INTERNET FOR THE “INTERNAUT”

The Internet is all about information. The information available can be exchanged formally and informally amongst groups/individuals and can be broadcast or made accessible to the rest of the internet community. The challenge of using the internet effectively is not just in finding information but it lies in finding information one is interested in while discarding the rest. An attempt it made here to list some of the important aviation related websites for the ease of users.

Aviation Links:

www.civilaviation nic.in - This web site is a storehouse of information about the Ministry of Civil Aviation, India with links to Directorate General Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the other sister bodies like the Airport Authority of India (AAI), Air India (AI) and Indian Airlines (IA). The important features include current status of Accident investigation (the Court of Inquiry of the Alliance CD 7412 737-200 air disaster at Patna is currently available), civil aviation requirements including weekly updates, circulars, Aircraft Act of 1934 and Aircraft Rules of 1937, Flying clubs, Flying schools and Application forms for the Flight crew licensing as well as the list of Class II Aviation Medical Examiners.

www.icao.org - lists the ICAO publication and important news releases, education and training institutes teaching Aviation Medicine world wide, links to DGCA directory, Air Navigation and Air Transport Bureau and also features a search for important aviation medicine literature.

www.ntsb.gov - Important aviation link especially with reference to the huge accident database of more than 44,000 accidents.

www.airdisaster.com - An excellent site for Civil Accident database and incorporates features like accident movies, eyewitness reports, full text reports, CVR transcripts and audio clips.

www.asma.org - The Aerospace Medical Associations’s official website. It features the Aviat Space and Environmental Medicine journal (ASEM) abstract search, links to useful aviation sites, information about the forthcoming Conference and online abstract submission for the same.

www.ozemail.com - Features aviation medicine links and search. The webpage is designed comprehensively and contains links to other Aerospace Medicine sites. An ASEM search can be done on this site.

www.gretnar.com/aeromed - An important site for all Aerospace Medicine enthusiasts to access all relevant topics in Aviation Medicine and to access the ASEM on online.

www.uhms.com - A site of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society. It has links to all the sites pertaining to Hyperbaric Medicine and incorporates the safety features, requirements of a Chamber and relevant links.

www.sambrooks.af.mil - A site of the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base has a good collection of current updates in Aviation Medicine and allied links like the DCEIM, Canada. Of particular interest is the RAMSHORM directory which has the contributions by the Residents of
the Aerospace Medicine programme of the School. It has current topics, a powerpoint presentation on COMBATEDGE and contemporary issues.

**Space Links:**

[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) - The ultimate space link with features including aerospace technology, launch schedules, research opportunities, jobs and internships, educational resources and space life sciences.

[www.space.com](http://www.space.com) - An important web resource about space. New releases about missions and launches, videos and audio clips of space missions and photo-galleries, teach space section with links to important space sites including NASA, SETI. It also has downloadable pictures of auroras and the pictorial history of space missions.

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