



Dear Friends,
Greetings from FOGSI.

Wish you all a Happy Independence Day.

India will complete 75 years of Independence on 15th August 2022. This year India will celebrate 76th **Independence Day**. The Government of INDIA decided to celebrate 75 years of Independence of India, with great excitement and tribute to our freedom fighters. They decided to do various programs and government has named the celebration as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Amrit Mahotsav means celebration of 75 years of independence from 2021 to 2022. Let's remember and pay our tribute to our National heroes because of whom we are now leading Happy and Independent life. Wish you all a happy Independence Day.

FOGSI was part of the FIGO's Sustainable implementation of Vaccination Programme's for Women – Best practice strategies at Prague in July. We promise to prioritise the administration of HPV Vaccine to our women to reduce the burden of Ca Cervix in our country.

Global Conference on Updates in Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2022 - the FOGSI Presidential Conference was very successful with over 200 eminent National and international faculty like, Prof Jeanne Conry the President of FIGO, Prof MaryAnn Lumsden CEO of FIGO, Prof Ravichandran regional trustee, Prof Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran Past President of FIGO and Prof Michael Robson from Ireland (ROBSON CLASSIFICATION). The deliberations on crucial issues and latest updates affecting women's health and safe pregnancy benefitted over 1000 delegates from all over the country from 15th July to 17th July 2022, at Hyderabad.

One of the important issues faced by global OBGYN fraternity is the Cesarean epidemic with high rates reported from many parts in the world in general and India in particular. Some states have been reporting high rates of Cesarean section ranging from 15% to even 90% in certain pockets. India has been in the forefront with rapid strides in maternal health reducing the MMR to 103 per 100000 live births marching towards achieving the SDG 2030. Cesarean section when done judiciously is a life saver for both mother and child. In low risk cases, statistics show that high Cesarean section rates are detrimental to mother's health leading to various complications and long term effects. It's a socio medical issue on which Government of India with FOGSI at the forefront is focussing 100% to optimize the rates with a

multipronged approach. In this GCUOG congress we had the Robson Symposium where the officials of the Government and FOGSIAN's discussed how to tackle this issue without jeopardising the Health of the mother and the baby.

The **Robson classification**, also known as the **10-groups classification** or **ten group's classification system (TGCS)**, is a system for classifying pregnant women who undergo childbirth. The Robson's 10-group classification is based on simple obstetrical parameters (parity, previous CS, gestational age, onset of labour, fetal presentation and number of fetuses). It was developed to allow more accurate comparison of caesarean section rates between different settings, whether they be individual hospitals or entire regions or countries. Professor Robson's main interest is the management of labour and the safe delivery of mother and baby. This includes the organisational aspects of the labour ward as well as teaching, audit and research.

In 2015, WHO proposed the use of the Robson classification as a global standard for assessing, monitoring and comparing caesarean section rates both within healthcare facilities and between them. The system classifies all women into one of 10 categories that are mutually exclusive and, as a set, totally comprehensive. **WHO expects that this classification will help healthcare facilities to optimise Caesarean sections.** Let's incorporate this in our practice to optimise the rates.

Global news - The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized women's constitutional right to abortion. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said this decision was "a loss for women everywhere". "Watching the removal of a woman's fundamental right to make decisions over their own body is incredibly upsetting," she said in a statement. Women in India have been more empowered about their sexual and reproductive rights than in many other places globally. Our Government amended the MTP act in 1971 to the MTP act of 2021, in collaboration with FOGSI and other partners. FOGSI supports women in US and reiterates that their rights have to be restored for a healthy Nation in future.

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