

# JGES: An Open Access Peer Reviewed Journal is Born



Dear Colleagues,

It has been my privilege to be the President of the Indian Association of Gynecological Endoscopists (IAGE). The organization was started by a group of committed endoscopists in the year 1978. Over the years the IAGE, as it is popularly called, has blossomed into a mature organization, with a membership of more than 1400 gynecological endoscopists from all over India.

For such an organization, having a website and a journal of international standards was the next obvious landmark to achieve. Both these objectives have been achieved by us. We have a very dynamic website [www.iageonline.com](http://www.iageonline.com). This has been further complemented by launching the Journal of Gynecological Endoscopy and Surgery (JGES). The JGES is a semi annual peer-reviewed international journal.

The JGES has been launched with the objective of providing an academic platform for all our members as well as colleagues from all over the world. Endoscopists can present their work and showcase their skills in endoscopy and surgery. We will strive to achieve academic excellence and present work of international standards in our journal. Our ultimate objective is to get the journal indexed in three years' time.

Article submission is being made online at [www.journalonweb.com/jges](http://www.journalonweb.com/jges). Impartial and prompt peer review of the submitted articles is being done using an automated computerized system. This has enabled us to get back to the authors with the decision within six to eight weeks of

submission. Besides the print version, the JGES online edition is available at [www.gynecendoscopy.org](http://www.gynecendoscopy.org). The journal allows free access to its contents, which is likely to attract more readers, as well as citations to articles published in the JGES.

The sustained success of this journal will be dependant on all of you. I wish to request one and all to follow the golden mantra of "Perform and Publish."

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I would like to make a special mention of our Managing Editor, Dr. Prakash Trivedi, whose untiring efforts have been responsible for the launch of this wonderful manuscript.

As Founder Editor of this journal I wish you happy reading and God bless!!

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