

## Why Indian Journal of Preventive Medicine?

Welcome to the birth of the Indian Journal of Preventive Medicine. The changes are occurring in health status of Indian population. The incidence of some communicable diseases like Cholera, Malaria, Leprosy, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis etc. is slowly coming down and there are hopes that India will be free from Poliomyelitis in near future because of better immunization coverage & better health care services. At the same time, there is no change in the pattern of Tuberculosis, Filariasis, Viral hepatitis, Malnutrition related disorders. The emerging and re-emerging diseases, HIV & TB co-infection, increasing, drug resistance in certain diseases are posing a great threat to the community. Because of change in the lifestyle, increasing urbanization, industrialization, airpollution, drug abuse etc., the prevalence of non-communicable diseases like hypertension, coronary heart diseases, diabetes mellitus, cancers, mental disorders is gradually increasing. On the other hand, improved

medical technology and timely interventions are prolonging the life expectancy of the human beings. Still, we have to make more efforts for the prevention of both communicable & non-communicable diseases in the entire world, particularly in the developing countries like India. For this purpose, the Indian Journal of Preventive Medicine will show a ray of hope to the medical fraternity by publishing the scientific articles so that ultimately the general population will enjoy a good healthy life. Let, all of us welcome the birth of Indian Journal of Preventive Medicine.

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