

Our New President



We welcome our new President, **Air Marshal PM Sundaram, AVSM**, who has taken over as Director General of Medical Services (Air) and also became the President of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine on 30th April 1990. Air Marshal Sundaram was commissioned in AMC and seconded to Air Force on 1st March 1955. After serving Air Force in various Squadrons as Medical Officer, he specialised in Aviation Medicine in 1962 and thus became one of the first few specialists of Aviation Medicine in India. He did his DPH in 1965. In 1968, he graduated in Aerospace Medicine from the School of Aerospace Medicine, USA. In 1974, he obtained MD in General Medicine from Madras Medical College. He is one of the first few Fellows of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine.

During 1975 to 1977, he was commanding Aero Bio Engineering Unit, Ministry of Defence, R&D Organisation and was responsible for innovative development of several important aeromedical life support systems.

From 1979 onward he held various important administrative appointments. While holding the post of Deputy Director of Medical Service (Aviation Medicine) in Air Headquarters, he was actively engaged in the Indo-Soviet Manned Space Programme, which successfully launched the first Indian in space and ushered in the era of Space Medicine in India.

He was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore and appointed as Air Officer Commanding, Institute of Aviation Medicine, IAF, Bangalore in 1984. In 1986, he was posted as PMO, South Western Air Command. In 1987, he was promoted to the rank of Air Vice Marshal and appointed as Commandant, Command Hospital Air Force, Bangalore.

On 30th April 1990, he has been promoted to the rank of Air Marshal and has taken over as Director General of Medical Services (Air). We are sure, with his vast and varied experience and keen interest in Aerospace Medicine, the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine will benefit and prosper under his stewardship.