## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED FOR EXTENSION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Institute of Aerospace Medicine being a defence institute does not have any provision for outreach activities. No NCC, NSS activities has been done so far. However being one of the most decorated Medical Units of the Armed Forces as well as the Indian Airforce the Institute is proud of several achievements. The Institute celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in the year of 2021. The ambitious and path-breaking Transformation of research in aviation and space arena was visualized in this platform were all the aerospace medical specialists across the country and abroad joined both through online and offline mode owing to the Covid 19 pandemic. From a very early age, the institute craves recognition from students and research enthusiasts. So strong is the institute's desire for positive affirmation, particularly during developmental phase of innovations indigenous to the institute.

Employees of this place are well recognized and motivated for further achievements and not stop and satisfied with present laurels. It is also ensured to retain top talent, increase students' involvement in the research works and encourage high performance.

The noteworthy achievements of the Institute in the past are as follows:

Presidential Colours: The Institute was conferred the 'Presidential Colours' on 21 Nov 05 by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. It became the first medical unit in the three services to achieve this distinction.

NAAC Accreditation. The Institute was graded 'A' by the National Academic Accreditation Council (NAAC) in Dec 2010 and A+ during the accreditation in 2017 with GPA of 3.53 (out of a maximum of 4). The NAAC team recommended the Institute for taking up the case for its recognition as an Institution of National Importance (INI), which has been taken up by the Institute.

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) Commendation. The Institute was commended by the MoCA for its contribution to Civil Aviation in India, during the Centenary Celebrations of Civil Aviation in India. This Institute is recognized as a boarding centre for both civil and military aircrew for its major and pivotal role in disposing of the aircrew with their disability management and limitation.

Centre of Excellence. The Institute was declared as a 'Centre of Excellence' by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) in the state of Karnataka on 01 Jul 15, the first among more than 600 colleges of the University.

First Ever Unit Citation by CAS to a Medical Unit. IAM also has the rare distinction of being bestowed the Unit Citation by Chief of the Air Staff on 08 Oct 15- the first ever Medical Unit in an Op Support role to receive the award.

QCI Award. The Institute was awarded the Dr DL Shah Platinum Award in 2017 for its project titled Beyond Academics: 360-degree approach to post graduate training'.

A Centre of Excellence (CoE) is anybody or an organization that works with a leading-edge knowledge and competency in its area. It is comprised of highly-skilled individuals and experts, who disseminate knowledge in an organization and share best practices. The literal meaning of a Centre of Excellence is – 'A place where the highest standards are maintained.' The Institute of Aerospace Medicine defines a CoE as "Nabhasi Arogyam" and strives to showcase its capabilities and innovations matching the motto of the institute.