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## Charged With a Cause

He has added yet another feather to his cap. Mumbai-based gynaecologist Dr Hrishikesh Pai (48) has recently assumed the position of President of the Mumbai Obstetrics and Gynecological Society (MOGS). Established in the year 1937, MOGS is considered to be a premier gynecological society with more than 2,200 members.

A 1982 KEM Hospital pass out, Dr Pai completed his one year fellowship in reproductive biology from the University of Melbourne, Australia and has been in the field of IVF since last 17 years. He was also instrumental in establishing the first assisted laser hatching unit in India. The unit has delivered one of the first few laser hatched twins in India in the year 1999. He has also helped to start many IVF units all over India and is the scientific director of Two IVF units in Mumbai and Delhi.

As the president, Dr Pai has many plans up his sleeve. "My agenda would be to create interaction between the patients and the gynaecologists, besides holding academic sessions and social fora in the coming one year," quips Dr Pai.

Dr Pai wants to emphasise on MOGS's role as a socially pro-active organisation. "I would like to launch a total health and fitness campaign, directed towards the women of Mumbai. This campaign would involve preventive as well as curative aspects," reveals Dr Pai. The society will tackle various health issues at regular intervals and also set up high caliber health screening and treatment camps all over the city. According to him, these camps would be held in individual hospitals of member gynecologists all over the city and would be free of charge.

In keeping with social responsibilities, Dr Pai will also be conducting public advocacy fora to make Mumbaiites aware of gender discrimination, population explosion and contraception, anaemia prevention and hygiene promotion, cancer screening and prevention, infertility issues and coming to terms with menopause.