

UNIVERSITY OF BANGALORE

ACADEMIC NEWS LETTER OF I.A.M.

The Institute of Aviation Medicine was conducting the Advanced Course for service officers since 1960. It was later felt that this course be converted into a Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Aviation Medicine by seeking affiliation to the Bangalore University. The affiliation was granted initially for 3 years from 1966-68. Subsequently on the report of an Inspection Committee, the Institute was recognised by the University as a permanent constituent college for conduction of the Post-Graduate Diploma in Aviation Medicine. Permission to admit two civilian doctors for this course was also sanctioned by the University and Air Headquarters.

On Affiliation, Board of Studies in Aviation Medicine was created under the Faculty of Medicine and the Principal and CO of the Institute was appointed as Chairman. In addition the CO also became a Member of the Senate and the Academic Council as per the Bangalore University Act. The University also constituted a Board of Appointments with DMS (Air) as the Chairman to screen and recommend to the Syndicate, the instructors of this Institute as Professors, Readers and Lecturers. In addition the Government of India has appointed an Advisory Committee of which the DMS (Air) is the Chairman, along with CO and two instructors of this Institute and two representatives of University as Members and Training Officer as Secretary. The function of this Committee is mainly to co-ordinate training between the I.A.M. and the University and to consider other academic matters.

The Board of studies in Aviation Medicine framed the rules, regulations and syllabi for the Diploma Course. The Faculties of Medicine and Academic Council of the University have accepted the recommendations.

The Board of Studies in Aviation Medicine also recommended an award of scholarship to the civilian doctors admitted for the course. The recommendation was considered by the Syndicate and a scholarship of Rs. 250 p.m. has been awarded by the University from the current year for one candidate.

The Board of appointments has scrutinised the requests of the instructors of this Institute and recommended 22 Instructors for recognition as under which has been approved by the Syndicate:—

Principal and Professor	..	1
Professors	..	6
Readers	..	3
Lecturers	..	12

The Advisory Committee had two meetings and had taken up various matters concerning the training of the students for the Diploma Course. At its recent meeting they have recommended to the University for award of one more scholarship to the civilian doctors as only two

are permitted to attend the course. In case it is not accepted the committee has decided to approach the UGC or Ministry of Health, Central Government for the award of one more scholarship.

The first Post-Graduate Diploma Examination was conducted in December 1969. The only 2 service officers who had undergone the course were declared successful by the University. During the year 1970, six service candidates appeared for the Diploma Examination and all of them were successful. In 1971, there are 7 candidates of which one is a civilian doctor. Though two civilian doctors were selected due to withdrawal of one at the last minute, the vacancy was re-allotted to a service candidate.

Since no Convocation is held by the University for presentation of Diploma Certificates, it was decided to present it at the annual Aero Medical Society meeting each year to the successful candidates.

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