

## **Just Desserts....To End the Academic Feast**

Beloved friends, the academic feast for 2012 should definitely continue in the coming year 2013. Everything which starts has to meet an end...That's the nature's law, so also the time has come to bid adieu to the chair of presidentship; but my devotion, dedication and respects to our mother teacher – IAP will always remain as it was. Indeed I am grateful to IAP for giving me a lot in the form of recognition, knowledge and attitude towards life. My tenure as president was more than my expected satisfaction. I am happy that I could contribute albeit a little to scale more heights for IAP, which all the presidents in the past have brought. I am overwhelmed and indebted to my fellow IAPians, academicians who showered immense love, affection and support upon me during my entire presidentship and helped me to accomplish my action plans.

IAP, as I perceive in my 10 years services in EB and 6 yrs in OB is certainly, though slowly inching forward and emerging as a strong national professional society. The credit of course goes to the wisdom and conviction of the presidents and secretary generals in the past. The govt. started recognizing and accepting the advocacies advocated by IAP. The international pediatric societies and major NGOs started realizing the academic prowess of IAP. IAP, of course, is now matching the pace of

India's growing status in economy and world power.

The conceptuality of formation of IAP way back in 1963 was to propagate the academic acumen among the pediatricians and to improvise the child health care. The government, industries and bigwigs like Gates foundation in the world have started recognizing the academic prowess of IAP; let's not demystify this illusion. The cancer of hypocrisy – we leave no occasion to hit hard at the industry but look at them at every occasion for our financial needs; needs a radical treatment. We need to be more disciplined, more compassionate, passionate, social and parliamentary towards our fellow members because, after all we all are rendering honorary services to our beloved academy and the children of the country. Our sole focus should be to achieve MDG-4. IAP's vision – Mission Uday – may help us to reach our goal of MDG-4.

Friends, we are today in the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee year and I am sure that the incoming future presidents will steer the academy to the 100<sup>th</sup> centenary year successfully. I will certainly not be alive to see, but the flag of IAP will fly higher and higher to infinite heights.

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