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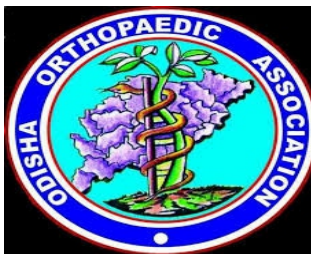
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Cataclysmic changes have shaken our world in the last year. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we work as well as the way we think. Everybody had to act instantly and spontaneously. Orthopaedic training and practice were massively hit as social distancing norms set in. It was bewildering to think, how orthopaedic education for students especially postgraduates would continue under such circumstances. OJOT in a coordinated manner along with all the MS and DNB training institutes of the state started a PG Webinar series to cater to the intermediate vacuum during shutdown and lockdowns.

On the publishing front, we were already incorporating changes that would help us to continue with the journal in these uncertain times. The changes are gradual but noticeable. OJOT released its first online issue (Volume 41, issue 10) last year. From this year the journal has been converted into a biannual periodical as the number of contributions rises sharply. This issue is the first biannual release after 41 years of journal publication! The journal has gradually started being accepted by abstracting agencies. In the last six months, we received indexing from a few major agencies.

We are gradually planning a subspecialty focus to cater to future requirements. Presently we are hoping for indexing by major MCI recognised agencies. Journal guidelines are being built up to enhance the quality of submissions. The path ahead is tough, but we are confident of achieving the targets that have been put forth with sustained support from the association members.

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