



**ILSI India 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on  
“Emerging Trends in Nutrition for Health and Scope for Innovations-  
Way Forward” (EMTREND)**

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**Vote of Thanks By Mr. Prakash Kejriwal, President, ILSI India**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am very happy to see all of you here today. Thank you for joining today’s Conference which has kicked off the celebrations of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have been a keen observer of ILSI India for past many years and have seen this organization growing and creating a place for itself the scientific world.

At this time we miss the pillars of support and our mentors the former Chairmen Dr Raj Malik and Mr. D. H. Pai Panandiker and the President Mr. N M Kejriwal. Their hard work and guidance have contributed significantly to ILSI India achieving its present status. We will always remain grateful to them.

I must also mention that our stakeholders from Government, Industry, Academia and many National and International organizations have been very supportive, they have partnered with us and have shared their knowledge helping us jointly create very meaningful and useful programs which have helped in improving public health. I would like to mention few names here: Ministries of Health from India and other SAARC countries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Agriculture Food and Fisheries, Japan, FSSAI, DBT, FAO, WFP, UNICEF, CFTRI, DFRL, DRDO, St. John Research Institute, ITRC, NIN, GAIN, USAID, USDA, MI, ITI, SLSI, DFTQC and ICMR, ILSI Global and many ILSI Entities from different countries.

My heartfelt thanks to ILSI India Board of Trustees, Presidents of Country Committees in Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Members of K-FFIG Governing Council, The Scientific Advisory Committee, Members of ILSI India Scientific Integrity Committee and Expert Committees and Task Forces for identifying the issues and giving their scientific inputs on what ILSI India should do. The Chairs of these Committees Prof. Seth, Dr. Nandi, Dr. Sesikeran have devoted great deal of time in conducting activities suggested by the Board and the Committees and we are very grateful to them for that.

You have listened to the presentations by ILSI India Young Scientist Awardees. They are among the best and are the shining Stars in the scientific world. I am sure that the country will benefit quite a lot from their work. We wish Dr, Gopinath, Dr. Das and Dr. Behare all success in their future work.

I would like to thank Prof Seth, Chairman, ILSI India for his unstinted support and I am sure that he will help ILSI India in achieving new heights of success. He took over as Chairman in 2019 and in spite of the 2 difficult years has provided the right direction to ILSI India. We are proud to have a scientist of his caliber with us.

Dr. Sesikeran has been on ILSI India Board for many years and has immensely contributed to the scientific programs. He took over as the Chairman of newly set up K-FFIG Governing Council at a very difficult time when the pandemic had just started, however, undeterred by the lockdowns and other problems, under his able leadership K-FFIG completed surprisingly huge amount of work on gut microbiome and health. We are grateful to you Dr. Sesikeran for that.

I must also thank the PIs and Co-PIs for undertaking ILSI India studies. Thank you Dr Kamala Krishnaswamy, Dr. V. Mohan, Dr. Sudha, Dr. Anju Sinha, Dr. Seema Puri, Dr. Pulkit Mathur, Dr. Prajapati, Dr. Bani Aeri and Dr. Swati Jain for your tremendous work.

I am also grateful to Major General Dr. Raman Marwaha and Dr. Rekha Sharma who have been closely associated with ILSI India Research Projects and Conferences for agreeing to Co-Chair the Sessions today. I would also like to thank Dr. V Prakash, a distinguished scientist and Dr. Deepti Gulati who have been great support for ILSI India irrespective of different organizations with whom they have been associated with. The List of our supporters is very long and it may be difficult to take all names but I thank them all from the bottom of my heart for their contributions. ILSI works on Tripartite basis which also includes Industry apart from Government and Academia and we value the association of our vibrant Industry – playing a critical role in the Make in India initiative and making many agro based value added products and helping in checking post-harvest losses.

I would like to thank the Media for covering this event. A huge thanks to all the participants for joining us today.

Last but not the least I would like to appreciate ILSI India Secretariat headed by Ms. Rekha Sinha for their untiring efforts. They have performed well during a very challenging time.

Thank you. I hope you will enjoy today's Conference.