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## ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT & HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL





## From the pen of National President, IMA



Respected Seniors and Dear Colleagues. Warm Greetings to you all.

A newsletter is a tool to share relevant and valuable information with their members and keep them updated about all the activities.

World Hand Hygiene Day is marked every year on 5th May, to raise awareness of the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of infections. On this occasion IMA has issued an Advisory about the Hand Hygiene and spread the message that "Together we can prevent infection and Antimicrobial Resistance".

IMA family and medical fraternity is in shock and aggrieved on brutal murder of Dr. Vandana Das. She was 22 years old House Surgeon of Azeezia Medical College posted in Government Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Kottarakara in Kollam district Kerala was brutally murdered by a patient while she was treating him. IMA stands in solidarity with the medical doctors and all healthcare workers who put their lives on the line every day to provide essential medical care to those in need. IMA strongly condemns the same and we want to stress the importance of taking action to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. In this connection, we had written letters to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Union Health Minister, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala that a stringent action may be taken against the accused and charges of murder of doctor are framed on him and a Central Act against violence on Doctors & Medical Establishments should be made.

"Aao Gaon Chalen" a dream Project of IMA had launched by our beloved leader and Chief Patron, Dr Ketan Desai in 2003 in Mehsana (Gujarat). Now once again, this project is re-launched as the main theme with full enthusiasm and spirit to increase the Doctor-Patient Relationship and Doctor Community Services in good spirit. It was emphasised upon Local Branches of IMA to adopt at least one village falling in their jurisdiction under this esteemed project and were requested to conduct various health activities on regular basis. The Goal of the project is to bring about holistic improvement in the village health scenario using existing infrastructure and promoting inter-sectoral coordination & networking through active involvement of IMA, Public Sector health delivery system and the community. Kindly arrange for media coverage of your activities for the wide publicity of this dream project.

I am pleased to inform you that a "Mega Re-launch of IMA Aao Gaon Chalen Project" will be organized by IMA HQs. all over the country on 25th June, 2023.

The "World No Tobacco" Day will be observed on 31st May, 2023 all over the Country. Tobacco is the most preventable cause of mortality & morbidity due to which many diseases are caused, including 13 different cancers, Cardiac & respiratory diseases by which nearly 1.3 million (13 lakhs) people dying every year from its use in India. As a health professional it is our duty too, to enlighten public about tobacco menace. We need to strengthen the knowledge of our Doctors, Nurses, Medical, Dental students in Tobacco control & Tobacco Cessation. The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2023 is "We need food, not tobacco" to raise awareness about alternative crop production.

A letter has been written to Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh regarding incautious working at National Medical Commission. It is learnt that, three medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh, from which many students pursued their MBBS course, namely, Government Allopathic Medical College at Banda, Government Medical College at Azamgarh, and Government Medical College at Saharanpur, are unable to get recognition from the National Medical Commission. This has left hundreds of medical students, who completed their M.B.B.S. stranded as they are unable to get state medical council registration. Registration with the state medical council is the basic necessity for getting licenses to practice or even for further education.

The National Medical Commission's (NMC) decisions to grant permission to medical colleges solely on the basis of an affidavit has created today's situation as colleges are still on wait for recognition from MAR Board in NMC. It's an example of absolute incautious and careless functioning. Indian Medical Association in the best interests of medical education and students requests for immediate intervention for better functioning at the National Medical Commission.

IMA has come across newspaper reports regarding the intention of the West Bengal Government to start a three years course in medicine. In this regard, a letter was written to Smt Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Kolkata that IMA want to be assured by her good self that her Government is not planning for a short course in medicine.

Every year the Doctor's Day is celebrated in India on the 1st of July to honour the legendary physicians and the 2nd Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. This day honours Doctors for their relentless service to the community. The celebration of this day is an attempt to emphasize the value of doctors in our lives and to offer them our respect by commemorating one of their greatest representatives.

IMA is also celebrating this occasion by organising Blood Donation Week from 1st to 7th July. On this occasion, you are kindly requested to organise various activities for welfare of community under the jurisdiction of your State / Local Branch. LONG LIVE IMA !!

Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal  
National President, IMA



Dear Friends Greetings from IMA HQs. !

We are definitely in different parts of India but connected with each other by the so called IMA monthly News Bulletin i.e. "IMA NEWS". This is such a worthy medium by which we can share our activities to each other. The News Bulletin of every State / Local Branch is the primary source for keeping members connected and updated about its activities.

As decided in the 229<sup>th</sup> CWC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at Statue of Unity, Gujarat, the HFC share of membership fee for IMA Life Members has been reduced by 25% between 1st June, 2023 and 5th July, 2023, as a special drive to increase the membership of IMA and make all possible efforts to persuade members to join the IMA Life membership and also requested to all State Branches to reduce their share to 25% more. Detailed circular is annexed in the same Issue.

IMA HQs requested to all State and Local Branches to observe "World No Tobacco Day" on 31st May, 2023 with the theme "We need food, not tobacco" in a befitting manner.

IMA is making all possible efforts to save the future of the medical fraternity of our country. In this regard the communications were sent to:

- 1) Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal wherein we have requested her to refrain to start a three years course in medicine.
- 2) letter to National Medical Commission and submitted its Draft Report on the "Registration of Medical Practitioners and License to practice Medicine Regulations, 2023".
- 3) Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh apprising him regarding the "Incautious working at NMC".

As you are aware "National Doctors Day" is celebrated in India on July 1st every year to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. IMA celebrates this day all over the country by conducting health activities across the country. On this occasion you are requested to kindly organize various activities as per guidelines given by IMA HQs. for the welfare of the general community under the jurisdiction of your State / Local Branches. To celebrate it further, IMA is also organizing "Blood Donation Week" from 1st to 7th July on the occasion of Doctors' Day. I request all of you to observe this day in a grand way to make it a memorable event in the years to come.

I have an opportunity to meet Shri Manik Saha, Chief Minister of Tripura during my visit to Kolkata and apprised him about the issues being faced by the medical professionals.

As you are aware that a mega launch of "IMA Aao Gaon Chalen" project will be celebrated by IMA HQs all over the Country on 25th June, 2023, I would like to request all the Branches to adopt atleast one village / slum area of metro city for their health needs and conduct various activities on regular basis like :- Public Awareness Camps on Anaemia, General diagnostic camps for screening of various diseases, side effects of Tobacco, various drugs and alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted diseases and emphasis of cleanliness etc. For organizing such camps, you can also invite your local MPs, MLAs, Councillors and local respected leaders to boost up the morale of the general community. It is requested to kindly let us know the name of the village adopted by your State / Local Branches prior to 20th June 2023 so that we can launch this esteemed project in a befitting manner. Annexed with this is a "Concept Note" on Aao Gaon Chalen Project which provides you the detailed information as to how the re-launch of mega project is made successful. Kindly go through the same.

It makes me happy to know that various IMA Standing Committees, Wings and Schemes are seriously interested in raising awareness of various public health issues among doctors and the general public. I request all the members of IMA to work hard in their respective state so that the voice of IMA can be heard in every nook and corners of the country. I look forward to seeing a much more coordinated and cohesive IMA in the coming days.

Long Live IMA !!

**Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak**

Honorary Secretary General, IMA



To,  
Honorary State Secretary  
All State Branches, IMA

Dear Sir/Madam,

As decided in the 229thCWC meeting held on 15th & 16th April, 2023 at Statue of Unity, Gujarat, the HFC share of membership fee for IMA Life Members will be reduced by 25% between 1st June, 2023 and 5th July, 2023, as a special drive to increase the membership of IMA.

