

Editorial

ON RESEARCH CULTURE IN OUR COLLEGE

I, congratulate the BJKines NJBAS on completion of 15 years and acquiring a unique DOI (Digital Object Identifier). The glory of any medical college can be complete only with a shining central star of research in its crown. In recognition of this fact, the NIRF as well as other ranking systems give substantial weightage to the quality and quantity of research in a Medical Institution. Apart from advancing medical knowledge and staying current, research trains the medico minds in critical analysis of information and effective problem solving.

In our Institute, at the Medicity, there is an extraordinary workload and we deal with the rarest of rare diagnoses but we fall short of proportionate quality documentation and reporting in the form of original research. Although we are doing well, we need to promote research activities with the aim of creating research culture in our Institute that initiates, implements, encourages and supports scholarly activities.

Recently by the joint initiative of students, PG Director and the Dean, BJ Medical College, a programme named Clinical Research Program First Edition was carried out with its highlights being:

- A longitudinal programme going on for 4 to 6 months
- Series of research related theory lectures by inhouse and external experts in the field
- Each followed by a guided implementation of that particular step of research
- Multilevel team including students from 2nd , 3rd and final mbbs and interested faculties
- One team for each department
- Complete voluntary involvement of students and mentors and
- Poster competition of work done, held towards the end of the programme. We hope to have many more editions of the same programme.

The research work in our college can be further enhanced by students' better utilisation of existing infrastructure, library and databases, senior students mentoring the junior ones and developing an attitude of ongoing learning and curiosity.

"Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought" by Albert Gyorgyi.

The future scope can be further solidified by publication support offered by our institute in the form of help in data analysis, manuscript preparation and submission, awarding best researches and encouraging collaboration and networking with other institutes are also some of the research enhancing strategies.

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