

Editorial



From the Editor's Desk

Goodbyes are not Forever!

It seems like yesterday that I penned my first editorial page for Delhi Journal of Ophthalmology. Time flies and what a fantastic journey it has been! Today, as I gather my thoughts for the last one of my tenure, it's a moment filled with emotions.

Walk ALONE if you want to walk FAST

Walk TOGETHER if you want to walk FAR

*Undoubtedly, it has been our journey **together** which has borne the fruits of labour.*

To be able to serve the research community was a privilege. My predecessors worked painstakingly to take DJO to great heights and in a similar vein, I made every possible effort to carry the rich legacy forward in a manner befitting scientific and technological advances.

*Keeping in tune with the digital age, DJO has become the first ophthalmology journal in India to have its own App, with all of its scientific content just a click away. The **DJO App**, which is free, can be easily downloaded on your mobile phones from the App store, and provides access to all published articles (Figure 1). Other features of this App include searching of articles - by author, title and key words, notifications to users and the option of customised notifications. I am delighted to share that the App has successfully completed one year since its launch and has proved to be an efficient means of accessing DJO in a simple and effective manner.*

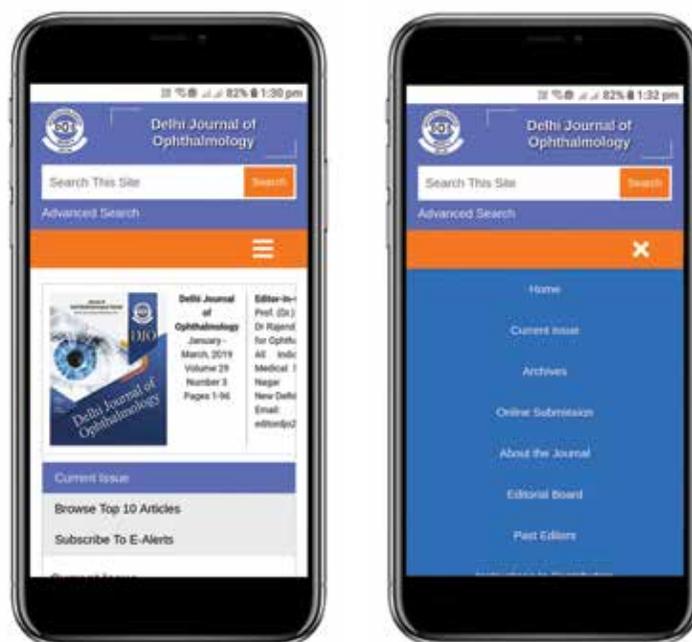


Figure 1: The DJO Mobile App

Some of you wrote to me regarding technical issues with the DJO website www.djo.org.in. To improve its functioning, the website was revamped for the first time since its introduction almost a decade ago, making it more user friendly and techno-savvy (Figure 2). The new features include:

- *Mobile Responsive Layout:* The new website has been designed for multi devices. It will now work on mobile devices, tablets and desktops.
- *Sync with Mobile App:* The new website design is in sync with the DJO App and all the data is concurrent with the App. Links to download the App have been incorporated in the new design.
- *Improved URL Structure:* The new design has a better URL structure to facilitate SEO (Search Engine Optimization).
- *Dynamic and fresh layout with an attractive colour combination.*

