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His excellency, honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri S. M. Krishna, Immediate Past President Dr. S. S. Doda, President Elect 2007 Dr. Kulasekaran, Secretary General of IRIA Dr. K. Prabhakar Reddy, Distinguished Past Presidents of the IRIA, other Dignitaries on the dais, our international guest speakers, honorable members of IRIA, residents, captains of the medical industry, members of the media, ladies and gentlemen.

It is an honor for me today, to stand before you as the President of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Association in this Diamond jubilee year. I take this opportunity to thank each member of our esteemed Association for having elected me as the President and also to express my deep sense of gratitude to all the Past Presidents and senior colleagues, for their immense contribution to the growth of our Association.

Today, radiology and imaging has progressed to new heights. It is the only specialty in the entire Medical fraternity that has created a revolution in medical imaging in the past decade. At regular intervals, there have been newer technologies, which have been replacing the not so old diagnostic equipment. It is for all of us, as radiologists, to update ourselves with the modern technology and to utilize the same extensively to serve the sick and the needy. Today our country is second to none of the advanced countries in the adoption of Diagnostic Radiology and Imaging. I call upon the newer generation of radiologists to make the most of the advancing technologies to procure accurate diagnosis. I may mention here for your information, that conventional Radiology has not become obsolete even in this modern era. The message to the youngsters is that they must demonstrate proficiency in both conventional and cutting-edge techniques.

To maintain some uniform standards of education, our Association has been conducting Resident Teaching Programs in diagnostic Radiology and Imaging in all regions of our country. These Teaching Programs have been of immense help for the postgraduates and young radiologists. My vision for the coming year is to secure the increase of the DNB seats in the country in order to increase the overall number of radiologists. A deep sense

of frustration appears to have crept into the minds of the candidates who had taken up the DNB examination recently, as reflected in the results declared in the examinations. I believe the national board's examination process requires thorough analysis and streamlining. I further call upon my colleagues of the DNB faculty to ensure that the candidates are provided proper support to achieve better results. It is important that we maintain a balance between demand and supply. I am very certain that our younger generation of radiologists who take these board exams would work hard to imbibe the radiological techniques for proper diagnosis and give relief to the suffering.

In the present scenario, the advancements in imaging modalities are easily available in all the major cities of our country. By connecting and uplinking of these major cities to the District level and rural health centers through teleradiology has now become a reality.

The Government of Karnataka has taken a few steps forward in this direction and are in the process of bringing teleradiology links between district hospitals and Government Medical College Hospitals of the State. I call upon all the major hospitals and diagnostic centers in the country to move in this direction and lend a helping hand to bring modern technologies to the rural folk of our country.

Another burning matter concerning the radiologists of our country is the Preconception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act. The appropriate authorities of the Health and Family Welfare Departments in different States have been interpreting the Act in different ways, leading to the harassment of the radiologists. Our immediate past President Dr. Doda has had discussions with the Honorable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Services, Dr. Ambumani Ramadoss, suggesting a process of differential punishment, which may be evolved based on the gravity of the deficiency. I will assure you that I will pursue this matter and try my best to secure a favorable decision.

Several meetings have been held and workshops conducted in different zones of the country on the PNDT Act, for apprising our members of the correct interpretations of

its provisions. The public, NGOs and the media have also been associated with these workshops. These meetings have been sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Services and the IRIA.

Ours is the only Association in the entire country, which has joined hands with the Central and State Governments in preventing female feticide, which has upset the male/female ratios in several parts of our country. All the members of our Association have taken an Oath by the 'Pratigya Patra' to prevent female feticide. I take this opportunity to call upon all the members of this Association to intensify their efforts to completely eliminate female feticide.

On this note, I strongly oppose the move initiated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Services that six months of training in Ultrasonography should be sufficient for nonradiologists to do ultrasound. The duration of

six months of training in Ultrasonography is too less a period to get equipped and trained with this sophisticated modality. With this training, registration and practice of Ultrasonography will further promote the misuse of Ultrasonography by nonradiologists, for sex determination. I would also like to mention that the Medical Council of India does not recognize any course, which is of less than two years duration for Diploma in Radio-diagnosis and three years for MD courses.

Before I conclude, I wish to assure you all that I will continue to build on the good work done by my distinguished predecessors. I look forward to the support of all the members of our Association, in order take our esteemed Indian Radiological and Imaging Association to newer heights.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen,
Long live IRIA!

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