

## **AIR VICE MARSHAL MM SRINAGESH MEMORIAL ORATION**



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Air Vice Marshal MM Srinagesh PVSM AVSM VSM was born on 02 Oct 1912. As a young Lieutenant, Madhukar Mallanah Srinagesh was among the first medical officers of the IAF who volunteered to join the IAF medical service in 1940 while serving in the Indian Medical Service (IMS). He was the first Medical Officer to be posted as Deputy Principal Medical Officer (DPMO) of IAF with the creation of this post on the RAF PMO's staff at Air HQ. He was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader to fill this appointment in 1943. In the year 1945, Sqn Ldr MM Srinagesh was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander to fill the same appointment. On 15 Aug 1947, he was appointed as PMO at Air HQ in the rank of Gp Capt and later became DMS (Air) with the same rank. He retired from the IAF at the rank of Air Vice Marshal on 10 Sep 1971.

Trained in Aviation Medicine in USA, AVM MM Srinagesh was keen practitioner of the then fledgling specialty of Aviation medicine. He contributed enormously to the progress and advancement of this area of expertise in India. The fruits of his labour are being reaped even by the present generation of Aviation medicine specialists. He was truly, the father of Aviation medicine in India.

As a gesture of gratitude and thankfulness, Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) instituted an 'oration' in the year 2007 to commemorate him. The oration is delivered during the annual conference of the ISAM. A memento is presented to the eminent personality who delivers this oration.

### **LIST OF AVM MM SRINAGESH ORATIONS IN THE PAST**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Orator</b>
2007	50 years of aeromedical R&D in India- A ringside view	Dr CA Verghese
2008	Civil Aviation in India in 2020	Mr M Madhavan Nambiar
2009	Coronary Intervention- Is the interventionalist a threat to the cardiac surgeon	Dr Ashok Seth
2010	From Srinagesh to Srinagesh- The journey from operational aerospace medicine to clinical aerospace medicine	Wg Cdr PD Navathe (Retd.)
2011	An earthling to an astronaut- Medical Challenges	Dr Jeffrey R Davis
2012	Skeletal muscle in aerospace medicine	Prof Stephen DR Harridge
2013	The cognitive science of unknown and uncertain environment	Dr Manas K Mandal
2014	Fatigue Risk Management in Airlines Operations	Dr Jarnail Singh
2015	The Earthlings are coming: Mars Mission Challenges	AVM G Gomez VSM (Retd.)
2017	Stress & Fatigue in Aviation	AVM P Kharbanda VSM (Retd)
2018	Indian Space Programme: Past, Present & Future	AVM Pankaj Tyagi VSM (Retd)
2019	Aeromedical Research in India: Past-Present-Future	AVM Jayant S Kulkarni (Retd)
2020	Coronary Artery Disease: Pathophysiology and its Therapeutic Implication	Wg Cdr (Dr) SN Sharma (Retd)
2021	Evolution of Escape System: A Safety Perspective	Mr Steve Roberts
2022	Private Human Space Flight: Opening Space for all	Dr James M Vanderploeg
2023	Patient Safety: Drawing Lessons from Aerospace Safety	Air Mshl (Dr) Pawan Kapoor AVSM VSM & Bar (Retd)
2024	Effective Healthcare Strategies for Low Resource Settings: Insights Gained from my IAF Journey	Wg Cdr (Dr) Kartik Kalyanram (Retd)