

WELCOME ADDRESS

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Ladies & Gentlemen :

I consider it a great privilege and an honour to welcome you to Jaipur. As you very well know that we had to cancel our 8th Annual Conference of the Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India in view of the National Emergency which arose by the invasion of Chinese on our northern borders. We have been all along thinking how we, as members of this Association, can help in the defence measures of this country. The idea of organizing this Symposium on "The Physiological and Pharmacological problems at High altitude" was conceived during my discussions with Prof. Anand in October, 1963. Though the time was very short, I approached Lt. Gen. Kapila, Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi for his help in the organization of this Symposium. I am very grateful to him for readily agreeing to depute the team from Defence Services to participate in this Symposium. We are grateful to Brig. Inder Singh, Lt. Col. Gupta, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Nayar, Capt. Nishith, Flt. Lt. Subba who agreed to participate in the Symposium at this very short notice.

We are also grateful to Dr. Riley from Johns Hopkins and Dr. Sujoy Roy from All India Institute of Medical Sciences for agreeing to participate in this Symposium.

Military doctors and the medical personnel have not only to be physically fit themselves to live at high altitude, but also to maintain the physical fitness of our troops located at these places. Within the few hours available at our disposal it was not possible to go through all the problems that are connected with high altitudes. We have, therefore, confined the Symposium to certain aspects like : Acclimatisation, Physical efficiency, Haemocirculatory, Respiratory, Neurophysiological changes, Nutritional requirements and the various drugs which could specially be of use in the prevention and treatment at such places.

We are grateful to the Chairman, University Grants Commission and the Director, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for providing funds for organizing this Symposium.

I shall not stay long as, I am sure, all of you will be interested in listening to the various distinguished speakers who are participating in this Symposium in spite of their heavy engagements,

We are highly obliged to Brig. Karani, Director, Medical Research, Armed Forces Medical Services, for his invaluable help and suggestions in the organisation of this symposium and for agreeing to inaugurate and preside at this symposium in spite of his heavy engagements. I will now request Brig. Karani to kindly inaugurate the Symposium.
