

Dear Readers,

Greetings from BJ Kines-NJBAS.

In this editorial, I wish to address an important reality which is facing all of us – The Issue of Sustainability in Healthcare, and its impact on Climate change.

As we celebrate World Environment Day on 5th June, we need to understand that we are not doing enough to protect our environment. The 77th World Health Assembly meeting, WHO (Agenda item 15.4) held at Geneva, in May 2024 addressed the critical issue of Climate change and health. It emphasized sustainable healthcare delivery models, creating awareness, research and innovations on environment sensitive diseases.

This mammoth task is not possible without incorporating sustainability education into medical curriculum, in fact into school curriculum. Our healthcare facilities need to be energy efficient. We need to involve architects, designers and consultants to guide us while we do infrastructural planning. Our healthcare providers need to understand their ethical responsibility to promote environmental stewardship. Green procurement practices need to be adopted. Waste reduction and recycling practices need to be implemented.

With more awareness on the above topics, we would be able to enable improved public health outcomes along with cost savings for healthcare institutions.

Let us move forward and do our bit for our planet.

Warm Regards,

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