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Text of Speech delivered by Dr. Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy convening all Urologists for formation of the Karnataka Urology Association on 01.06.1996, at Nanjappa Hospital, Shimoga.

Chairman, Dr. Joseph Antony, Respected teachers, and colleagues. Over the last, year, at informal group discussions, it had been largely agreed that we need an Association, to bring together in a common forum, Urologists of the entire state of Karnataka. This, apart from being a focal point for exchange and observation of practices and experience in every corner of the state, is also necessary for tactical purpose, at the national level. To our knowledge we were the only state in South India not to have such an Association. From such a seed idea, a letter was written to most of us assembled here, in the beginning of March 1996. The response as you can all see, has been tremendous. I think, it is a matter of pride, that we have had such spontaneity and eagerness in participating to found this Body. Without hesitation, Dr. Dhanyakumar immediately volunteered to host the first academic session, following the initial meeting.

The matter has now become history, in more than one sense. One is of chronology, but more important is the fact that of an achievement of sorts – worth recording; within 3 months of the idea being sown, we have gathered here in numbers to inaugurate this Body. It is then time for celebration.

At this juncture, let us not forget who dug our well for us. This idea had been thought of by our seniors years ago; but for inexplicable reasons, we had been unable to come together formally, though we have acted in unison at all other times. It is unfortunate that some of the people who had actually carried the baton for us in our State, when Urology had yet to acquire its own distinct identity, are unable to be with us today. I specially mention Dr. T.S. Jairam, Dr. P. Venugopal, Dr. Laji Joseph and Dr. A.K. Annamalai. They chose to develop this as a separate speciality more than two decades ago. However we must take consolation that their contemporaries have been able to be present today to encourage us in this endeavour, namely Dr. Joseph Antony, Dr. B.T. Sampath Kumar and Dr. A. Bhaskar Rao. So when we drink sparkling water, let us not forget who dug the well.

I do not wish to get carried away by travelling down memory lane, into which we will get an idea, when these people will talk about their initial days of urology in Karnataka. I shall now read out to you the rules and bye – laws under which we propose to function. If there are any objections or modifications sought, please raise your hand at the end of each rule so that we may arrive at a consensus and formulate a final draft.

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- Presided by
- Dr. Joseph Antony

PREAMBLE

- Proposal of Rules & Byelaws

- Call for Election
- By Dr. Joseph Antony

President to take over from Dr. Joseph Antony.