

Director General Armed Forces Medical Services

We are indeed proud that our immediate past President of the Aero Medical Society of India, Air Marshal Ajit Nath, PVSM, PHS has taken over as Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. We congratulate him on his promotion and offer our best wishes. This is the first time that the senior-most medical appointment in the Armed Forces is being held by an Air Force Officer in the rank of an Air Marshal.

Air Marshal Ajit Nath graduated from King Edward Medical College, Lahore, in 1938 after a brilliant academic career. He was commissioned in the erstwhile Indian Medical Services in 1940 and was one of the first three Indian Doctors to be seconded to the Airforce in 1941. He qualified as a pilot in 1943, a unique distinction for a Doctor in the early days of Military Aviation. He has flown over 1250 hours in different types of training and operational aircraft.

Air Marshal Ajit Nath is one of the main pioneers of Aviation Medicine in this country. He was the founder of the Aero Medical Society of India. It was due to his vision, foresight and forward planning that the Aero Medical Society has achieved the stature it has today. During his tenure as President of Aero Medical Society, he has instituted the Fellowship of the Aero Medical Society of India.

He has attended Advanced Courses in Aviation Medicine in U.K., France, Italy and Germany. During his tenure as Director of Medical Services (Air) and President of Aero Medical Society of India, from 1967 to 1974, the Society and the Institute of Aviation Medicine have grown considerably, under his able direction and guidance. We are grateful to him on this account.

He was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 1970 and appointed Honorary Surgeon to the President in 1971.

We hope to continue to get his guidance and support as the DGAFMS. We wish him all the best in his new Office.