



## Let us Make our Publications COUNT...

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*"Arise, Awake and Stop not till the goal is reached"*

-Swami Vivekananda (1863 - 1902)

It is more than a hundred years that Vivekananda has given this famous quote and I wonder how many Indians have taken this quote in its true literal sense. Why it is that very few of our national journals are pubmed – indexed? Why most of the protocols and theories conceptualized by non-Indians? Are we lacking in talent? Are we lacking in hard working and focused academicians? Are we lacking the research aptitude? We need to introspect.

Most of the research work in our country is limited to post-graduate and PhD thesis. In those studies, too, a parent article is selected, and few parameters are changed here and there with an expected outcome. Here I would like to question – "Why not de novo?" Why don't we dare to breach that unexplored territory? Think of a new concept or theory and start working on it? When Kaban [1]. LB could make a protocol for Temporo-mandibular joint ankylosis after working on 14 cases – we too CAN. There is no scar-

city of cases in our country or paucity of surgical expertise. The only area where we lack is meticulous documentation. Also, the research aptitude generally dies down when a person is out of an academic institute. We should not let this happen. Let the fire within us stay afresh. Let us be lifelong learners. Let us keep on publishing and also make them COUNT...

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