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## From the Desk of IAP- Infectious Diseases Chairman, 2019...

Dear IAP-Infectious Diseases Chapter Colleagues,

I convey my warm greetings from Mysuru.

India faces a unique challenge in tackling a range of infectious diseases, emerging and reemerging contributing to significant mortality and morbidity. Malaria and tuberculosis continue to be a thorn in our health policy. India ranks among the leading countries in terms of dengue and pneumonia burden and we have seen the resurgence of quite a few infectious diseases like diphtheria and scrub typhus in the recent past. Having acknowledged this, we have also taken great strides in improving our public health. We have eliminated polio and leprosy, eradicated neonatal tetanus and have seen a sharp drop in the the incidence of HIV cases.

I am delighted to inform you that IAP-ID Chapter restarted our esteemed 'Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal' after a hiatus of three years. I convey my heart-felt gratitude and congratulations to the efforts put forth by Dr Vijay Yewale and Dr Bhaskar Sheno, in restarting the journal with our office located in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Friends, infectious diseases are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in both office practice and inpatient setting. Neonatal sepsis, pneumonia and diarrheal diseases account for 60% of under-five mortality in India. Two lakh children are being infected with tuberculosis every year in our country and children account to 10% of the total tuberculosis burden. Government of India recently set out target of ridding the country off TB by 2025. Hence, in our first issue of the Journal, we would like to dedicate out efforts toward tuberculosis.

I request all my fellow pediatricians and infectious diseases specialists to contribute your valuable information in the form of articles and case reports, to the Journal regularly so that we can move toward indexing the Journal. Antibiotic stewardship and rational antibiotic therapy are great tasks taken by both CIAP and IAP-ID for this year.

Let us all work together to strengthen the ID Chapter and to help contain and eliminate these deadly infections from our country.

I wish that our ID Journal will be a competent medium in delivering the message of comprehensive child care.

Jai IAP! Jai Infectious Diseases Chapter!

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