

## President's Message.....

Dear Friends,

It is indeed my privilege and honor to be the President of our branch, which is one of the largest and most active branch of the country. I feel proud stating that I was installed in the presence of dignitaries like IMA-HQ HSG Dr. Jayesh Lele & IMA-MS President Dr. Suhas Pingle. My journey with IMA started much before I started my clinical practice. My father Dr. K. C. Mehta made me a member of IMA, once I graduated in Medicine. I was brought in the managing committee by my godfather Dr. Anil Suchak in the late nineties'. I served the association in different capacities all these years. Subsequently, Dr. Jayesh Lele, who I consider another godfather, has given me the opportunity to work at the state & national level. Now, here I am here to serve you to the best of my abilities.



The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives drastically since more than the past 2 years. Though the pandemic is not over yet, we are definitely seeing an improvement. After the dreaded first 2 waves, the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave, although highly infective, was relatively mild in comparison. Let us all hope that we don't have to witness the anticipated 4<sup>th</sup> wave. Hence, we must not put off our guards. Let us continue with the standard precautionary measures. Our vaccination drive is in full swing & I request all of you to complete your precautionary dose (3<sup>rd</sup> dose), if not done yet. During the pandemic, all our branch activities were affected, but still there were a lot of events which took place virtually. I must congratulate our Immediate Past President Dr. Saurabh Sanjanwala, Hon. Secretary – Dr. Arvind Ghongane and the entire team for their success in overcoming all the situational hurdles.

Now, my team is totally geared up with full Joshhhhh..... I am fortunate to have a seasoned & experienced Hon. Secretary Dr. Shobha Ahuja in my team with lots of other stalwarts from the different specialties in my committee. There are many new entrants to the committee. In the words of Sir Issac Newton, **“What we know is a drop, What we don't know is an ocean”**. Our CGP team & AMS team have started working on the CMEs. We intend to continue half of our scientific programs on a virtual platform and the other half in-person, thus giving our members the flexibility in the attendance modes for the CMEs. There are various certificate courses as well as various programs in joint venture with IMA-MS & IMA-HQ lined up for the following year. We also look forward to many cultural events this year, especially the ones to be organised in-person. Our various charity projects will continue, as in the past. Our goal is to make the membership drive more active to increase our strength. Furthermore, a smartphone app for our branch is in the making, for members to have easy access to information regarding branch activities at their fingertips.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you all about the ongoing renewal process of MMC until 31/5/22. I request all of you to do the needful and those who wish to obtain help, can do so on an appointment basis by reaching out to our office staff. Although there are so many things which have been planned for the year, I strongly believe that “let the actions speak rather than words”. Lastly, there is no “I” in TEAM and we can't spell SUCCESS without U. So, we look forward to your active participation in all our activities.

Wishing you all a flourishing new financial year 2022-23.

Jai Hind. Long live IMA!

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