It is indeed an honour to head the Air Force Medical Services and by virtue of this, also serve as the President of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine. Both the organizations are unique and I am happy that I have been closely associated with the growth of both these for the past thirty odd years.

The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine has played a yeoman role in advocating the speciality of Aerospace Medicine in the country. All Air Force medical officers along with the civilian doctors, scientists and aviators have immeasurably contributed to the growth of the Society. The members have done the society proud by relentlessly endeavoring to raise the bar by their professional activities.

This issue of the journal has many remarkable articles, reflecting the multifaceted nature of this speciality. For the last three years the editorial team has been bringing out a Technical Mini Series every year on topics that are of contemporary nature. These publications have been well researched and have helped in propagating knowledge about Aerospace Medicine and thus, further the aim of the Society.

Today we are on the cross roads of a challenging future. There are greater demands on our assets from all sectors. Military aviation is becoming more sophisticated and technologically advanced, requiring aeromedical solutions that have to be scientific, practical and innovative. The civil aviation sector is witnessing unprecedented growth and there is a need for proactive steps to handle the ever increasing number of medical examination of civil aircrew. The country’s voyage into space has opened up newer vistas and necessitates contributions from the aviation medicine specialists of yesterday, today and tomorrow. I am convinced that the members will rise up to the new challenges and provide solutions to all aeromedical needs of the Aerospace industry.