

# **VAYU** Interview with William L. Blair, Vice President and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India



**VAYU** : *What are the air to air capabilities that the F-21 would provide to the IAF? How do you see these capabilities complement those of the existing IAF fleet?*

The F-21 fighter aircraft is on offer to the Indian Air Force and Lockheed Martin is leveraging both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation technologies to offer the best solution to meet or exceed the IAF's capability needs, provide Make in India industrial opportunities, and accelerate India-US cooperation on advanced technologies, including but not limited to fighter aircraft.

This aircraft, which will be manufactured by Lockheed Martin, the world's largest and

most advanced defence manufacturer, is the most advanced 4<sup>th</sup> generation fighter we have ever offered. The F-21 would serve as a force multiplier for the Indian Air Force with an unmatched capability-to-cost ratio compared to the competition. In addition, the F-21 is equipped with state-of-the-art systems and sensors that would allow the Indian Air Force to detect, track and engage