

Date	Names of Officer and Designation	Comments
29.06.2010	Air Marshal (Retd.) P.P.Rajkumar	An enlightening visit to HATSOFF. It is a proud moment for all helicopter pilots to have a world class simulator in India. Wish you all the best.
01.07.2010	Mr.Eduard Van Dam CEO, Global Vectra Helicopter Ltd.	I am very impressed with the facilities and the professionalism of the staff. Hence, I am looking forward to a long term cordial relationship.
01.07.2010	Shri .M.M.Pallam Raju Honourable Raksha Rajya Mantri (Minister of State for Defence)	It has been a pleasure to see that India has a state-of-the-art helicopter simulator training school. My first hand feel of the simulator was an unforgettable experience. May this school give a bright future to many helicopter pilots. My compliments to HAL for the initiative. All the best to the facility and students.
02.07.2010	Shri.Ashok K.Baweja Ex-Chairman, HAL	A dream and vision realised, I was thrilled and happy to be in HATSOFF and fly in the Full Motion Based Simulator. All credit and honour to Wg Cdr C.D. Upadhyay, Vr.C and his team for an extremely creditable achievement for Indian Aviation. All the best.
03.7.2010	Capt Uday Gelli Managing Director United Helicharters Pvt Ltd	This is a world-class facility and a dream come true for Indian helicopter industry. I am truly impressed with all the features in this facility. There is no doubt that helicopter pilots will greatly benefit from this most modern simulator. My congratulations to Wg Cdr. C.D. Upadhyay and his team for creating this facility in a record time.

15-07-2010	Padmashree Dr. C.G. KrishnaDas Nair President Society of Indian Aerospace Technologies & Industries (SIATI) & Former Chairman of HAL	I am really overwhelmed by the experience I just had visiting HATSOFF. It is really a world class facility and a major and very important milestone for our country in Aviation, especially in promoting helicopter usage to its full potential. I am sure every young pilots, student pilots and helicopter operators and manufacturers will benefit from this, and the institution will contribute to growth of technology, wealth & prosperity. Hats off to Wg Cdr Upadhyay and his team, and especially for his vision and leadership.
17.07.2010	Dr.Nazim Zaidi Director General-DGCA	I am very impressed with HATSOFF which has acquired International standards in record time and even higher than the above. This institute will make significant contributions to training of pilots & the safety of pilots & the safety of helicopter operations. I wish you all success.
17.07.2010	Shri.R.P.Sahi Joint Director General – DGCA	Our compliments to HATSOFF for establishing a world class facility in a record time. The facility will help in improving safety standards in helicopter operations.
20.07.2010	Capt. Irshad Ahmad Flight Inspection Director (Helicopters) DGCA	World class facility for helicopters which was a long felt need to train out pilots in a befitting manner.
20.07.2010	Shri N.C.Agarwal Director (Design & Development) HAL	The facility has come up better than what we dreamt of. It is landmark for the country and I am quite sure the Rotary Wing Community will benefit from this facility. My best wishes for the HATSOFF team-
20.07.2010	Capt. Raman Oberoi	Having seen training Academy at Augusta and Dubai, I am proud to say that this Academy stands out in form of quality and infrastructure.
29.07.2010	Rear Admiral Sudhir Pillai, NM Flag Officer Naval Aviation GOA	Was very pleased to visit this facility which heralds International standards into our country. The Military could look to greater standards on such a facility. Wishing 'HATSOFF' a great future to safety and standards.

06.08.2010	Air Marshal (Retd.) Philip Rajkumar Former Programme Director, NFTC	It was a revelation to see this world class helicopter simulation facility set up here in Bangalore. I have no doubt that its utilisation will result in a significant reduction in helicopter accidents in the country. I wish Wg Cdr (Retd.) C.D. Upadhyay and his team a full measure of success in their task to improve helicopter training in India.
20.08.2010	Lt Gen Vinay Sharma PVSM,SM,VSM MGO Integrated HQs (Army)	An excellent t world class helicopter simulator training facility created in our country. Very well thought out and planned airings catering for all contingencies. This asset needs to be encouraged by active participation of our pilots to hone their skills. My profound appreciation & best wishes.
27.08.2010	Air Marshal PV Athawale,	Delightful experience to be here and see what can be achieved if one determines to do something special. A lot of learning for me. Thanks very much!
04.09.2010	Lt.Gen J.P.Singh,AVSM Deputy Chief of Army Staff (P&S)	I am impressed with the training aids, methodology and the system approach to training set up for training helicopter pilots in technical and tactical handling Keep it up!
28.09.2010	Air Marshal N.V.Tyagi AVSM, VM, VSM Deputy Chief of Air Staff	My visit to this facility has been very useful. IAF is looking forward to utilisation of such state-of-the-art systems as a part of our modernisation plans. I am very impressed with what I have seen here.
13.10.2010	Lt General (Retd.) B.S. Pawar Former ADG, Army Aviation	It has been a wonderful and excellent experience flying the simulator. I feel this is the answer to the future of Training (Helicopter) for the Indian Armed Forces, specially the Army Aviation Corps. This is infact a Force Multiplier which will help in producing better trained pilots as they can hone their skills to perfection. My compliments to HATSOFF for this great achievement.
27.10.2010	Dr.K.Tamil Mani Distinguished Scientist Chief Executive (Airworthiness)	Excellent facility with enormous effort. The simulator is the way forward for flight testing and training. Hope there will be enormous exploitation of the facility With best regards from CEMILAC family.

