FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

Namaskar Friends,

I want to share with you my vision on Journal of Association of Physicians of India (JAPI) as a New Editor in Chief. As me and my editorial team kick-off the new innings, all our endeavours will be in the pursuit of excellence.

JAPI with improved impact factor, superior visibility on various platform, eminently peer reviewed original research articles pertinent to the Indian subcontinent, larger citation, faster turnaround time through a coherent, secure, and streamlined system, better discoverability, simple direct access, peek in to the latest happening in the medical research world with novel section of postgraduate corner, social media presence, collaborations with international journals, accomplishing bimonthly publication will be my priorities.

While the country is slowly recovering back to normalcy after devastating covid pandemic; it is important to notice that in last decade we faced multiple heat waves, unseasonal rain falls, cyclones, locusts adversely affecting the agriculture and also taking a human toll. Global warming, deforestation, changing ecosystem are threatening the very existence of species. The Sixth Assessment Report of the United Nations Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was released on April 2nd 2022. It highlighted the efforts to minimize the global warming. India pledged for decarbonization and minimizing greenhouse effect. To preserve the ecosystem along with government agencies, we will need sustainable, workable, individual commitments as well.

What should be a rational and logical response to these multiple environmental demurs? With the help of modern technologies and scaled down paper consumption to dwindle deforestation, minimizing our credence on the fossil fuel, employing green energy fuel with renewable adoptable technologies, we can certainly take a step towards mitigating these climatic change challenges. We need to join hands together to save Mother Earth. Medical professionals being the elites; should take upon themselves the responsibility of community awareness to preserve healthy ecosystem. I think, one great support and action would be to move energy generation, transport and industry aggressively green. And as we know transformation should start at home, I also wish to Go Green. We – Team JAPI will attempt to reduce paper consumption by GOING GREEN. And I need your support and an active cooperation! So, through my first message, I sincerely appeal members of our baronial association to join hands with me.

Comrades, I am blessed with a great editorial board and advisory team which is a fine blend of experience, research background, stalwarts in Internal Medicine and respective sub-specialities. With their invaluable guidance and the bubbling enthusiasm of my young friends, I am confident JAPI will scale newer heights.

I need your support, encouragement and pat of appreciation in my humongous task. So, wish me and my team the best of luck.

I bow down to memories of my mentor, path-buster Late Prof. Dr. Siddharth N Shah for his unparalleled guidance to me during my API tenure. And I am lucky to have hand-holding by the likes of Prof. Dr. Y. P. Munjal, Prof. Dr. Shashank R Joshi, Prof. Dr. Milind Nadkar, Prof. Dr. B. B. Thakur, Prof. Dr. Alaka Deshpande, Prof. Dr. Shyam Sunder, Prof. Dr. G. S. Wander, Dr. Girish Mathur, Dr. K. K. Pareek, Dr. Pritam Gupta, Dr. Rajesh Upadhyaya, Prof. Dr. Agam C Vora and many more. I express my sincere gratitude to them and request them to bless me and my team with continuous support and guidance.

Long Live JAP!!!!
Long live AP!!!!