



## वायु यातायात नियंत्रक गिल्ड (भारत) AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' GUILD (INDIA)

### Tribute

We remembering Shekhar Sir on his death anniversary. He was a leader par excellence in ATC Guild (I) history. His academic name was Sh. Brijendra Shekhar Singh but we call him Shekhar Sir

Shekhar Sir was born in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, on the 11th August 1964. His father served the Madhya Pradesh Police and his mother being a house wife. Shekhar Sir was the second child with two other siblings - an elder brother and a younger sister. Even as a young boy he was a very keen learner. His mind was filled with doubt and wonder, two ways for the human mind to acquire knowledge. He may not have been the best of students going by his academic scores, but he had a very special essence, an inquiring mind that will never satisfy itself unless he has learnt anything beyond doubt, unless he has learnt it perfectly. This was the very essence that was the essence of his existence. His schooling was mostly in M.P; he graduated in Physics in 1984 from a college in Shivpuri. Immediately after his graduation he joined the M.P. Police, the force which already had in its ranks his father and his elder brother. He was trained in Delhi in Wireless Communication and appointed as a Sub Inspector in the M.P. Police, in Bhopal. He served the force with distinction.

In the year 1987 he was selected by the National Airports Authority (Now NAD/AAI) as an Aerodrome Officer and joined the Civil Aviation Training College, Bamrauli, Allahabad, for his ab initio training. This was the place many of his batch mates got a glimpse of a man with an unquenched thirst for knowledge, a mind so inquiring that it would not stop short of going through volumes & volumes of the Annexes and the Documents. He had found his profession, that of an Air Traffic Controller, which necessitates a lifetime learning, a profession he fancied so much, a profession he was so proud of.


On successful completion of his training he was posted to Mumbai, one of the busiest Airports in the world at that time. He quickly acquired all the ratings and earned the reputation of being one of the best Controllers in the profession. In the year 1989 he tied the marital knot to Archana Ma'am, the woman behind all his successes thereafter. During his tenure in Mumbai he went on a deputation to the Indian Coast Guard and served in Daman, for a period of almost two years. He has had the rare distinction of serving in three uniformed services.

In 1993 Shekhar Sir attended the Radar Control Approach Procedures Course in CATC and graduated successfully. In 1994 he was transferred to Varanasi, where he served both as an Air Traffic Controller and as an ATC Administrator i.e., as the SAO (OPS). In 1996 he reached Delhi, a place from where he served larger interests of the ATC Community.

He was elected as the General Secretary of the ATC Guild (I), which he served with utmost sincerity, unparalleled dedication, enormous zeal and unmatched enthusiasm. ATCOs had finally found a selfless, highly dedicated and motivated leader, who was an extraordinary persona with an extraordinary vision and he was a bundle of energy required to transform that vision into a mission.

But unfortunately we lost our visionary leader on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2003 in a road accident near Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Today on his 19<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary ATC Guild India offers Heartfelt tribute to our Beloved Leader and will keep walking on the path shown by our Great Leader.....

  
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