

Editorial

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E D I T O R I A L

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to note that Journal of Communicable Diseases (JoCD) is releasing its June issue in time out of quarterly issues published in a year. JoCD is committed to publish quality research papers with its review from National and International Experts. JoCD primarily deals with the research work being carried out in the field of communicable diseases. The recent episodes of Zika, Scrub Typhus, AES/ JE, KFD in different parts of the country are posing public health challenges to which solutions need to be found in order to overcome them.

There have been recent reports of some outbreaks of KFD in Karnataka and Nipah virus in Kerala, Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases with high mortality in Muzzafarpur (Bihar). In spite of well defined and established surveillance system in the health system in the country, there is an urgent need of public health emergency preparedness, and response to such sudden outbreaks due to large geographical areas, wide spectrum of ecological, social, vectorial, zoonotic and climatic factors. Research institutions may take up the responsibility to work on the new type of arbo-viruses posing challenges for human health in near future and also develop tools for its diagnosis and treatment.

Owing to successful public health preparedness and effective implementation of surveillance strategy by the health authorities, it has resulted to the minimal reporting of communicable diseases in the recently held Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj (Allahabad), 2019. Similarly, there has been no outbreak reported due to water or vector borne diseases during Pheni cyclone in Odisha as a result of prompt response as public health preparedness and response.

Journal of Communicable Diseases invites papers for publications by researchers on case studies, research projects, innovative tools for surveillance and control, Vectors and vector borne diseases which can serve as reference to others for future endeavors.

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