02.11.2010	AVM Amit Aneja, VM, VSM Commandant Air Force Academy (AFA) Dundigal.	After all the CWG mess kicked up by India; Today at this facility, I feel proud to be an Indian.
10.12.2010	Shri.K.P.Srivatsava Director of Airworthiness DGCA	Very good establishment to train helicopter pilots to deal with emergencies.
07.02.2011	Mr.John Morris The editor of Aviation Week's	Very impressive! This will be a world leader!
08.02.2011	Mr.Mark Thistlethwaite Head of Region for helicopter sales M/s. Agustawestland	A very valuable visit and a fine facility!.
10.02.2011	Shri E.K.Bharat Bhushan Director General, DGCA	Visited the centre and experienced the simulator. Excellent infrastructure, informed training. Great team work. Congrats to Wg Cdr (Retd.) C.D.Upadhyay & team.
10.02.2011	Mr.Alain Salendre CEO, M/s. Helism, France (Eurocopter Training Facilities)	Deeply impressed by what we have seen, I thank you very much for your warm welcome and your total transparency. No doubt that you are shaping the future for your country. You can be proud about your achievement. All the best for you and your crew.
15.02.2011	Mr.Marc Parent President & CEO CAE, Montreal	I was thoroughly impressed by this marvellous facility which was developed in such a record time by the HATSOFF team. Congratulations on what will no doubt be the premier helicopter simulation centre!

14.04.2011	Mr.Benoit Guillemin Head of MRO Networks, Support Services M/s. Eurocopter	You can tell that HAL/CAE is serious about this business. Hopefully Eurocopter could find a way to share the success of such venture.
14.04.2011	Mr.Alain Folcoloni Head Customer Support EC. M/s. Eurocopter	Thanks so much for this very impressive visit. Unique facility in India looking forward to work together.
21.06.2011	Air Cmde Rajesh Isser, VM Project Director	World class act! Glad the IAF is going to be part of this a win-win situation. All the best.
11.07.2011	Capt K Padmanabhan (Paddy) Chief Operating Officer Swajas Air Charters Ltd	<p>I would like to thank you at the outset for providing an opportunity to practice various emergencies & Malfunction procedures at HATSOFF SIM facility. On 07 Jul 2011, WHILE TAKE OFF FROM OIL RIG TAHARA, JUST AFTER ROTATION, I EXPERIENCED TOTAL POWER LOSS FROM NO 2 ENGINE. Aircraft was recovered without much problem, as we had practiced these emergency malfunctions at your facility last month. Safe single engine flight established. After identifying the fault, No 2 Engine was taken in to MANUAL CONTROL. Aircraft was flown to Chennai & Safe landing carried out at Chennai. Cause was a broken P3 air pipe; Rep from P @ W was called & was told that this is a very rare case.</p> <p>Aircraft engines were checked by the PRATT & WITNEY REP & cleared as fit to fly.</p> <p>I thank you very much once again for the SIM session, which made things very easy for us to handle this emergency.</p>

13.07.2011	Mr.Somen Chowdhury (Bell Helicopter Textron, Canada) Director International Helicopter Safety Team	I am impressed with the planning & execution of this centre. All minutiae details have been carefully looked at. I am sure this will grow to be one of the best helicopter training centres in the world. You are our partners in safety. IHST will welcome you as a member.
27.07.2011	AVM (Retd.) K.Sridharan, VM President, RWSI	An island of professional excellence. Seeing it is believing. Good wishes.
30.07.2011	Shri. Shekhar Agarwal Secretary, (Defence Production) Ministry of Defence, GOI, India	Very thrilling experience to be inside a simulator. Wish the others and staff all the best.
23.08.2011	Mr. David Downey VP Flight Ops/Safety & Cert M/s. Bell Helicopters	A wonderful & educational experience –A great facility.
17 .09.2011	Col Suradech Malila Royal Thai Army Aviation Centre	Thank you to show me the best facility.
12.10.2011	Col Thomas Endara Air Force Colonel	la nuevo generescros dl pilot dc la fo sem excelente gracias a lo sprenolos sow and usted el tenders on Rejor futuro (Spanish)
12.10.2011	Col Ruben Demetrio Defence Attaché	Congratulations This is a perfect place to training our pilots.
14.10.2011	Mr. Mathieu Louvot Head of Strategy Euro copter	I am deeply impressed by this shining facility, the professionalism of its staff and its high ambition level in breaking ground for the helicopter simulation market to India. I wish a long and full success to HATSOFF and a fruitful partnership with Eurocopter.

