



FOGSI, President's Report

Dear Friends Greetings from FOGSI, Wish you all a happy and prosperous New year 2022. We were looking forward to celebrating this year with gaiety and putting the pandemic behind us, but we were hit by the Omicron Covid third wave which made us take the very difficult decision of postponing the AICOG Indore congress keeping in view the health and well-being of our FOGSIans. As obstetricians and gynecologists, these are real testing times for us as we stand at the forefront addressing all the problems that women are facing today, even as we all fighting back to get to our normal lives.

Covid-19 has put most women in a challenging situation and women are most affected as their role in the family and society are important in the battle against this situation.

I do still want to mark the achievements of the year just gone. We need to celebrate the fact that Covid vaccination has reached many pregnant women and it has definitely saved many lives.

My Vision and Mission - FOGSI FOR ALL, ALWAYS! DHEERA TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN is to have a holistic approach towards women's health at any stage of life, keeping the physical, mental, the social life of a woman.

India has been the forefront of sexual and reproductive rights of Women since the MTP law in 1971 which was a landmark law at that time when globally then and even now there are many places where Abortion is still not legal hence contributing to Maternal Mortality and Morbidity. We have the MTP amendment Act 2021 which has reviewed the old law and made provisions to help women keep in view the advances in the technology of Fetal Medicine.

I am happy to share with you all that our FOGSI - WHO INDIA collaborative project on RESPECTFUL ABORTION CARE has started with a bang and appreciate the FOGSI team for successfully

completing the first round of Master Trainers - 210 for Respectful Abortion Care (RAC) (including aspects of the Safe Abortion Values, Evidence, and Rights/Respect Toolkit). The level of engagement, commitment, and enthusiasm from such senior Ob-Gyns for RAC across the country was beyond all expectations. I am sure that this project will make our members more sensitive to women who approach us for abortion services which we can provide without being judgmental.

DHEERA Project - NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN; We are delighted to share with you all about the successful launch of DHEERA Online school certification program in collaboration with UNICEF INDIA in January 2022. We have trained 400 master trainers from FOGSI and 250 school teachers and we have conducted the program in 30 schools with 1500 students till now. We are happy to note the enthusiasm among our members and schools to take forward this initiative to sensitize about 3000 schools. The ultimate goal of the program is to make Boys and Girls grow up in a more gender-neutral society with mutual respect for each other and we are hoping that the Union Education Ministry will make this course mandatory for all school children in our country.

We have noted that the Covid cases are on a declining trend in our country and we will soon be able to have our academic conferences and we invite you all to join us for the AICOG Congress in Indore in April 2022.

Please take care and follow all the protocols.

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