

## Editorial

*The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was formed in 1952 and its first formal scientific meeting was held in 1954, at Air Headquarters, New Delhi. The first issue of the "Journal of Aeromedical Society of India" now called "Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine" also came out in 1954. Initially published once a year, it is now being published twice a year. More than seventy issues have since been published. This winter issue is the last issue of its 44th Volume containing wide variety of papers read during the 41st annual conference of the society held at IAM Bangalore.*

*An update on recent trends in cervical stabilisation procedures, as well as experience with CTMRI of the spine, as an important tool in evaluation of the post ejection cases is presented in this issue. The neuroendocrinal reactions amongst the helicopter pilots due to combined aviation stresses in relation to performance have also been discussed.*

*Experience of a senior medical officer in the successful planning and execution of medical cover during a big air show on his station can be used by others as guideline for similar shows in future. Other articles in this issue include a field trial, a field survey and a short review of an important practical problem of extended night operations in a fighter base.*

*The year 2002 happens to be the Golden Jubilee year of the ISAM. It is planned to host an International Conference in the early part of 2002. In light of this decision, the Society will conduct a CME update in Aerospace Medicine during the year 2001, instead of the regular annual conference. Aviation fraternity is requested to support and participate in these events wholeheartedly.*

*We take this opportunity to welcome our new president Air Marshal LK Verma DGMS (Air) and thank him for the immediate support and guidance provided by him in the successful execution of the annual meet of the society, shortly after taking office. We look forward to his continued support to the society activities, including publication of this journal and his passion to take the society to new heights, in the coming years. We also thank our outgoing president Air Marshal SP Verma VSM for the contribution he made while steering the society for the past three years. We wish him a healthy and joyful retired life.*