

Editors' Message

With the number of patients with diabetes mellitus in the country crossing 60 millions, India is well on the way to become the diabetes capital of the world. Recent changes in lifestyle characterized by urbanization and westernization, mainly increased consumption of high calorie foods, beverages and reduced physical activity have fuelled the current epidemic of diabetes mellitus. Given this high disease burden, there is a need for research on prevention and management of diabetes as well as delaying and or treating complications of diabetes mellitus. The Research Society for the study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) was founded in 1972 with this objective and has experienced phenomenal growth in membership and activities during the last two decades. Also, RSSDI has promoted the formation of several state chapters, which have been actively involved in organizing conferences and Continuing Medical Education programmes so as to disseminate latest information to general physicians, specialists caring for patients with diabetes mellitus and postgraduate students.

The Andhra Pradesh chapter of the RSSDI held its 3rd Annual conference on the 2nd and 3rd of March this year at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati. The Journal of Clinical and Scientific Research, in its endeavour to publish and highlight research on major public health problems, has provided information on research papers presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of RSSDI conference to its readers. Accordingly, the scientific information delivered during the conference is made available as a supplement to Vol 2(2) of the journal.

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