

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF LEOPOLD



Squadron Leader Rana Chhina, MBE, Secretary, USI-CAFHR has been appointed **Officer of the Order of Leopold**. The Badge of the Order was presented by HE Ambassador Jan Luykx at his residence on 26 Feb 2018. This is the oldest and highest Order of Belgium.

Squadron Leader Chhina was awarded this distinction for contributing to the excellent bilateral relations between Belgium and India through his ground breaking historical research into the contribution of tens of thousands of Indian troops and civilians at the Belgian Front during and in the aftermath of World War I.

Together with Belgian historian Dominiek Dendooven, from the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, he wrote a joint Indian-Belgian reference work '**India in Flanders Fields**'. This book was launched in the presence of Their Majesties, the King and the Queen of the Belgians during their State Visit to India in November last year.



**(L to R) Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina, Mrs Raka Singh,
HE Amb Jan Luykx and Mrs Rana Chhina**



**(L to R) Lt Gen PK Singh, Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, Sqn Ldr Rana
Chhina, HE Amb Jan Luykx and Maj Gen PK Goswami**