

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

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Although the statement that 'research depends on the availability of time and money' is a gross oversimplification, there is some truth within its deeper meaning. Without adequate funding and the availability of infrastructure, many great ideas and innovations never get off the ground, and in a fast-paced world where human endeavour has diversified, time has become ever more precious.



Within the stipulated time frame of the medical curriculum, with severe limitations of resources and financial constraints, if we were to promote research, we need to look for a different incentive altogether. We need to inculcate within us an attitudinal drive, a self-motivation and a sense of perseverance towards research. It is through events like the PeMSARC where students interact with each other towards achieving a common goal, planning out innovative research, inspired by their teachers and working within a stipulated time frame, that research becomes a self-rewarding experience.

It has been said that researchers are born rather than made, and the talent in innovation lies with a few. But events such as the PeMSARC will no doubt provide a multitude of new opportunities where hidden talents will be brought into the limelight. Some will excel as organisers and presenters. Some in art and dance. All, I hope will develop a positive attitude towards research and development.

I convey my best wishes to all those involved.

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