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I am currently a Senior Consultant in the Department of Minimal Access, Robotic, and General Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. Prior to this, I served as Director Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery and Minimal Access Surgery at Maulana Azad Medical College, where I was deeply involved in academic leadership and surgical training.

I have been performing Bariatric Surgery for over 15 years and have served as a member of the OSSI Executive Committee from 2022 to 2025. During my tenure as Executive Director at NBEMS, I was responsible for initiating the FNB programme in Bariatric Surgery, contributing to structured training and wider patient access to care. I was also one of the two members of the OSSI, who secured CGHS approval for Bariatric Surgery.

I am also the Chairman for the Surgical Sectional Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards and currently working on making standards for Laparoscopic and Robotic instruments for India and the world.

In 2025, I was entrusted with the responsibility of Editor of the Journal of Bariatric Surgery, with a mandate to rejuvenate the journal. I am currently working on clearing pending issues and progressing towards formal indexing, with the objective of strengthening its academic standing.

I bring to this election a background of leadership, institution-building, and accountability, and I am committed to applying these principles in service of the organisation and its members.