



## **Air Force Day Parade Rehearsal**

Date : 6 October 2014  
 Venue : Visit to Air Force Base, Hindon  
 Event : Air Force Day Parade Rehearsal  
 Attended By : Students of class 5-8

It was a dream come true for us, when we got a chance to witness the Hindon Air Show at the Hindon Air Force base at Ghaziabad. Upon reaching the base, we were greeted by the magnificent sight of several aircrafts which comprised of the muscle of the Air Force like the C-17 Globe master-III, C-130 J Hercules, Sukoi MK-30s, Tiger Moths, Jaguars, Mig-29s and many more. The display left us completely amazed and excited with much joy and anticipation. The seats were quickly filled in and all of us had our eyes peeled for the fearless warriors in blue. The occasion started with a breathtaking feat by the paratroopers of the PTS who leapt from an aircraft from a height of 8000 feet. The parajumpers, renowned for their exploits in several wars and operations of the Air Force certainly proved their worth once again, whether on the battlefield or at an air show, with a flamboyant display of the tricolor in several formations. A parade definitely captured our imagination, for it not only displayed the rich military history, but also the training, dedication and co-ordination of not just a few men, but an abundant host of officers. We were lucky enough to witness such a parade right before our eyes, with many squadrons marching to the catchy beats of the songs of the Air Force. After this a team of a few riflemen performed acts of precision which not only caught everyone's attention, but also the admiration of all those present there. The acts were performed with rifles weighing almost 5 kg which looked like toys in their hands. Finally, it was time for the event for which everyone was waiting. The air show started with the fly- by of the dazzling planes of the Air Force mentioned above in close formation. They split up at the last instant showering the skies with flares. These planes from Ambala finally retreated to their spawning points and were gone as soon as they came. Then out of nowhere a Su-30MKI zoomed up in the air in a vertical Charlie maneuver. Heart stopping maneuvers, precision and gallantry; the air show had all this and much more.

