Lady Hardinge medical college is one of the oldest teaching medical institutes in North India. Established in 1916, it has already completed its centenary. The department of orthopaedics was started as a subsidiary to the surgery department and was separated out in 1975 as the science of orthopedics grew as an independent branch throughout the world. The inflow of the patients has increased steadily since the male admissions were allowed from 1992 onwards, which today has reached to foot fall of around 250 OPD Patients per day and around 140 surgeries per month.

LHMC, which is a premier institute of the country for medical education, research & care, has always been renowned as a centre of excellence especially for Paediatrics & Cold Orthopaedics. It also runs the largest clubfoot clinic in the world. Along with providing excellent care in field of paediatric orthopaedics, today the department boasts of the following services given to the patients by a team of well qualified faculty and residents

- 1. Joint replacement for knee, hip and shoulder
- 2. Arthroscopy for knee, shoulder and ankle including meniscal injury, ligament repair etc.
- 3. Special Hand Clinic once a week
- 4. Sports injury clinic once a week
- 5. Special clinic on Club-foot thrice a week
- 6. Special Clinic for Cerebral Palsy patient for spastic children once a week.
- 7. Spine speciality including trauma, pott's spine, PIVD etc.
- 8. All type of trauma surgeries and joint preservation surgeries.

The department has been instrumental in providing quality education to under-graduate and post – graduate students through lectures, seminars, journal clubs and clinical postings and regular case discussions. Research activities are carried out regularly. PG theses are carried out on new and innovative techniques benefitting hundreds of patients.

As Head of Department of such a dynamic department, I pledge to take this department to new heights not only in the field of academic but also to provide the best of care to the patients. With the developing infrastructure and ever growing potential of LHMC, I envision establishing a fully equipped orthopaedic department of LHMC in all the spheres with best of technology and best of faculty members for catering services pertaining to all orthopaedic subspecialty to each patient which also includes a 24 hour trauma centre and an ortho-oncology department too.