

Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine



Air Marshal SP Varma VSM

Our New President

Air Marshal SP Varma VSM has taken over as President of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine on 26 May 97, on assuming the office of the Director General Medical Services (Air).

Air Marshal Varma obtained his MBBS from Lucknow University in 1961 and was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps in January 1962. He specialised in Internal Medicine from Pune University in 1973 and later obtained DM (Cardiology). He has had specialised training in colour doppler echocardiography at the University of Alabama, School of Medicine, Birmingham, USA and was awarded an American Medical Association Credit for the same.

During his illustrious service career of over 35 years, Air Marshal Varma has served with distinction as a medical specialist and subsequently as a cardiologist in some of the most prestigious armed forces hospitals in the country, notably, Army Hospital (Research and Referral Hospital) Delhi Cantt, Command Hospital (Northern Command) Udhampur and Air Force Central Medical Establishment, New Delhi. Today, he is the senior most cardiologist in the Armed Forces.

Air Marshal Varma has held key administrative appointments. As an Air Commadore he was Deputy Commandant of Command Hospital, Air Force, Bangalore. On promotion to the rank of Air Vice Marshal, he took over as Commandant of Command Hospital Bangalore. From September 95 till May 97, Air Marshal Varma had been Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command.

Air Marshal Varma has made several notable contributions to the Armed Forces Medical Services. He was the chief architect behind setting up of the "Cardiac Evaluation Centre" at AF Central Medical Establishment, New Delhi.

Air Marshal Varma is a life member of many professional bodies in India like the Cardiological Society of India, Diabetic Association of India and Association of Physicians of India. He has attended several important conferences in medicine, cardiology and aerospace medicine in India and abroad and has been a guest speaker and chairperson on many special occasions. He has numerous publications to his credit. His special field of interest is coronary artery disease. For his distinguished service he was awarded the 'Vishist Seva Medal' by the President of India on 26th January 1990.

The Society, has in its new President, an eminent personality who has excelled in the professional field. He has contributed immensely to the cause of aerospace medicine in India and, as President of the Society, will continue to guide and inspire us to achieve greater success.