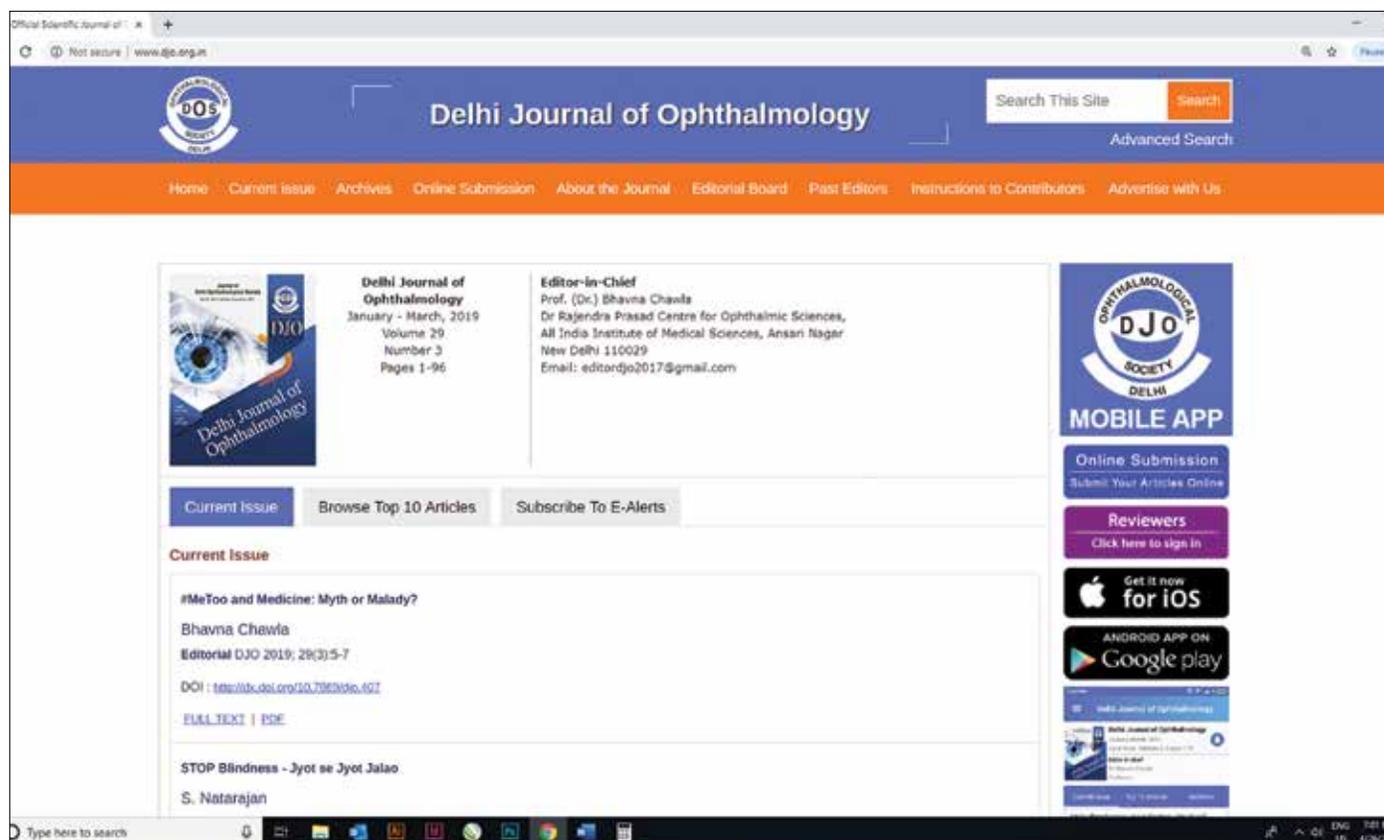


Figure 2: The DJO website www.djo.org.in with new features

The most important aspect of any journal is its scientific content. The journal's quality was always my top priority. Eminent clinicians and scientists from the world's premier institutes in USA, UK and Japan contributed generously to enrich the scientific content of DJO, raising the journal's stature. The current issue has a lucid and comprehensive Guest Editorial on Thyroid Eye Diseases from a leading orbital surgeon in UK. Our own national institutes of excellence such as AIIMS, PGI Sankara Nethralaya, and LVPEI, among others, shared their rich experience and knowledge through high quality articles, making DJO a much sought-after journal. The last year witnessed a 30% increase in the number of submitted articles, a clear reflection of its growing popularity. One of you wrote to me asking if DJO is a national journal? Yes indeed, it is! Authors from all over India contribute to the success of the journal. Pan-India representation is an indication of its enhanced visibility and a testimony to the inclusive spirit of DJO.

Several new sections were added. There was a sincere effort on my part to give everyone a fair opportunity to publish. Rather than outright rejection, a softer approach was adopted, even if that meant burning the midnight oil to make some articles publication worthy. This was particularly aimed at encouraging young enthusiastic researchers to develop their skills in scientific writing and showcase their talent.

The Top 10 most viewed articles on the website are as follows:

1. **Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography: Principles and Application in Retinal Diseases**
Gabriella Moraes, Livia Faes, Bishwanath Pal; *Recent Advances DJO* 2018; 29(1):43-48
2. **Bench to Bedside: Translational Research Demystified**
Bhavna Chawla; *Editorial DJO* 2018; 29(1):4-5
3. **Dry Age Related Macular Degeneration – Oral Supplements, Which Combination and When?**
Lekha T.; *Review Article DJO* 2018; 28(4):11-15
4. **An Update on Pediatric Cataract Surgery: Where are we Today?**
Aniruddha Agarwal, Jagat Ram; *Guest Editorial DJO* 2017 28(2):6-7
5. **Silicone Oil Induced Glaucoma**
Madhu Bhoot, Ankita Agarwal, Suneeta Dubey, Julie Pegu, Monica Gandhi; *Review Article DJO* 2018; 29(1):9-13
6. **Femtolaser assisted Cataract Surgery (FLACS): Has it Proved to be the New Revolution in Cataract Surgery?**
Partha Biswas; *Guest Editorial DJO* 2018; 29(1):6-7
7. **Role of Mass Communication and Health Care in Promoting Glaucoma Awareness: An Observational Study**
Parveen Rewri, Wazid Ali, Vibha Yadav, Depender Paul Vats; *Original Article DJO* 2018; 28(4):36-39
8. **Management of Stargardt's Disease Through Ayurvedic Science**
Santosh Kumar Shaw, Apoorva M.N., Sujathamma K.; *Allied Ophthalmic Sciences DJO* 2018; 28(4):56-58
9. **Artificial Intelligence versus Doctors - Who Wins?**
Bhavna Chawla; *Editorial DJO* 2018; 28(3) 4-5
10. **Visual and Anatomical Outcome of Ozurdex Implant in Non-Infectious Intermediate or Posterior Uveitis in Treatment Naive Patients**
Navneet Mehrotra, Manish Nagpal, Hardik Jain, Rakesh Juneja; *Original Article DJO* 2018; 28(4):16-19

All these tasks could not have been accomplished alone and I have many to be grateful to. The dedication and commitment of the Editorial Board, the pearls of wisdom from the Advisory Board and the selfless service of anonymous reviewers working tirelessly behind the scenes was commendable. The enthusiasm of authors was instrumental in the continued progress of this journal. And standing behind me like a rock, was the Executive Committee of Delhi Ophthalmological Society, lending strength and support at every juncture.

As captain of the ship, the experience has indeed been rich and satisfying. As our journey together comes to an end, I am overwhelmed with gratitude towards each one of you. Having nurtured DJO with honesty, commitment and sincerity, I earnestly wish, from the bottom of my heart, that it grows from strength to strength and the legacy lives on.

Finally, my dear friends, I bid adieu with optimism

**Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
They simply mean I'll miss you
Until we meet again!**

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you that I will always cherish!

Warmest regards,

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