



From the Editor's desk

A New Start for the New Year

*"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves,
or we know where we can find information on it."*

Samuel Johnson

Knowing a subject well means continuously updating one's knowledge about it. What we use in daily clinical practice is what we remember from the top of our knowledge pool. It is important, as time goes by, to referesh this pool of knowledge. Medical journals provide us with a great opportunity to update ourselves. It gives me great pleasure to don the mantle of The Editor of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of India.

I take over from Dr Mahendra Parikh, an editor of unusual perseverance and insight, who has brought about numerous changes in the journal and its working style. I am only beginning to appreciate his efforts over the last few years.

My association with the Journal began over thirty years ago. I worked with the founder secretary and manager, Dr Gool Vazifdar. We would meet at the office where the articles would be type-set and laid out on a long table according to page numbers. Those were the days of real "desk top publishing"! Seeing the issue through to the print stage involved transporting the blocks to the printers marking "this side up ↑", and often spending long hours poring over the proofs. In today's electronic age, the physical nature of printing journals has been transformed. The challenges of journal editing have changed.

The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of

India is the official journal of Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI). It is immensely popular and enjoys a massive reach. Every FOGSI member receives this journal in print and also has access to it online. Being its editor is a privilege and a great responsibility.

The Journal is peer reviewed and the scientific material is of the highest quality thanks to the rigorous editorial process. I would also like to shorten the time from submission to publishing for contributors. This can be achieved with the enthusiasm of the honorary peer reviewers and by tapping the vast academic talent of our members. Th Journal, as always, welcomes the involvement of FOGSI members in this regard. The Editor and office bearers will ensure all the available support to authors to realize their potential.

The longest part of the journey is said to be the passing of the gate. As I pass into the office of Editor, we are also passing into the coming year. I wish you all the very best for the season and look forward to a fruitful association with the Journal and with the FOGSI members.

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