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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I feel deeply honoured for having been elected President of our Academy for the year 1980 and particularly privileged because I am neither a Pathologist nor a Gynaecologist. Perhaps the only claim I may have, lies in the fact that I did establish the first Cytology Laboratory in the country in the early 50s, against the personal advice of some of our senior Pathologists at the time.

In our country, Cancer of the Uterine cervix is the most common cancer that afflicts our women. It would indeed be very helpful if the Cytology test is made a mandatory act whenever a woman is examined, not only by a Gynaecologist but also at a primary health centre or elsewhere, wherever family planning work is being undertaken. This will of course lead us to the next problem that will arise on the horizon viz - how to train a sufficient number of Cyto-technicians and Cyto-technologists to meet this need. Many calls of these kind have been heard before, but I feel sure that if we keep on repeating these suggestions time and again and if our Academy will take the first practical step for its execution, by planning to train cyto-technicians, this hope will be fulfilled in the foreseeable future.

With warm personal regards to all Members,



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Dr. D J. Jussawalla is a internationally well-known Cancer specialist and is a founder Secretary of the Indian Cancer Society.

He is a director of Tata Memorial Centre at Bombay, a leading cancer institute in entire Asia. He is a senior surgeon at the Tata Memorial Hospital and has been on its staff since its inception in 1942. In 1977, he was elected the Chairman of the Asian Federation of Cancer.

He is in the forefront in the fight against Cancer in India. He has advocated time and again, the importance of research, early detection of the disease, new modes of treatment and rehabilitation of cancer patients.

We are proud to have him as our President. Under his guidance, we hope the academy will prosper further. — *Editor.*

