

E D I T O R I A L

Dear Readers

This is the first issue of the *Proceedings of the Indian National Science Academy* (P-INSA) after I took over as *Editor-in-Chief* (EIC) in January 2019. It is my pleasant task to record our deep appreciation of the services of the previous *Editor-in-Chief*, Prof. S C Lakhotia of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Prof. Lakhotia worked tirelessly for many years to raise the quality and standards of P-INSA. He was a firm believer in the principle that Indian scientists should publish at least some of their best work in Indian science journals. We are all very grateful to Prof. Lakhotia for his efforts on behalf of P-INSA.

My mandate as *Editor-in-Chief* will be to take P-INSA to even greater heights. There is clearly much to be done in terms of attracting high-quality papers to P-INSA, and thereby expanding the readership and international profile of our journal. This is not an easy task, especially given the proliferation of science journals world-wide and the pressures put on young

scientists to publish in high impact-factor journals. Many suggestions have been made in this regard, and it is not my purpose to go into their merits and demerits here. Rather, I solicit your assistance and cooperation in the task of improving P-INSA. An obvious suggestion in this regard is that all readers (and particularly fellows of INSA as it is “our” journal after all) should consider submitting at least one quality paper per year to P-INSA. There are some pending proposals about tying up with an international publisher to increase the reach and circulation of our journal. I intend to pursue these proposals very seriously, but they must move in tandem with other steps to upgrade P-INSA. In this regard, I propose to have a wide consultative process to formulate an action plan to achieve our goals.

Let me conclude by wishing you all a very productive and happy year ahead. I look forward to working together with all of you.

Best wishes !

Sanjay Puri

Editor-in-Chief

Proceedings of the Indian National Science Academy

School of Physical Sciences

Jawaharlal Nehru University

New Delhi 110 067

E-mail: purijnu@gmail.com;

eic.pinsa@gmail.com