

## EDITORIAL



### **Lets Fight Rabies Unitedly**

Since the discovery of Louis Pasteur in 1885 and the start of the journey of Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) in 1998, we have travelled a long distance so far the prevention and control of Rabies in our country. But nothing significant came out during this long period of time. India remains one of the most affected country in dog bite and rabies in the world. It's a fact that since its inception APCRI is trying its level best to control the Rabies related human deaths. We have tried to increase Rabies awareness,

increased use of post exposure prophylaxis with modern cell culture vaccines and introduction of intra dermal rabies vaccination (IDRV). All these have resulted in reduction of rabies related deaths in the past decades. But still now one thirds of the yearly global rabies deaths occur in India making it the country with highest rabies fatalities in Asia and second highest in the world.

But launch of the Global Rabies Framework in 2015 celebrated the proof that rabies can be eliminated in various settings and the shared goal of reaching zero human deaths from rabies by 2030 worldwide.

As health and wellbeing of people is one of the most important issue to the United Nations, World Health Organisation (WHO) also had taken rabies as a good indicator of a successful health system and a model for "One health" collaboration.

The latest WHO Expert Consultation on Rabies elaborately described the present status and the ways forward.

APCRI as one of the pioneer organisation in this field has to play its own role by educating and motivating our own treating physicians across the country in the management of rabies at large. Keeping that in mind we are trying to organise CMEs, publishing newsletter dedicated on the subject and the journal of the APCRI containing original articles and research works from experts.

Hope more and more members of the association and scientists and teachers will come forward to publish their works in this prestigious journal in future.

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