

Society News

Annual Meeting of the Aero Medical Society of India.

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Aero Medical Society of India was held on 15th and 16th December 1978, at National Aeronautical Laboratory, Bangalore, and was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal IH Latif, Chief of the Air Staff. The Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee Memorial Oration on "Aviation and Radiation Hazards" was delivered by Dr Raja Ramanna, B.Sc. (Hons), Ph.D., D.Sc., Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri, Ministry of Defence.

A large number of Scientific Papers were presented in a total of five Scientific Sessions spread over two days, which were very well attended. The symposia on "Aeromedical Evaluation of Aircraft Accidents" and "Spine in Aviation" generated a lot of interest and informed discussion.

Fellows of the Society

Three of our members have been elected as Fellows of the Society in view of their contributions towards the advancement of Aviation Medicine.

Wg Cdr JN Singha

Wg Cdr V Kumar

Wg Cdr SK Adaval

Wing Commander JN Singha

He obtained MBBS degree from Punjab University in 1954, and joined the IAF in July 1955. He obtained his DO from Aligarh University in 1961 and his MS (Oph) from Osmania University in 1965. He became a Classified Specialist in 1968.

He has worked as Eye Specialist in Air Force Hospitals at Secunderabad and Bangalore, AF Central

Medical Establishment at New Delhi and IAM, Bangalore. He underwent special post-graduate training in Orthoptics, Pleoptics and Contact Lenses at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He is currently working as Head of Department of Ophthalmology at Command Hospital AF, Bangalore. His field of interest is Orthoptics and Visual problems in Aviation and has a number of original research publications to his credit.

Wing Commander V Kumar

He obtained his MBBS degree from Medical College, Amritsar in 1959. He completed MD (Psychiatry) in 1975 from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and became a Classified Specialist in the same year.

Presently he is the Head of the Department of Neuropsychiatry at IAM and also appointed as Professor of Neuropsychiatry of Bangalore University. He has been associated with research in Aviation Neuropsychiatry for many years and has published a number of papers. He is also a Fellow of Indian Psychiatric Society.

Wing Commander SK Adaval

He obtained his MBBS from MCM Medical College, Indore in 1958 and MD (Pathology) in 1962. He joined Armed Forces in 1962 and became a Classified Specialist in 1968.

At present he is the Head of the Department of Pathology at IAM and Professor of Aviation Pathology of Bangalore University. He has conducted a large number of investigations into fatal aircraft accidents and has a number of publications to his credit. He was commended for his dedicated work on three occasions. He is also a member of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists.



Inaugural function of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Aero Medical Society of India. From left: Lt Gen DN Gupta, DMS Army, Air Marshal HR Chitnis, AOC-in-C, Trg Comd, Air Chief Marshal IH Latif, CAS and Shri TR Jayaraman, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University.



Air Chief Marshal IH Latif gives away the CAS Medal to Flt Lt S Sodhi, who stood first in the 18th Advanced Aviation Medicine Course.



Dr Raja Ramanna, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri, in the Department of Applied Physics during his visit to IAM.



Lt Gen JC Chatterji, Chief Consultant to the Armed Forces, in the Survival Museum, discussing a point with AOC IAM.