The Last date of receiving the form/ application is 15 July 2023 but the amount should have received during above discount period (1st June, 2023 and 5th July, 2023)

Hence the HFC receivable by IMA HQ is as per table given below:

	(A)	(B)	(C)
Particular	New Membership fees with GST to be taken by state	If the state does not have the GST No. then send the following amount to IMA HQ. After deducting state share (Rs. 1608/-)	If the state has GST No. send the Challan Copy of amount Paid exclusive on membership fees i.e 18%. The following amount to be send to IMA HQs
For Single Life member	Rs.7225+ Rs.1310 (18% GST) = Rs. 8585/-	(Rs. 7225 - Rs. 1608 State Share) = 5667+1310 (18% GST) = Rs. 6977/-	Rs. 5667/-
For Couple Life member	Rs.10906+Rs. 1963(18% GST) =Rs.12869/-	Rs. 8496+ Rs. 1963(18% GST) =Rs. 10459/-	Rs. 8496+ Rs. 1963(18% GST) =Rs. 10459/-

1. Table 'A' is Showing the total amount taken by state (inclusive of GST).
2. Table 'B' is Showing total amount including applicable of GST to be send to IMA HQ after deducting state share (in case of State does not have GST No.).
3. Table 'C' is Showing the amount to be send to IMA Hq If State deposit GST. In that case state has to send the challan copy of GST paid on membership fees (Rs. 1310 in single membership and 1963 in couple membership). In the absence of GST challan copy the membership will not be processed.

Thanking you and with regards,  
Yours sincerely

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak  
Honorary Secretary General, IMA

Dr. Munish Prabhakar  
Hony. Joint Secretary, IMA



**EMAIL FROM IMA REGARDING HEINOUS ACT OF MURDER OF DR.VANDANA DAS  
IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL OF KERALA WHILE TREATING A PATIENT**

To

Shri Narendra Modi ji  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Government of India

Shri Mansukh Mandaviyaji,  
Hon'ble Union Minister,  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,  
Government of India

Shri Amit Shah Ji,  
Hon'ble Union Minister for  
Home Affairs  
Government of India

Shri Pinarayi Vijayan  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala  
Office of the Chief Minister  
3rd Floor, North Block, Secretariat,  
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala- 695001

Shri Arif Mohammad Khan  
Hon'ble Governor of Kerala  
Kerala Raj Bhavan,  
Kerala Governor's Camp,  
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695099

Dear Sir,

Indian Medical Association would like to inform you about the heinous act of murder of Dr. Vandana Das, a 22 years old House Surgeon of Azeezia Medical College posted in Government Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Kottarakara in Kollam district Kerala. She was brutally murdered by a patient while she was treating him.

The incidents of violence on doctors, nurses and healthcare workers are deeply disturbing for the whole medical fraternity in the Country. IMA is afraid that violence at workplaces may further demoralise the stressed-out doctors and their entire health team and their families as well.

IMA stands in solidarity with the medical doctors and all healthcare workers who put their lives on the line every day to provide essential medical care to those in need. IMA strongly condemns the same and we want to stress the importance of taking action to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

IMA humbly submits before your kind self that a stringent action may be taken against the accused and charges of murder of the above mentioned doctor are framed on him. It is also requested that the family of the deceased doctor may kindly be extended due help and necessary compensation to bear the loss of a young and dynamic doctor.

We hope that your good-self will consider this legitimate demand of IMA on behalf of the entire health team of India and provide succour.

Thanking you in anticipation

With kind regards

Dr Sharad Kumar Agarwal  
National President, IMA

Dr Anilkumar J Nayak  
Hony. Secretary General, IMA



EMAIL FROM IMA - DRAFT REPORT ON THE "REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE REGULATIONS, 2023"

To

Dr Sandhaya Bhullar  
Secretary  
National Medical Commission

The President,  
Ethics and Medical Registration Board  
National Medical Commission

Dear Sir,

The NMC has notified Registration of Medical Practitioners and License to practice Medicine Regulations, 2023". IMA is constrained to make the following critical observations. IMA demands appropriate actions from your end.

