

# ASEAN is as ASEAN does



## India's 'no show' at Singapore Airshow 2018 is reflected upon

*Taking off from the lament about lack of interest by Indian aviation entities to participate at important 'near home' Airshows such as Dubai (see Vayu Issue II/2018), the 'no show' again by HAL, DRDO, ADA, NAL and other pertinent organisations at the recently held Singapore Airshow at Changi in early February 2018 has been reflected upon by many.*

The biennial Airshow at Changi, considered by most professionals as "Asia's most important Aviation event" took place just days after the Government of India had hosted all ten ASEAN heads of state as Chief Guests at

the 2018 Republic Day Parade. Prior to this event, these ASEAN leaders were in New Delhi to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations under the theme of 'Shared Values, Common Destiny'.

This was not the first time that the Indian Government had organised such a seminal event for the foreign dignitaries, going back to May 2014 when all SAARC leaders were invited for the new Government's swearing-in ceremony, hosting of the BRICS summit