

Guest Editorial

The Journal of Contemporary Dentistry launched in the year 2011 was primarily started to encourage intramural scientific activities of the MGM Dental College and Hospital, but in a short span of 5 years it has supported pan India dental research. Much has evolved and is evolving in the research arena with newer technologies and thrust in that area. A glance through the past shows that researchers provided full understanding of orofacial biology. By the end of the century, causative factors of orodental diseases became clear and rational treatment modalities were established. In advanced nations, decreased dental diseases increase the demand for beautification of the mouth. Has dentistry now reached its peak? Or there is much left to be desired?

A smile is unique to humans and intimately connected to an individual's emotions and so dentistry should bring in character in the outcome of treatments rendered. Because of information being available at the click of the button, even the poor are aware of the treatment options but because of the high cost treatment it is not rendered to them due to lack of finances. We must advocate more research in the direction of dental materials and techniques to render treatment to all at low cost today and this should be our aim to "Make in India and to Use in India" for our own people to keep them healthy. India is unique in that majority of the population is still deprived of basic dental care and as with other areas of "Make in India" it would be nice that we evolve some innovative research strategies in dental care and awareness to reach out to these millions.

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