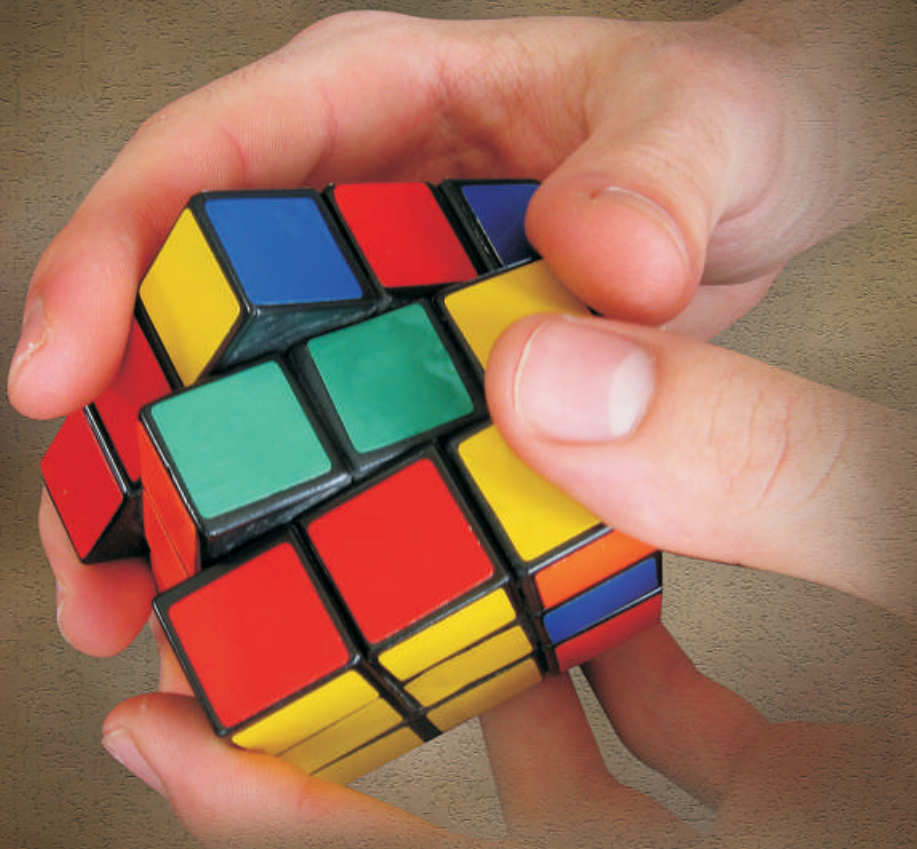




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Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

It is all about changing lives...

Activity Report

2010 - 2012



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an illness to a dear one can all make the components go out of step.
Plastic and reconstructive Surgery very often can make them all fall in place.
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Team of Doctors



The three years - 2010 onwards

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I love this exercise of preparing the activity report. Though difficult and tests one's commitment, it helps us to take stock as to whether we reached the targets we set ourselves, the contributions we made to the society we live in and also reset our inner compass for the future. This period had for us what every growing unit could ask

for - streamline the working pattern with the next generation taking in more responsibilities, expanding our interests and infrastructure in sub specialties of Wrist, Cerebral palsy and Paralytic disorders, Reconstruction of Post Burn Deformities and Diabetic foot care – steps we consider essential to our goal of making the unit as the Destination for Reconstructive Surgery.

In this report you will also find what a Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon does every day. Subtly but surely, we change the lives of every patient whom we treat. When we reconstruct a young man's smashed face and help prevent both his crushed legs from amputation, when we reattach the amputated thumb of an old man much to his surprise, when we repair the cleft in the lip of the child and bring back smile to the whole family, when we bring in movement in the paralysed limb following Brachial Plexus injury, or help build self-esteem in a young girl by aesthetic surgery we certainly change the lives of people.

We continue to use the activity report as a tool to make people aware of the scope of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

We were privileged to start the major community project, 'Hope after Fire' with Rotary. It is a joint initiative to improve the quality of life of post burn victims by correcting the post burn deformities. It is our


vision that no one has to needlessly suffer with correctable problems in this part of the world. We understand that it is an oversized mission, but the skill sets available with us combined with the enthusiasm of the Rotarians will surely see it through. This project has the potential to change the lives of not only the affected, but also the care giving family and the society.

We provided leadership at the national and international levels in professional organizations. In these three years we led three major professional associations of our country – Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand and the Brachial Plexus Surgery Group of India. History was created by bringing in the 12th Triennial congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand and the 9th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy to India. As Congress Chairman, sometime of every day of the last three years was spent in conceiving and executing the plans to make this Triennial congress a great success.

We continued to benefit from visiting surgeons and trainees whose number has swelled to over a hundred a year during this period.

Our activity reports usually come up once every 2 years but this issue has become a triennial report partly because we were conducting the International Hand Surgery and Hand Therapy Congress and we had to give so much of our time in its preparations.

In this triennial report we pay homage to our Chief Anaesthesiologist Dr Ravindra Bhat who left us so suddenly on the 5th May 2012. He epitomized Swami Vivekananda's words, 'They alone live who live for others'. His life and work spanning two decades at Ganga will continue to inspire the future generations.



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