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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues

The present special issue deals with some of the important topics related to 'Environmental Pollution and its impact on human health'. WHO drew the attention of the medical fraternity as early as 1972, when United Nations in its General Assembly passed a resolution which led to the creation of 'World Environment Day' to be celebrated the world over, on the 5th June of every year. The agenda set for the world environment day was to give a human face to the environmental issues, empower people to become active agents of sustainable development to promote an intense feeling that community can play a pivotal role to change the public attitude towards environmental issues. The problem has been multiplied by rapid industrialisation which has led to proliferation of hazardous substances; consequence of these is development of serious ill health and disease in the community, especially in the developing countries. Thus, there is an ever demanding need of creating both public awareness and political attention to deal aggressively with the environmental pollution.

This issue on 'Environment Pollution & Human Health', has been possible due to the untiring efforts of guest editors **Dr. IPS Kalra**, **Prof. S.K. Bhargava** and **Dr. Pratibha Gupta**; the topics covered are very topical and are of immense importance in day to day practice; the contributors are experts in their fields and have put in their best while analysing the data derived from their original work as well as from the current literature. I am extremely grateful to Drs. IPS Kalra, SK Bhargava and Pratibha Gupta; and also the various contributors to this special issue. I am confident that our fellows/members and several other readers/subscribers will find scientific material very useful.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the editorial/advisory boards for their help in the compilation of this issue. I am grateful to various pharmaceutical firms for the financial assistance, provided for preparing this issue.

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