

Increasing Boeing footprint in India



Here come the Apaches

United States aerospace giant Boeing had handed over to India the first of 22 AH-64E (I) Apache Guardian attack helicopters at a ceremony in Boeing's production facility in Mesa, Arizona on 10 May 2019. The Indian Air Force (IAF) took delivery of the initial batch in July of 22 Boeing AH-64E (I) ordered in September 2015 for \$ 2.02 billion. The twin-engine

helicopters were subsequently transported to Pathankot Air Force Station in northern India, where they were assembled ahead of their formal induction into IAF service. On 3 September 2019, the Indian Air Force officially inducted the first 8 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters at Pathankot Air Force Station (AFS), with a total of 22 on order (plus six for the Army Aviation

Corps). Air Chief Marshal B.S.Dhanoa was chief guest at the ceremony accompanied by AOC-in-C Western Air Command Air Marshal R Nambiar. Delivery of the remaining platforms is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

In anticipation of the impending deal, the United States Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified