

### Need for Ambidexterity for Business Transformation in HAL – An Empirical Analysis

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### **Analysis of the Indian Aerospace industry**



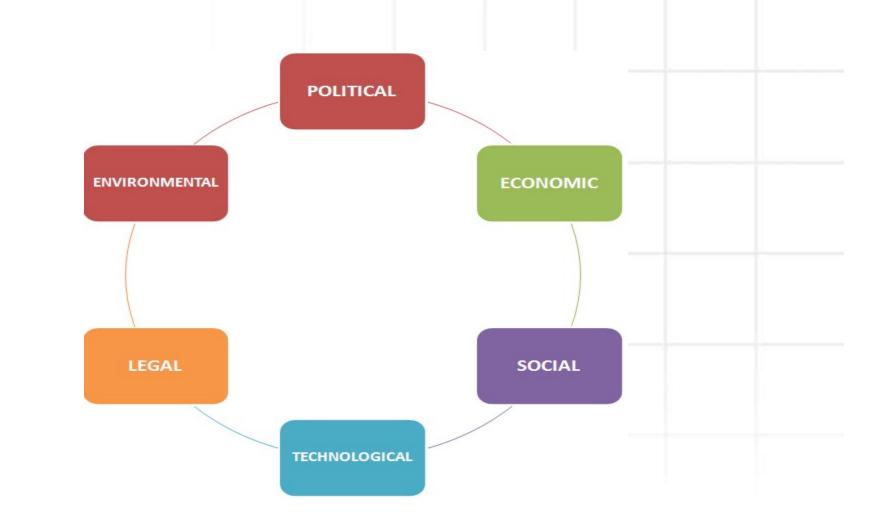
- Manufacturing base
- Trained Manpower

- Lack of Collaborative Supply Chain
- Gap In Technical Capability & Current R&D Situation
- Poor Stakeholder Management
- Less Synergy In Industry-Academia
- Absence Of Lead Industry Trainers & Lack Of Trg. & Certifications For Aerospace Professionals

### **Defining VUCA**

	DRIVERS	EFFECTS	DEMANDS
Volatility	<ul> <li>Change nature</li> <li>Change dynamics</li> <li>Change rate and speed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risk</li> <li>Instability</li> <li>Flux</li> </ul>	VISION Take actions Probe changes
Uncertainty	<ul> <li>Unpredictability</li> <li>Potential surprises</li> <li>Unpredictable outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direction paralysis due to information overload</li> </ul>	UNDERSTANDING <ul> <li>Wider understanding</li> <li>Different</li> <li>perspectives</li> </ul>
Complexity	<ul> <li>Task co-relation</li> <li>Multifaceted</li> <li>effects</li> <li>Influencers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unproductive</li> <li>Dualities</li> </ul>	<b>CLARITY</b> •Key focus •Flexible •Creative
Ambiguity	<ul> <li>Ideal vs actual</li> <li>Misinterpretation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Induce doubt and distrust</li> <li>Lapses in decision making</li> <li>Hurt innovations</li> </ul>	AGILITY Decision making Innovation

#### **VUCA in A&D – PESTLE ANALYSIS**



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#### **VUCA in A&D - HAL**



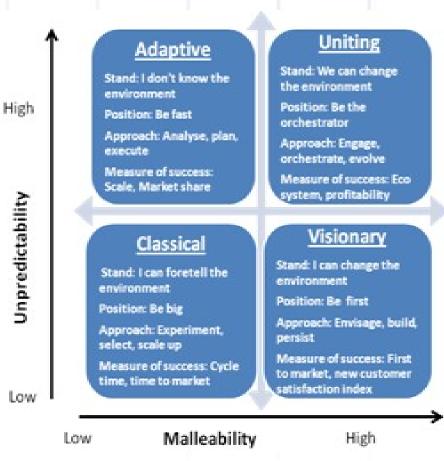
# Strategising in a VUCA world - HAL's Perspective

Strategic foresights and frameworks:

- Classical Assumptions are: Environment is a given and future is predictable
- Anticipatory approach
- Collaborative approach
- Adaptive approach

Most effective VUCA breakthrough strategy:

 Predicting & Leading 'VUCA', Anticipatory planning, Strategic foresight, Foretelling 'black swan' events





## Project management approach to develop Ambidexterity in HAL

- Early and deep stakeholder engagement mitigating
  - Supply chain uncertainty
  - Technology complexity
  - Industry Academia collaboration
  - Skills ambiguity
  - Competitor uncertainty
- Strategic Risk management
  - Market risk mitigation by investing in UAVs & using back casting tool
  - Technology risk mitigation through open system architecture
- Scope management and assumptions analysis
- Robust change management processes
- HR management Creating a 'Learning organisation'





# Success story: Development of Indigenous trainer aircraft HTT-40

HTT-40 – Basic trainer aircraft

- Program that follows 'Project orgn structure' within a functional orgn
- Milestone Inaugural flight on June 17, 2016
- Prototype flown within 1 year of detailed design phase that was completed in May 2015
- Proves effectiveness of leading VUCA, embracing ambidexterity by weaving projectised approach within a functional organisation making structural, cultural and strategic changes



# Success story: Implementing ambidexterity strategies in HTT-40

Ambidextrous strategies adopted

- Strengthening supply chain through procurement of common systems across platforms like LCA
- Experience team lead by a PMI-certified Project manager
- Team handpicked by top mgmt with average age <35</li>
- Specifications decided by HAL mitigating competitor uncertainty
- Scope management and change management effective as trainer is a made-to market model
- Technology risk Engine unavailability mitigated by flying prototype with CAT-B



#### **Concepts and Lessons for the future**

- Breakthrough strategy Not faster response or agility but Anticipating the stimulus, anticipatory planning and foretelling the 'black swan event'
- Focus on strategic human resource management and keeping pace with rapid technology advancement
- HAL's success behind HTT-40 Program Projectised approach within a functional organisation making structural, cultural and strategic changes
- Proposed strategic foresight and project management approach – effective for a Business Transformation!

#### **Conclusion – Key takeaways**



Need for foretelling 'black swan' event & *leading the VUCA* 



Encouraging 'Ambidextrous', 'Collaborative' & 'Anticipatory' attitudes in business strategy



Creation of a Learning organisation



Strategic foresight and project management approach



Embracing 'ambidexterity' - a panache to create a better response to VUCA

# NOTHING HAPPENS until the pain of REMAINING THE SAME OUTWEIGHS the pain of CHANGE.

~ Arthur Burt