1. It is pertinent to note that the NMC had placed the Draft Regulation on License to Practice Medicine 2022 and Registration of additional medical qualifications and temporary Registration of the Foreign Practitioner to Practice Medicine in India -2022 in the public domain and had sought comments thereon.
2. IMA had sent its observations to the NMC and other competent authorities enclosing to the covering letter dt. 25th April, 2022 bringing out the gross inconsistencies, inadequacies, contradictions and also the grounds pertaining to its unsustainability in the eyes of law and also its testing on the legal and constitutional grounds.
3. It is a matter of concern that inspite of the detailed observations having been known by the IMA to the National Medical Council the final regulations that has been put into operations continues to be plagued by inconsistencies, inadequacies and contradictions including wanting whereby it turns out to be questionable in the eyes of law in a gross and substantial manner.
4. The Regulation is now titled as "Registration of Medical Practitioners and License to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023" which is a deviation from the original nomenclature that was put into public domain in the form of draft regulations.

In the preamble it is categorically brought out that the operational regulation is notified in exercise of powers conferred by Clause (Z j), (Z k) and (Zl) of Sub-Section 2 of Section 57 of the NMC Act 2019. However, in operation in brings within its fold the grant of limited license to practice medicine provided for under Sub-Section 1 of Section 32 of the NMC Act 2019 which is squarely provided for coverage for issuance of a regulation under Section (Zn) of Sub Section 2 of Section of 57 of NMC Act 2019 which is not mentioned in the preamble, which by itself is a palpable fallacy.

5. Further, the ambit in terms of issuance of regulation in regard to the manner of regulating professional conduct and promoting medical ethics under clause b of Sub Section 1 of Section 27 of the NMC Act as provided for under Sub section (Zd) of Subsection 2 of Section 57 of NMC Act and the question of prescribing the manner of taking disciplinary action by the State Medical Council for professional or ethical misconduct of registered medical practitioners of professional or procedure for receiving complaints and grievances by Ethics and Medical Registration Board under Sub Section 2 of Section 30 of the NMC Act 2019 for which regulation is to be notified in terms of (Zh) of Sub Section 2 of Section 57 of the NMC Act is not covered in the ambit of present notified regulation meaning thereby that it would be regulated through issuance of a separate regulation to give an operational effect to the same.

6. Under Section 2 Definitions are brought out and vide a proviso it is brought out that "words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined herein but defined in the NMC Act shall have the same



meaning assigned to them in the Act". However, the word 'Registered Medical Practitioner' for whom the entire regulations is brought out is not defined under Section 2 of the Regulation and is also not defined under Section 2 of the NMC Act 2019 as well whereby the very purpose for which the regulation is brought out is missing in terms of as defined definition which can be said to be nothing more or less than an apology in terms of the grossest possible omission in the Regulation.

7. The IMA in its communication dt. 25th April, 2022 enclosing thereto its Observations has brought out that the inconsistencies, infirmities and the inadequacies in the Draft Regulation were not only in consist with the provisions of the parent NMC Act 2019 but also violative of the Constitutional provisions and also prejudicial the principles incorporated therein specially with reference to Federalism and the doctrine of centre-state relationship. (Annexure A).

The same is not reproduced so as to avoid repetition but is annexed for reiteration.

8. In section 4 (l) read with Sub Section (iii), it is brought out in the Regulation that the NMC will be the primary registering authority for the persons who qualify NEXT and would be included in the NMC Register. However, this by itself is violative of the governing principle on the basis of which the State Medical Councils are created through State Legislative Enactments with original authority for registration of the Registered Medical Practitioners in the given States is not open for any trespass, prejudice, marginalization of any type by a regulation which in its very nature is a subordinate legislation. As such, the dichotomy renders the regulation questionable on this very count itself.

Section 4(iii) of the Regulation stipulates that a Registered Medical Practitioner primarily registered with NMC finding a place in National Medical Register can practice anywhere in India and therefore in terms of the same, the need for their registration in State Medical Council turns out to be redundant. In the teeth of this very clause, the entire operational mechanism incorporated in the regulation for transfer of registration turns out to be inconsistent by its nature and intended operation.

