

Editorial ...

Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other- it doesn't matter who it is- and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other.

Mother Teresa's realistic perception to the smile quoted above, today again, rekindles our wit and wisdom hope and empowerment. Tremendous leap frogs in the technological advancement in dentistry have catered many people with sophisticated dental care. But, aren't we overlooking the smile of the millions who, unfortunately, are in woeful situation for not being able to afford time money and availability for proper dental care.

Hence, to realize the theme "outreach through organized dentistry" cumulative efforts from all the concerned bodies must be accelerated. Our strength is we ourselves, our network, our partner organizations and their grass roots community development efforts. Cheeky strategies to mobilize the local resources for the betterment of the pro-dental status and overall livelihood of the marginalized and deprived strata need better address with dynamic impetus.

However, it is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared. The past year in review gives us a clear picture of what we have achieved for ourselves, communities and partners. The executive committee of NDA has coped with a string of profanities but, obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal. People who say it can not be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

As editors of a Journal dedicated to dental fraternity, we can not end this editorial without asking our readers and policy makers to remind their conscience for humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. Deprivation from organized dentistry is the suffering limited, not only to the poverty stricken and conflict marred people but also the policy makers and dental fraternity nationwide.

The sense of obligation to continue is present in all of us. A duty to strive is the duty of us all. I felt a call to that duty.

We need 4 hugs a day for survival. We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth. Thus to outreach through organized dentistry, hugs are needed not the bugs.

Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace a soul generated by love, and ultimately a million smiles in our heart will buoy us through dark side of the moon for what is possible and illuminate the path we all walk.