

EDITORIAL

Greetings to all readers,

This is an exceptional year - the year of the COVID 19 pandemic, and I have mixed feelings.

These challenging times taught us a lot but one key fact that has come to the forefront is that humanity will fight for its survival and stand together when it matters the most.

Ours is a noble profession and the medical fraternity has stood together, strongly, to serve mankind. The relentless efforts put in by all of us are remarkable and true to the spirit of being a doctor/medical professional.

What stands out though is the way the Indian government has responded to the situation by anticipating well in advance the looming threat of the pandemic and its consequences on the human lives in our country.

The Indian government took the audacious step of enforcing timely and strict lockdown and isolation/quarantine measures. This has played a major role in minimising the mortality and morbidity of precious Indian lives in such a populous nation. These steps have been successful in keeping the mortality and morbidity rates much below the developed western world.

The pharmaceutical industry was successful in developing effective vaccines for COVID 19 and the government was very proactive in providing fast track approvals to these vaccines.

Amid the winter of Covid despair these vaccines are the spring of hope.

I am very hopeful that we will be in this spring very soon.

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