

In Memoriam



Air Vice Marshal M M Shrinagesh, OBE, PVSM, AVSM

Born 02 Oct 1912

Died 25 Dec 1976

Air Vice Marshal MM Shrinagesh was commissioned in the IMS in July 1940 and seconded to Air Force to form the nucleus of Air Force Medical Branch. While serving with No. 1 and No. 7 Squadrons, he was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded OBE (Military Division). In 1947, as a Group Captain he was the first Indian to be appointed as the Director of Medical Services (Air).

He was deputed to visit Aero Medical Institutions in UK, USA and Canada in 1948. His special interest in Aviation Medicine led him to qualify as a Flight Surgeon with United States Navy in 1951. His original research work on decompression sickness in divers and giving a new meaning to alveolar equation was widely recognised while Aviation Medicine was still in its infancy.

On integration of Medical Services in the Armed Forces he had a stint of staff appointments in Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and office of the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. He then Commanded Air Force School of Aviation Medicine (now Institute of Aviation Medicine), Bangalore. On promotion to the rank of Air Commodore he took over as Deputy Commandant, AFMC, Pune and subsequently became Director of Medical Research for Armed Forces. His continued devotion to Aviation Medicine led to his concurrent appointment as a Consultant in Aviation Medicine.

On 3 Sep 1968 he again became the Director of Medical Services (Air) and President of our Society. He was elevated to the rank of Air Vice Marshal in Mar 1969 and appointed as Commandant, AFMC, Pune. The Aero Medical Society recognised his services by electing him a Fellow in 1970. His brilliant service career was well deservedly decorated with the awards of AVSM and PVSM. The distinction of delivering the Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee Memorial Oration lecture was conferred on him by the Society in 1975. Till his demise he was the Honorary Consultant in Aviation Medicine to the Armed Forces.

We bereave the loss of a pioneer and founder of Aviation Medicine, an able administrator and above all a gentleman with a vision.

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Shrinagesh and family.

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Flt Lt M P JAIMANI, (Medical)

It is regretted Flt Lt MP Jaimani, a member of the Society, who was on deputation to Sultanate of Omman was killed in a flying accident on 3 Aug 76.

Our deep sympathies are with his parents.