14.10.2011	Ms.Marie Agnes, CEO, Euro copter India	Many thanks for your warm welcome and my heartiest congratulations for your professionalism, implementing a real state-of-art simulator centre in India. Hoping a long co-operation between our companies. Best Regards.
02.11.2011	Mr.Ian Felton British Dy. High Commissioner for India	Thank you for a fascinating visit and helicopter test flight. I am pleased that UK-India co-operation is progressing so well. The active control demonstration by Stirling Dynamics in partnership with Genser is one area of partnership. I look forward to many more as HATSOFF grows on its impressive start.
02.12.2011	Mr.M.Bruno Spagnolini CEO, Agusta Westland	Very interesting facility. A very good opportunity to improve that co-operation between HAL and Agustawestland.
02.12.2011	Mr.Vimal Nagpal Head of Business Agusta Westland	Very impressive facility. Look forward for relationship with HATSOFF and M/s.Agustawestland.
04.01.2012	Mr.P.K.Chattopadhyay Ex JDG, DGCA	We are thoroughly impressed with the level of quality in every aspect of the institute. A heaven on earth.
04.01.2012	Mr.Sanit Kumar Regional Controller of Safety	The SIM facilities and the other infrastructure have been put in place after well thought. I wish them a good luck and wish the helicopter industry to make use of the facilities.
06.02.2012	VADM.Tawewuth Pongsapipatt Deputy Chief of Staff, RTN	Thank you very much for your best hospitality and I think that this centre is the best place for pilot training of the world.
15.03.2012	Mr.Mike Hirschberg Executive Director AHS International from US	Fantastic facilities and staff! Thanks!
30.03.2012	AVM RG Burli, VM Director, IAF PMT Air Cmde R Gandotra Project Director (Sys) IAF, PMT, C/o ADA	Great Facility! Nothing like I have even seen before. Keep up your good work. Happy Landings. A benchmark facility which needs to be nurtured. Thanks for the visit organisation & the conduct. Best of Luck.

18.05.2012	Air Mshl D.S.Khajuria, SC Director General (Systems) HQ TC, IAF	It was my first visit to HATSOFF. I thoroughly impressed by the set up. A world class training centre. Thanks for conducting me around. With best wishes.
18.07.2012	AVM Rajesh Kumar , VM Director, IAF, PMT	A world class facility. It was a pleasure to be here. Keep up the good work.
31.08.2012	Air Mshl DC Kumaria, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM and ADC Vice Chief of the Air Staff	I am very impressed with HATSOFF facilities and the value they offer training of Rotary Wing Pilots. Air Force will seriously consider the utilisation of spare capacity at this facility Wishing you the best in future endeavours.
18.10.2012	Lt Gen Anjan Mukherjee, AVSM DG.Arillery & Col Comdt Army Aviation Corps	A substantially educating visit. It is great how much you are doing for skill enhancement, Flight safety and training of helicopter pilots. Wish you all the very best. Keep it up.
21.11.2012	Rear Admiral D.M.Sudan ACNS (Air)	Instead a pleasure to visit HATSOFF and see a world class facility. All the best.
21.01.2013	Mr.Francois Guimont Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada	Thanks for the great presentation, Correct Canada/India Partnership
21.01.2013	Mr.Kyle Nunas Consul & Senior Trade Commissioner Canadian Consulate, South India	A great facility! Congratulations.
21.01.2013	Mr.D.P.Vittal Nath Trade Commissioner	Wow! What a great success sdstone of a Canadian – Indian JV and the presentation of HAL, HATSOFF to you.
24.01.2013	AVM RKS Bhadauria, VM ACAS(Projects) , IAF	On familiarisation visit to HATSOFF, highly impressed with the setup and the professional conduct of the trainings. My Best Wishes!
05.02.2013	Mr.Ellis Taylor Flight International	Many thanks for your hospitality & best regards for the future of HATSOFF.
07.02.2013	Shri Arun Mishra Director General, DGCA	I had a very educating wonderful experience visiting this unique facility in the country. I wish all the best for the future of this country.

