Editorial Comment

This refers to the article published in the current issue of the Journal of Indian Association of Pediatric Surgery (JIAPS),[1] highlighting the routine sad practice of corporal punishment being inflicted on the schoolgoing children in Nigeria to teach the children a lesson for their childhood delinquencies.

The JIAPS editorial board has accepted the paper for publication mainly to make the scientific fraternity aware of the sinister practice of corporal punishment being given to children even in the present era. The incidence of eye injuries reported in this paper is quite high and also serious enough to cause blindness among the children. There might even have been other injuries not mentioned in this paper.

The JIAPS editorial board strongly condemns any such ongoing practice of corporal punishment to children in any civilized society. Teachers, parents, society, media, law-making bodies, the administrators and political leadership should all rise to condemn the practice and help devise preventive and corrective measures to improve truant children, if any. The human rights commission in Nigeria and elsewhere should also take up such matters seriously and approach the respective Governments to urgently put an end to the prevalent practice of corporal punishment.

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