

## **5000 FREE ORTHOPEDIC SURGERIES FOR POOR PATIENTS – WORLD RECORD**

Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) is one of the largest Academic Professional Organisations of doctors, consisting of nearly 12,000 Life members from the length and breadth of INDIA spanning across 22 States and Hundreds of cities and thousands of districts. Since its inception in 1955, it has completed 60 years of existence. IOA is the pivotal body for streamlining academics and research, as well as social networking among orthopedic surgeons and is recognized all over the World.

The IOA embarked and obtained the permission from the Govt. of India to observe 4th August of every year, the day when the IOA was officially registered, as the National Bone and Joint Day for the last Four years. The concept of the Bone and Joint Day was the brain child of our former President, IOA, Dr. S. Rajasekaran and the present President of IOA, Dr. Sudhir Kapoor who was the then honorary Secretary, IOA. Every year we have been adopting different themes for observing this important day. Last year it was on Road Safety – Follow Road Rules and Save Lives. The primary aim is not only to create awareness among people on the various orthopaedic illnesses which can be prevented or treated, but also be useful to the society.

This year it has been decided to conduct free surgeries on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016, which would benefit thousands of patients who are more on the underprivileged and lower socio economic strata. Being the first time we also propose to have it as a World Record for maximum no. of free orthopedic surgery in a short period.

With 22 Indian State chapters affiliated to the Indian Orthopaedic Association, hundreds of cities, thousands of districts and innumerable town and Taluks across the length and breadth of the country IOA have proposed to take this noble act of conducting free surgeries to all these places through each and every Life member of the Association. This will create an opportunity to benefit thousands of people from the poor or lower socioeconomic strata.

We have a target of at least one free surgery by every member. The financial beneficial impact will indeed be very large. The surgeries will be

completely free to the patients and an undertaking to this effect will be taken from the doctor as well as the patient.

Various NGOs and Clubs like Lion's, Rotaract have been roped in, not only for better service and reach to the general public but also for the authentication and certification towards the World Record. We have applied to the World Record Academy, based in USA, who have a very large number of records listed from all over the World. Our record will be for the highest number of free orthopaedi surgeries in a Country for a given period as we have proposed to have it on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016.

We are very thankful to the IOA and all its Life Members and Mentors for having pledged their entire support wholeheartedly to perform this World feat, which will ultimately benefit our brethren.

We also thank the Media for having come in large numbers. It is impossible to take forward this unique social event to the general public without the support of media and press to ensure that the benefit truly reaches the masses.

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