

# The Indian Army

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Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, listening the name, you might recall about the IAF conducted Air Strike to counter PAF attack plans earlier this year. Some people still have questions about it, but well I'm not here to address the doubters. I am writing to address the believers, the confident trusters.

The word Commander, the prefix of Abhinandan's name. This word holds great significance to help me introduce to you another worthy leader, who in real sense led the entire undoubted counter strike. Squadron Leader Minty Aggarwal, the young lady who guided Abhinandan all through, making him deserve all the Abhinandan possible.

To throw proper descriptive light on her role, I'd like to share a story with you from my childhood in words of my own. The story of a blind boy and another who was handicapped (didn't have legs). The Handicapped sitting on the shoulders of the blind became his eyes. Telling him everything going around, directing him through and being his hope to be able to see the world past the darkness in his own eyes. On the other hand, the blind became the feet of the handicapped, taking him on the tour of the beautiful world he saw through his eyes. Both completed each other beautifully. Leading a life as one all

together. Isn't that spectacular?

In the same manner I would quote our Indian Air Force Team who showcased themselves to be one such example of completion and competency. Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, given supervision by Squadron Leader Minty Aggarwal, through the dusk with her eyeballs set on the radar and her unambiguous instructions for the conduct of the counter attack against the PAF F-16, one of the 20 PAF fighters attacking India.

Where the two boys in the story teach us how to stand together to fight against whatever conditions life put us in, Minty and Abhinandan have set a practical example of the same. The bookish is made real and in the recognition of the same, both our proficient warriors were awarded.

Squadron Leader Minty Aggarwal for her meticulous administration through the aerial dog fight situation, was venerated with Yudh Seva Medal and Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was conferred with the Veer Chakra Gallantry. Forwarding the mutual pride and delightful honor our soldiers keep bringing to us, considering us all as one Indian Family for whose safe living they fight with all their remarkable prowess, I'd end saying ...

**Jai Hind!**