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*The progress of aviation medicine has all along necessarily followed the developments in military and civil aviation. It has been so in our country as well.*

*The aviation scenario in India has changed rapidly in recent past. Only a few indigenously built aircraft could be seen in the skies in past years. However, lately there has been a surge in the indigenous aircraft industry and many new designs have been announced. All these developments became visible at AVIA INDIA 93 also called "The Bangalore Air Show". Over half a dozen new Indian designs in various stages of development could be seen together. They ranged from the tiny ones like NAL's research craft and Pinaki to Advanced Light Helicopter and a modern fighter like LCA. It was also apparent that M/S HAL are no longer the sole producers of indigenous aircraft. The scene promised much and let us look forward to more such developments by AVIA INDIA 95. IAM and our Society were also represented at the Air Show and made known the concern of our aeromedical fraternity for keeping pace with the growth of aviation in India. Rightly, this issue carries a report on "The Bangalore Air Show".*

*We normally carry news items on the annual meeting of the Society. However, the 35th Meeting due in 1993 was cancelled in toto, essentially to conserve our energies and resources for the big event in 1994 - the International Congress on Aviation and Space Medicine. We have a great deal of important information for you on the international congress in this issue. As if to make up for the relative*

*inactivity of the Society, the Human Engineering Panel of Aeronautical Research & Development Board picked up momentum this year. For the first time two meetings were held during the year 1993 and a large number of research proposals were considered and cleared. More than that, the Panel organised its first ever seminar on "Psychological Assessment in Pilot Selection", which made a firm impact on all concerned of the need to boost aviation psychological research. Many in the authority sat up with eyes wide open. The seminar has set in motion an activity which may snowball into formation of an Aviation Psychological Research Centre at IAM. The report on this seminar was a must and we are happy that it could be included in this very issue.*

*We also have for you a news item on CAARC - the meeting of Commonwealth Advisory Aeronautical Research Council, possibly for the last time.*

*The Journal has not been publishing regular update of the articles published in the previous issues. It was done last in Dec 77 (Vol 21) issue. So, an index of articles published from Jun 78 to Jun 93 is included in this issue, which should serve as a ready reference for easier searching and location of specific articles.*

*The Editorial Committee has been reconstituted following the departure of AVM Kuldip Rai, Gp Capt MB Dikshit and Wg Cdr AK Sharma. We place on record the significant contributions made by the outgoing members and appreciate their efforts in bringing out the Journal in time. We will strive to do better.*