

HAL Book 'Harlow to Hawk' released

At a special ceremony on 15 February, HAL Chairman T Suvarna Raju formally released the book *Harlow to Hawk* which encapsulates history of HAL's Aircraft Division at Bangalore from the very first aircraft type built there (Harlow PC-5A) in the early 1940s till the present, when Hindustan Aeronautics Limited have completed manufacture



of several tranches of the BAE Systems Hawk advanced jet trainers. Over the past eight decades, HAL's Aircraft Division have produced a range of primary trainers, fighter-bombers, light fighters, basic jet trainers and strike fighters, nearly 1500 of which have served with the Indian Air Force. HAL's Aircraft Division remains repository of the country's accumulated experience and expertise in manufacturing a veritable range of aircraft types

which makes it the logical centre for production of next generation combat aircraft.

The author, Pushpindar Singh, is well-known internationally for his research and writing on Indian aviation matters for over four decades, being regarded as virtual chronicler of India's aviation history, and founder editor of the *Vayu Aerospace & Defence Review*, now in its 43rd year of publication.

'Brahmand World Defence Update 2017' released



Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar released the sixth edition of *Brahmand World Defence Update 2017*

Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar released the sixth edition of global military yearbook *Brahmand World Defence Update 2017* at the BrahMos Aerospace pavilion on the inaugural day of Aero India 2017 in Bangalore.

Also present on the occasion were Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre, who has penned the foreword for the yearbook, Chief Minister of Goa, Laxmikant Parsekar and Dr. Sudhir K Mishra, CEO & MD of BrahMos Aerospace.

An initiative of BrahMos Aerospace, *Brahmand World Defence Update 2017* "provides incisive, comprehensive and up-to-date facts, figures and data on the armed forces of 113 countries worldwide with the objective to give a comprehensive assessment of the present-day global military order." BrahMos Aerospace is a Joint Venture between DRDO of India and NPOM of Russia.