

## XXXIV Annual Meeting Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



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On behalf of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, it is my privilege this morning to welcome you to the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society. I am particularly grateful to the Chief of the Air Staff who inspite of his very busy schedule has consented to inaugurate the function today. He has been very busy with commitments of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of IAF and lot of other commitments in the country and abroad. His very presence here this morning shows his keen concern and interest in the practice of Aerospace Medicine from the point of increasing flying efficiency and flight safety. Let me assure you that with your guidance and encouragement, we will keep on improving in this direction. I am also grateful to Mrs Asha Suri, who has very kindly consented to inaugurate the Scientific

Exhibition, which is being put up on the occasion. I also welcome the retired officers, the delegates, all the dignitaries and the ladies who have graced the occasion by their presence this morning.

The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was launched some 40 years back in 1952. It was the result of the farsightedness and vision of our predecessors at that time who visualised the role of Aerospace Medicine in the coming years, in the light of expansion of military and civil aviation. The strength of the Society today is something like 850. The discipline of Aerospace Medicine has many people in its fold. For example, we have the basic scientists, physiologists, specialists in human engineering and we have got clinicians to back them up. This Society through its

premier institution of IAM Bangalore, has the benefit of all these disciplines. This Institute trains doctors of the Indian Army, Navy and the Air Force in the primary aviation role and also conducts advanced courses leading to the degree of MD in Aerospace Medicine of Bangalore University. The Society through the Institute is also involved in basic and advanced research in the field of Aerospace Medicine and publishes its work in a journal which is published twice a year. This journal is the only one of its kind in Asia and is very well received both at the national and the international level.

The Society through IAM also interacts with aviation industry and helps in the human engineering requirements in the design of various aircraft, the manufacture or the modification of which is undertaken by them. There is also interaction between the various R & D establishments associated with the development of aviation needs. We also provide aeromedical cover to civil aviation, the two national Airlines and other associated bodies like DGCA, International Airport Authority of India and National Airport Authority of India. I welcome the representatives of these organisations who

are present here this morning. I extend a special word of welcome to the lone delegate from Bangladesh.

We also have amongst us a number of aircrew, the Air Officers Commanding of various Air Force Stations and training Institutes. It is very important to have them with us because whatever we are doing here, the feed back comes to us from them. I welcome them and also request them to keep supporting us, the way they have been doing in the past.

Over the next two days, we have programmed a number of symposia, seminars and free papers. The whole idea is to take stock review of what we have been doing for the last couple of years. The deliberation will give us direction as to what is to be done in the coming years. This year Subroto Mukerjee Memorial Oration is being delivered by Dr MS Devanandan, an eminent Neuro-Physiologist from Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore and I extend a special welcome to him. I now request the Chief of the Air Staff to kindly inaugurate the 34th Annual Meeting of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine.