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Rechristening of AVIATION MEDICINE as INDIAN JOURNAL OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE from the current issue marks a giant step forward, commensurate with India's increasing participation in the manned space programme with its attendant medical problems. For the past several years, we have been increasingly involved in the studies of biomedical problems of manned space flights. Our role in this aspect has been acknowledged by world pioneers in this field viz USSR and USA, with both of whom we have rapidly developing collaboration in the arena of Space Medicine. It is quite in the fitness of things that

the Aeromedical Society of India has recently been transformed into Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine. All these are indicators of a metamorphosis from the shackles of gravitation to the eerie world of weightlessness. Rakesh Sharma's space flight was a major landmark for India in this direction.

In the coming decades, various research activities in Space Medicine in addition to Aviation Medicine will be reflected in this journal and contribution by the members to enrich this new science will be highly appreciated.