

SOCIETY NEWS

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### Our New President

**Air Marshal SK BHALLA**, Director General Medical Services (Air) took over as the President of our Society on 01 Jun 87. **Air Marshal GN KUNZRU PVSM AVSM**, our former President, has retired from active service after a brilliant career spanning well over three decades. While wishing him and his family a very happy retired life, the Society looks forward to his continued and active guidance in its various activities.

### Change of Name of the Society

The Aero Medical Society of India is being renamed as the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine following the decision taken in the last General Body Meeting of the Society. This redesignation is in keeping with the rapid strides made by our Society beyond the frontiers of Aviation Medicine into the realm of Space Medicine during recent years. The necessary formalities are being completed regarding registration of the new name of the Society.

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This Issue of the Journal will be the last one bearing the name 'Aviation Medicine' as we hope the December 1987 Issue will be published under the new name of 'Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine'. This will reflect the extended activities of the Society as also underscore the regional identity of our work. With these changes we also hope to expand the Society's activities to areas beyond our subcontinent.

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### Executive Committee (1987-88)

The Executive Committee of the Society was reconstituted during the 29th Annual General Body Meeting held on 10th January, 1987. The newly elected members are:

**Air Cmde PC Chatterjee**  
**Gp Capt Kuldip Rai**  
**Gp Capt NB Amaresh**  
**Yg Cdr Ranjit Kumar**  
**Dr Lanka Shivaji.**

### Associate Fellowships

The following members were elected as Associate Fellows of Aero Medical Society of India during the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society:

**Gp Capt Virinder Singh**  
**Yg Cdr RR Kapur**  
**Yg Cdr GS Nayar**  
**Yg Cdr JM Wadhawan.**

### Awards and Decorations

The Society takes immense pleasure in congratulating the following members who won awards and decorations for their meritorious service:

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| <b>Air Mshl GN Kunzru AVSM</b> | <b>- PVSM</b> |
| <b>Air Cmde PS Devgan</b>      | <b>- AVSM</b> |
| <b>Gp Capt AK Verma</b>        | <b>- AVSM</b> |
| <b>Yg Cdr SK Dham</b>          | <b>- VSM</b>  |
| <b>Yg Cdr LK Kochhar</b>       | <b>- VSM.</b> |

### Promotions

The following members of the Society have been promoted to the present ranks recently:

**Gp Capt HR Garg**  
**Gp Capt PN Das**  
**Gp Capt KP Hegde VSM**  
**Gp Capt KK Mishra**  
**Gp Capt NB Amaresh**  
**Gp Capt SC Luthra.**

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## Retirements

The following members have retired from active service :

**Gp Capt SM Osama AVSM**  
**Air Cmde JN Singha**  
**Wg Cdr SC Gupta**  
**Wg Cdr Kashinath**  
**Wg Cdr N Tikekar**  
**Wg CdrGNK Eswarudu**  
**Gp Capt LS Bhatnagar.**

We wish them all the very best and do look forward to their continued association with all activities of the Society.

## Best Scientific Papers

The 29th Annual Scientific Session of the Society was held on 8th and 9th January, 1987 at the Institute of Aviation Medicine, IAF, Bangalore. The annual awards for the Best Scientific Papers presented during the Conference were given to the following papers:

- a. 'Superficial Temporal Artery Blood Flow under +Gz Acceleration with Doppler Blood Velocimeter' by **Wg Cdr JK Gupta** and **Sqn Ldr MM Dogra** of IAM, IAF.
- b. 'Human Factors in Airline Flight Safety' by **Dr SM Gaikwad** of Air India.