

Taking MOA Ahead

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Respected Teachers, Seniors and Friends,
Warm greetings from MOA office.

This year in MOA has been a happening year and together we have planned and accomplished quite a few landmarks. At the beginning of the year we had the MOA Marathon which was conducted in Pune along with Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI). More than 1200 marathon enthusiasts participated in various runs. Dr K H Sancheti flagged off the first run. Almost all Exec Comm Member and other orthopaedic surgeons were present at the Marathon on 4th March 2018 at Balewadi Stadium, Pune. The motto of the Marathon - Fire Safety, Security and Fitness was well achieved.

The second event was the Meet the master program organised by Vidarbha Orthopedic Society. Internationally acclaimed Prof Randy Bindra (Hand, Wrist & Upper Limb Surgeon) from Australia was the guest faculty this year. Compliments to the entire organizing team for a very well organized program with seamless execution. This was also the first program of MOA that was telecasted Live on OrthoTV and was seen by more than 550 MOA members online

The next event was the MOA Day celebrations which we started from this year. This was one of the highlight of the year and the most encouraging part was that almost all district chapters of MOA participated whole heartedly, and a united front of MOA was seen. From April 29 to May 4, various public awareness programmes, tree plantation drives and free health camps have been arranged. Through free health camps, a series of public awareness lectures have been planned on health problems like osteoporosis, knee pain, back pain and how to give first aid. A total of more than 13500 patients received free OPD Consultation with an charity of approximately of Rs 40 Lakhs and more than 5600 attended the public awareness camps. Major Camps were conducted in Pune, Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, Aurangabad, Thane, Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Ahmednagar, Nagpur, Tembhurni, Latur, Beed, Amravati, Solapur, Dhule, Nandurbar, Akola, Chandrapur and many more at city and town levels. Many individual surgeons and smaller groups have also participated in the event to make it widely successful. Events were not only held on 1st May but were celebrated through the entire week across the state as MOA week events.

The entire concept was envisioned as a social responsibility of a state level body of health professional. Maharashtra Orthopaedic Association and its members displayed that they care for the society and will participate wholeheartedly in building a healthier and safer Maharashtra. Recently there have been many news of divide between doctors and patients, MOA day is one such attempt to close this divide and create a strong but caring relationship between doctors and patients. We like to thank all the MOA Executive committee members, presidents & secretaries of all district associations and every member of MOA to make this event a hugely successful one. We will be celebrating MOA day every year as our continued commitment to improve doctor – public relationship in Maharashtra.

The next on agenda was the MOA Research cell and successful launch of the research cell was done on 15th August 2018. I hope you all are in receipt of Sunday Academic Articles and we will also send you a compiled copy at the end of the year. I believe both the research cell and the Sunday articles will help us get into habit of reading and understanding research. This vision will be slow to realise and may take years to accomplish meaningful changes, but I am sure the time is ripe to initiate such activities and lay down the platform for the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons

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I wish to invite everyone of you for MOACON 2018 which we have planned in a grand manner. The theme of the conference is "Academic Excellence through Technology" and a program that justifies the theme is being planned. Many national and international speakers are invited, and we will make sure that the academic content is of highest quality. At the same time the social aspect is kept in mind and exceptional evening programs are planned. I thank the entire organising team for working on making MOACON 2018 a successful event

Once again vest wishes on MOA day to all our esteemed members.

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