07.02.2013	Air Mshl M Matheswaran, AVSM, VM Deputy Chief of IDS (PP & FD)	A very pleasant surprise to see such an excellent simulator facility. The technology and capability is top class. This is the real idea of a simulator park. We had envisaged earlier. The services must make full use of it for training. Best wishes and hope to see it grow much bigger.
07.02.2013	AVM M Bahadur, VM ACIDS (PP & FF)	A long pending visit to this institution, about which I had heard a lot. Truly a national treasure which we should utilise fully. All the very best. Jai Hind!
08.02.2013	Maj Gen P.B.Pande DGMO, Nepal Army	It was indeed an honour and a privilege to be invited here at 'HATSOFF'. It would say hats off to "HATSOFF". Your standards seem to be exemplary. Congratulations and I look forward to reciprocating your kindness and hospitality in Nepal in the near future.
08.02.2013	Ms.Beth Stevenson Shephard Press	Great afternoon being shown around the facility & learning more about the past and future of HATSOFF. Thank for the simulator ride, even though I was rubbish at it!
08.02.2013	Mr.David Oliver Jane's Defence Magazine	Very useful visit full of information and a good feel for what you do at HATSOFF. Many thanks for the flight.
09.02.2013	Air Cmde S.Ravi Vridhachelem, VM PD Ops (H)	It has been an incredible experience visiting HATSOFF and seeing the simulator of the ALH in action. Wishing HATSOFF continued success and incredible growth. Look forward to continued interaction with the fraternity of military rotary wing aviators.
09.02.2013	Mr.Andrew Drwiega Rotor & Wing Magazine	Having visited SIM centres in USA, UK and Germany. I have seen no facility to better what HATSOFF has and its exciting ambition for the future.
09.02.2013	Mr.David Graham CAE Inc.	Overall impression dramatically exceeded my expectation world-class. Physical facility, world class training facility.
11.02.2013	Lt Gen Sanjeev Anand VSM DG, Army Aviation	My Best wishes to HATSOFF in all their future endeavours Happy landings Jai hind.

11.02.2013	MajGen P.K.Bharali, VSM ADG, Army Aviation	Excellent Quality of Training. All the Bests.
02.05.2013	Mr.Gide Henri VP- International Cooperation. DCNS, France International Sales Department	A First class achievement very impressive and professional. Congratulations' for the achievement.
02.05.2013	Mr.Albert Laiuent DCNS, France International Sales Department	Very impressive facility built in record time. Thank you for shared experience.
18.05.2013	Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta Addl. Secretary (DP) Ministry of Defence India	Highly impressed with the facility it should be put up to optimum use.
23.07.2013	Sri Jitendra Singh Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri & Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India	It was a great experience to visit 'HATSOFF' and go in the simulator! This simulator installed by HAL will greatly reduce the risks of accidents. My best wishes.
25.07.2013	Shri K.K.Pant Joint Secretary (Aero) Ministry of Defence Govt of India	An absolutely to be of the line and state- of- art facility. It is an extremely proud thing that we have here lot of facilities available. We should make full use of them.
30.07.2013	Mr.Inderjit Sial President & Managing Director Textron Inc, India	Excellent facility state- of- the-art.

27.08.2013	<p style="text-align: center;">Shri K.N.Srivastava Secretary Ministry of civil aviation, GOI</p>	<p>It was a very informative and educative visit to HATSOFF today. This institution, with its unique technological capabilities, can play a crucial role in producing helicopter pilots of eminence. The importance of helicopters in our national life is going to increase enormously in none too distant future. As such HATSOFF has to play a crucial role in enabling us to reach that stage. I wish all the very best, good luck and success to one and all who are associated with HATSOFF.</p>
18.09.2013	<p style="text-align: center;">Rear Admiral B.S.Parhar, NM Flag Officer Naval Aviation</p>	<p>A very informative and educative visit to this wonderful institution. I am extremely delighted to notice the capabilities of HATSOFF. I am sure the simulator will contribute immensely towards the training requirements of Naval ALH aircrew and give them more meaningful exposure towards operationalisation in much needed night search and Rescue phase over sea. We will look up to HATSOFF to provide us continue training. In the time to come in near future. I am indeed thankful for organising my visit at such a short notice. Best Wishes and all the success in future endeavours.</p>
15.11.2013	<p style="text-align: center;">Lt Gen PR Kumar, VSM Director General, Army Aviation</p>	<p>“A wonderful flying experience “for extremely detailed & professional briefing. I am very sure & positive that simulator will increasingly become an integral part of basic & advanced training, in fact will provide value addition crucial to all Aviators. I can forecast & foresee a great deal of crop between Army Aviation & HATSOFF. Safe flying & happy landings.</p>