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**Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha Visits United States of America**

Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Air Staff returned after a five day visit to the United States of America.

During his visit, the Air Chief Marshal Raha held meetings with the Indian Ambassador to the US, Shri Arun Kumar Singh and General Mark Anthony Welsh III, Chief of Staff, US Air Force. He also had discussions with Ms Heidi Grant, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affair.

As part of his programme, the Air Chief visited the USAF Headquarters at Pentagon and Hurlburt AF Base in Floirda. While at Nellis AF Base Nevada, he held discussions pertaining to the Red Flag Exercise at the US Air Force Warfare Centre. On the final leg of his tour he interacted with PACOM Commanders and also visited the memorial of the Pearl Harbour attack of World War II fame where USS Arizona was sunk.

The visit was aimed at fostering goodwill and enhancing bilateral relations between the two Air Forces.

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