 2025**

1. Event Overview

The memorial lecture series serves as a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, the only Indian Air Force officer to receive the Param Vir Chakra. The 9th edition focused on modern strategic operations under the theme of "Operation Sindoor".

2. Key Attendees

- Chief Guest: Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor, SYSM PVSM AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, SWAC.
- Key Speakers: * Lieutenant General Dushyant Singh, PVSM AVSM (Retd), Director General, Centre for Land Warfare Studies.
- Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd), Director General, Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies

3. Programme Highlights

A. Strategic Insights and Discussions

I. "Operation Sindoor – Takeaway and Way Forward"

- **Speaker: Lieutenant General Dushyant Singh**, PVSM AVSM (Retd), Director General, CLAWS.
- **Doctrinal Shift:** He highlighted that Operation Sindoor represented a major shift in India's military doctrine—moving from "strategic restraint" to "proactive deterrence".
- **Tri-Service Synergy:** For the first time since 1971, the operation demonstrated complete synergy between the Army, Navy, and Air Force, where political clarity was translated into military precision.
- **Multi-Domain Warfare:** He emphasized that future conflicts will be "multi-domain," involving

not just land, air, and sea, but also intense cyber and cognitive warfare.

- Shortcomings & "Sindoor 2.0": He candidly discussed gaps in international narrative management and pointed out that cyber-attacks on Indian infrastructure surged seven-fold during the operation. He warned that "Operation Sindoor 2.0" is an inevitability for which India must remain prepared.

II. "Operation Sindoor – Rewriting the India-Pakistan Rule Book"

- Speaker: Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd), Director General, CAPS.
- Deterrence by Punishment: He described the operation as a pivot toward "deterrence by punishment," showing that India is now willing to inflict unacceptable costs for cross-border terrorism.
- Air Power Dominance: He detailed how the Indian Air Force (IAF) used long-range standoff precision weapons (like BrahMos, SCALP, and HAMMER) to destroy terror infrastructure deep inside Pakistan without crossing the International Border.
- Technological Success: He highlighted the effectiveness of the indigenously developed Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), which successfully neutralized retaliatory drone and missile threats.
- Regional Dynamics: He explained how the conflict exposed the deep military collusion between China and Pakistan, with China using the period to test its weapon systems against Indian defences.

B. Chief Guest's Address

- Speaker: Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor, SYSM PVSM AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, SWAC.
- Visionary Leadership: The Chief Guest shared his experiences leading the south-western front during Operation Sindoor, for which he was recently awarded the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (SYSM).
- National Resolve: He concluded by stating that the operation sent a clear message to the world that India will no longer absorb terror attacks silently and has the capability to defend its sovereignty on its own terms.

C. Recognition and Commemorations

- Release of Souvenir by Chief Guest, President-AFA-Gujarat Branch and Speakers.
- Handing Over of Mementos to Speakers and Dignitaries.
- Vote of Thanks by Group Captain Parry Venkateshwarlu (Retd.).

Conclusion

The 9th Annual Memorial Lectures for Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, PVC, served as a profound tribute to the legacy of India's lone Air Force Param Vir Chakra recipient. By bringing together distinguished military strategists like Lieutenant General Dushyant Singh and Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani, the event successfully bridged the gap between historical sacrifice and modern-day strategic challenges.

The focus on "Operation Sindoor" provided the attending NCC cadets and students with a rare, deep-dive into the complexities of multi-domain warfare and the importance of proactive deterrence. The presence of the Chief Guest, Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor (AOC-in-C, SWAC), further inspired the cadets, reinforcing the values of leadership, discipline, and national service. Overall, the program was a significant educational success, instilling a sense of pride and a better understanding of India's evolving security landscape among the future leaders of the nation. The event was a remarkable success, providing valuable strategic insights and fostering discussions on national security and defense policies. The presence of distinguished speakers and military veterans added depth to the discussions. The interaction sessions allowed participants to gain practical knowledge and perspectives from experienced professionals.

This memorial lecture series continues to serve as an important platform for thought leadership in defense and security studies, ensuring that the legacy of Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon remains a guiding force for future generations.

3 Recommendations

Encourage wider NCC participation in future memorial lectures.

Consider integrating such discussions into NCC training modules.

Explore opportunities for NCC cadets to interact with defense experts during such events.

