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Air Vice Marshal (Dr) Arjun Subramaniam is the President's Chair of Excellence in National Security at NDC. He is a retired fighter pilot from the IAF who has flown MiG-21s and Mirage-2000s. He has commanded a MiG-21 Squadron and a large flying base and held several operational, staff and instructional assignments in the IAF. He is an air power doctrinal expert having crafted the current IAF doctrine in 2012. He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service by the President of India in 2011. A PhD in Defence and Strategic Studies from the Univ of Madras, he has been a Visiting Fellow at Harvard and Oxford Universities and a Visiting Professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Ashoka and Jindal Universities. Currently, he is also an Adjunct Faculty member at the Naval War College. He has lectured extensively at a wide range of Universities, think tanks and war colleges in India and abroad including Harvard, MIT, Georgetown University, Oxford, Carnegie Endowment and the International Institute of Strategic Studies. His current areas of focus are international and regional security, contemporary Indian military history, air power in integrated operations and the India-China security relationship. He is the author of four books including 'India's Wars: A Military History: 1947-1971' and its newly-released sequel titled 'A Military History of India since 1972: Full Spectrum and the Changing Character of War.'