

Flying the MiG-35



The pilot's perspective

The MiG-35 multirole light fighter, considered as 'flagship' of the 'MiG' Corporation aircraft family today, is also the most flexible opportunity for development of cooperation between Russia and India in this area. In this article, Chief Pilot of the 'MiG' Corporation, Hero of Russia Mikhail Belyaev talks about attributes of the MiG-35 and his impressions of flying one of the most modern Russian combat aircraft.

The MiG-35 is an excellent aircraft, with excellent aerodynamic characteristics and high thrust-to-weight ratio which makes it possible for the pilot to always be at the peak of performance and optimally select options while on combat missions.

The aircraft is controlled using HOTAS with all critical switches on the powerplant control levers and the aircraft control column. All data is displayed on the HUD, full colour cockpit MFDs and the pilot's helmet mounted display (HMD). With this the pilot has all the information needed without looking inside the cockpit during flight missions.

During development of the MiG-35, its designers took advantage of experience accumulated over the past decades.