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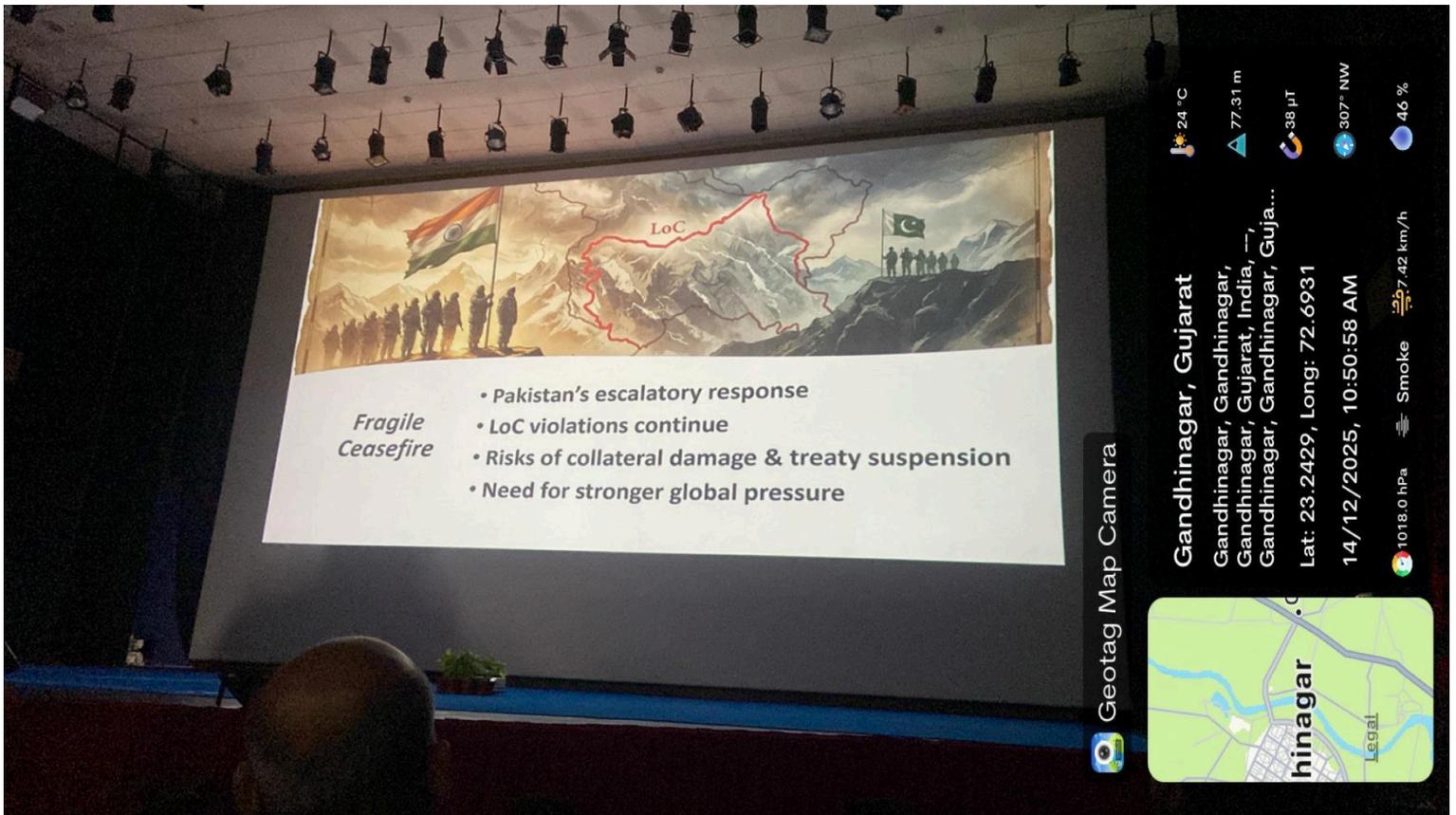


**YASH KANAI (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR) INTERACTION WITH
CHIEF GUEST
AIR MARSHAL NAGESH KAPOOR SYSM PVSM AVSM VM**

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LECTURE ON "OPERATION SINDOOR-TAKEAWAY AND WAY FORWARD" BY LT.GEN. DUSHYANT SINGH PVSMAVSM



RELEASE OF SOUVENIR BY CHIEF GUEST, SPEAKERS AND DIGNITARIES



NCC CADETS WITH TWO YOUNG ENERGETIC OFFICERS (ASSISTANT COMMANDANT) OF CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE (CRPF) MR. AYUSH SINGH AND MR. S.K. MEENA



NCC CADTES WITH PRESIDENT OF AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, GUJARAT BRANCH SH. P.K. DESAI (AIR MARSHAL), LIEUTENANT GENERAL SH. DUSHYANT SINGH AND AIR VICE MARSHAL SH. ANIL GOLANI



NCC CADETS WITH INDIAN ARMY AND INDIAN COAST GUARDS OFFICERS



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH TWO YOUNG ENERGETIC OFFICERS (ASSISTANT COMMANDANT) OF CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE (CRPF) MR. AYUSH SINGH AND MR. SHUBHAM KUMAR MEENA



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH BORDER SECURITY FORCE (BSF) OFFICERS MR. DEEPAK MISHRA, MR. LOKESH KUMAR AND MR. GOUTAM ROY

List of Cadets present during the Event

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