

OUR GUEST EDITOR



Dr. A.K. Grover, Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Medical Director, Vision Eye Centre, New Delhi, has been conferred the prestigious national award of **Padma Shri** by the President of India. Dr. Grover is the President Elect (2011) of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS). He is Vice President of Asia Pacific Society of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery, General Secretary of the Ocular Trauma Society of India and Specialty editor of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology. He is a board member of the Afro Asian Academy of Ophthalmology. Born in 1955, Dr. A.K. Grover graduated from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi in 1976 and received and the Col Dr. Thapar gold medal. He completed his post graduation from Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Science, All India Institute of Medical Science in 1980. Dr. Grover joined Maulana Azad Medical College as a member of the faculty in 1984 and worked as Associate Professor and chief of Oculoplastic Services till 1992. Since 1992, Dr. A.K.

Grover has been a Senior Consultant and now Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology and Member, Board of Management at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

Dr. Grover is the past president of Oculoplastics Association of India, Delhi Ophthalmological Society and Federation of Ophthalmic Research and education centres (India). He was the chairman of Academic and Research Committees of All India Ophthalmological Society, founder Honorary General Secretary of the Oculoplastic Association of India and a member of the Scientific Committee of the AIOS. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Dr. Grover is the recipient of the prestigious Col. Rangachari award for the best paper presented at the All India Ophthalmological Society conference in 1995 and he has won the best scientific video film award of the AIOS thrice. He has been awarded an honorary FRCS and appointed an examiner for the FRCS examination by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow). He was also the first Indian to be invited as the FRCS (Ophth) examiner to Glasgow. He was awarded the Prof. Alim memorial oration by the Bangladesh Ophthalmological Society. He has received the prestigious P. Siva Reddy Oration and honorary life membership awarded by Andhra Pradesh state Ophthalmological society. Dr. Grover received the first J.K. Pasricha Oration awarded by the Haryana Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Grover has been conferred the fellowship of the International Medical Science Academy. He has also received the IIRSI gold medal awarded by the Indian Intraocular implant and refractive surgery society (IIRSI). He has received numerous other orations and awards including the prestigious Prof. L.P. Agarwal Oration by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre, AIIMS. Dr. Lakhanpal Oration by PGI, Chandigarh, Daljit Singh Oration by the IIRSI, A.D. Grover Oration by Chandigarh Ophthalmologic Society. Dr. P.N. Sinha oration by Bihar Ophthalmological society. Col S.C. Dutt. oration by the West Bengal Ophthalmologic Society, Dr. S.N. Mitter Oration and Dr. Krishna Sohan Singh Trophy by the Delhi Ophthalmological Society, Prof. T. Gopinatha Menon memorial oration by Cochin Ophthalmic Club, Ethicon fellowship of All India Ophthalmological Society and Momose Afro Asian fellowship, Indo Japanese Ophthalmological Foundation. He has also been appointed as Coordinator for international Council of Ophthalmology examinations in Basic Science and Clinical Science. He has been an advisor to the Indian Council of Medical research for last 15 years, having been a member of the Scientific Advisory Group and the Project Review Committees. Dr. Grover is an examiner to a number of universities and the National Board of Examinations. Dr. Grover is on the editorial board of Indian Journal of Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology world report, Journal of International Medical Science Academy and was an associate editor of the Afro Asian Journal of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Grover has organized or presided over a number of conferences and has conducted numerous courses and chaired a number of symposia and courses. He has been invited all over India and abroad for guest lectures and live surgical demonstrations. He has been invited to conduct courses or deliver guest lectures at the World Ophthalmology Congress, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Afro Asian Congress, Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, Asia Pacific Society of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Pakistan Ophthalmological Society, Bangladesh Ophthalmological Society, and to various centers in Colombia, Vietnam, Libya, Nepal and several other countries. He has over 75 publications in National and International Journals and over 800 presentations in the various National and International Conferences. He has authored over 50 chapters in National and International books and edited a book on Oculoplastic Surgery for the All India Ophthalmological Society.

Dr. Grover has been extremely active in the social sphere participating in a number of charitable eye care activities. He has conducted a large number of free surgical procedures in Eye Camps at various places including an eye camp at Ranikhet for 10 consecutive years and active participation in Motiabind Mukti Abhiyan of the Delhi Government. He has been an office bearer of the National Society for Prevention of Blindness (India) and an institutional member of the Vision 2020 India and the Eye Bank Association of India. Through these organizations, he has been a very active participant in activities like prevention of blindness and eye banking in the country.

Editorial

There have been huge strides in the practice of Ophthalmology in the recent decades, helped by enormous advances in technology. The revolution in communication has made the world a global village and Indian Ophthalmology has been quick to seize the initiative to be at the forefront as technology. This has been reflected in the community care as well. Better management strategies and newer cost effective modalities have led to a cataract surgery rate of over 5000/million population, one of the highest in the world.

This edition of JIMSA, 'Ophthalmology Today' has been collated with articles from some of the best luminaries of Ophthalmology in India, to reflect this new scenario. I hope the issue will not just inform, but provoke thinking on some of the vital issues which face Ophthalmology today. I am grateful to M/s Allergan India Private Limited for having helped us in taking this issue to the Ophthalmologists across the country.

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