

President Desk

It is an honor to get elected as the President of the most prestigious, vibrant, active and one of the largest branches of IMA.

It gives me immense pleasure to communicate with you through our monthly bulletin IMA Plus. I am thankful to managing committee of IMA Pune and Life members of IMA Pune for giving me this opportunity to work as the President of IMA Pune. I assure you that I will try to put my best efforts to justify your belief and faith in me. This organisation has a rich leagacy of 91 years.



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I know that it is a huge responsibility and an uphill task, but I am sure, with your help, support, courage, guidance and active participation, we will cruise through it. I have a very dynamic, enthusiastic and devoted team of office bearers who are geared up to take IMA to the next level.

We solicit the help and co-operation from our trust board, MMC and IMA MS. We have to face many challenges but at the same time have many opportunities to improve. As in the recent past, our road ahead seems to be more turbulent and difficult, but with our continued efforts, vigilance and unity, we will try to overcome this.

So our first indispensible step is to decide 'what we want'.

This year **"Empowering healthcare"** is our theme, which includes empowering our Life members, Society/patients, our organisation and our hospitals.

As far as member's are concerned, our plan is to continue conducting CME's Conferences and also we will try to make it online. We wish to start sports and fitness club for our members. Cultural programs on Foundation day will be new addition to our routine activities. We have decided to donate text books to poor and needy medical students. We have to strengthen our Rush teams. Also increase activities of Jindadil. We have planned overseas trip to China during Ganpati Festival and so on.

For Society, we will be organising health awareness programmes, आरोग्य मित्र that is specialised medical counselling to police, Media friends and PMT Workers, जीवन संजीवनी CPR training for nonmedicos. Blood donation drive, Mission Pink health, Anti-tobacco campaign in schools and End TB programme are planned.

For hospital Board, we will deal with MPCB issues, NABH accreditation, Nurses training, Insurance and Procurement issues.

Our membership should reach to 5000 from present number of 4650! We will try to increase Liasion with regulatory authorities, Govt, media and others.



We wish to improve our image in Society.

Over the last 5-6 years, our fraternity all over India, is facing many problems, unjust new laws or amendments regarding our profession which lead to increase in violence against healthcare. Obviously we were shocked, worried and disturbed. For us safe, calm and a secure atmosphere is desirable. IMA proactively took a stand to fight this by conducting protests and agitations. Now we are becoming stronger, well organized and united and are ready handle any challenges in coming times. We are no more a soft target. This sends a strong warning to our opposition.

Last week during my interview by ABP Maza and Loksatta - under title of Vichar sanhita, I put forward our sentiments and views aggressively. This was not to oppose any political party but to send clear and loud message that we are no more soft targets and we are strong and alert!

To sum up, let us come together, unite, work hard and enjoy! I seek your blessings!

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