



Editorial

From the chief editor's desk

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On assuming the role of the Chief Editor, it is heartening to note that the *Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine* is moving steadily into a new phase of its development. I extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to the passion and vision of my predecessors and the Editorial Board Members. IJASM has grown significantly over the past 2 years of being online, enhancing its role as a forum for showcasing research in the area of Aerospace Medicine. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the erstwhile team whose service to the journal has made this possible. At the same time, I would also like to welcome the new members on board. All our efforts shall aim at raising the Journal's profile within the aerospace community and beyond, ensuring its status as the leading destination for top research references in Aerospace Medicine. Our focus would be to maintain and refine the quality of our review process, while improving the response time to and from the authors, decreasing the variance of time that papers remain in the system. To this end, the editorial team intends to play an active role in soliciting the most exciting new research in the field.

The present issue of the journal presents to you a collection of intellectually stimulating and interesting articles. Sleep deprivation and fatigue are major challenges affecting flight safety. We bring to you two important original research papers exploring the effects of acute sleep deprivation on changes in speech and hypoxia tolerance. A study on ANVIS MK III NVG is being brought to you with the intent of keeping the readers abreast of the ever-growing aviation industry and aerial platforms. Heat stress in a tropical country like ours is a challenge that most of our specialists in the field encounter on a day-to-day basis. A research article on the effect of heat stress on metabolic gas kinetics is an interesting read. The contribution of the members of society in the field of civil aviation has been growing at par with those in the military. We bring to you an interesting article on a study conducted on civil aircrew. Furthermore, a study analyzing the medical emergencies in civil aviation makes some important recommendations to think about. All this and more await the readers in the present issue.

The editorial team requests the readers and members of the society to send us your best, most provocative, and most rigorous research to enable the journal to advance in its mission. We request you to accept our invitations to review, conduct a thorough professional evaluation of manuscripts, and return completed reviews swiftly if the journal is to serve its scholarly community well.

Welcome aboard and Happy Reading!!

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