Section 4 (iv) stipulates that a processing fee of generation of UID shall be payable in favour of Secretary, NMC and Sub-Section (iii) entitling him/her to practice anywhere in India, then not only in the authority and jurisdiction of State Medical Council stands mauled but also the lone source of revenue receipt is pocketed by the NMC making them lifelong redundant and bankrupt as well.

9. In terms of Section 6 (a) of the Regulation, an application is to be made through a web portal of the Ethic and Registration Board, however no such web portal is notified as of now.

In terms of Section 6 (b) of the Regulation, it is provided that eligible persons may opt any State/States to practice medicine implying that an applicant can seek registration in more than 1 State through one application without the Regulation providing for any mechanism of any type for the purposes of providing the same. Nonetheless, in case Registration is awardable in more than 1 State through a common application, the modality of transfer of registration of such an applicant existingly registered in more than 1 State originally is not provided for.

In terms of Section 6 ©, the State Medical Councils are to consider the application for registration within 30 days with due verification as warranted is much lesser a time limit for all the desired dispensation specially with reference to checking the authentication of all the documents including certificates, specially internship completion certificates and confirmations in regard to the vetting of the documents from the respective Embassies in case of Foreign Medical Graduates including confirmation of the documents submitted by them from the Foreign Universities.

10. In terms of provisions included in Section 7 (iv) of the Regulation, the Registered Medical Practitioner with additional qualification is entitled to practice anywhere in India and not limited to the State where he or she is primarily registered with the State Medical Council which is hugely paradoxical and is plagued by an absolute contradiction.

11. In terms of provision included in Section 8 of the Regulation, under the title "Renewal of License to Practice Medicine" provisions are made for renewal of registration in every 5 years without any prescription for the mandatory requirement stipulated credit hours. In absence of the same, it would amount to a blind



renewal of registration which would be inconsistent with the provisions on this count in the international parlance and thereby is not only a retrograde step but also would make India a laughing stock in the comity of the nations. As such, renewal of registration in terms of its inseparable linkage with prescribed credit hours is a must to be provided even in terms of legal pronouncements as well made by the judicial forums where the same is upheld in unequivocal terms.

In Section 8(iii), there is no provision provided for reinvestment of "Inactive Registration" in the Regulation which would mean that Registration declared inactive due to minor inadvertence would end up in permanent removal of the name from the register. As such, a procedure for reinstatement for Inactive Registration needs to be provided for to avoid the consequent malady of ending up in invocation of an irreparable inter-alia lifelong damage.

12. As provided for in Section 9 (ii), there is a mechanism for transfer of License to Practice in another State which is at the cost of losing the Right to Practice by the practitioner by the transferring State. This is inconsistent with the provision included in Section 6(b) of the Regulation, where the Registration is provided for the Registered Medical Practitioners in State/States. Upon harmonious reading of the 2 provisions in the Regulation, a mechanism for automatic registration between the transferring and transferee State/States needs to be worked out with right vested in the Registered Medical Practitioners to practice in such State/States.

In Section 9 (iv), the UID in case of a transfer of the Registration No. shall remain the same and the "Prefixed" code of the concerned State shall be substituted with the "Suffixed" code of the new State which is contradictory because in terms of Section 6 (d), the State Code is to be "Suffixed" whereas in terms of Section 9 (iv) the word used is "Prefixed" State Code which anomaly is beyond the scope of correction. As such, the contradiction mandates prompt correction.

13. Section 10 of the Regulation provides for the removal and Restoration of Registration. However, it does not provide for any mode and manner for Restoration of Registration which makes the clause not only half baked but also half cooked.

14. Section 11 of the Registration, under the title of transitory provisions, the period provided for is 3 months from the publishing and notification of the said Regulation. However, in the absence of non-existent web portal, the said proviso is meaningless. Further, there are State Medical Councils in the country which have their State Medical Councils in a digital format. The entire information of such State Medical Registers in one go can be transferred to the National Medical Register without compelling the individual Registered Medical Practitioners included in such electronic format to prefer individual applications for inclusion of their names in the National Medical Register.

It is stipulated therein under Section 11 of the Regulation that the Registration upon the inclusion in the name of National Medical Register shall be valid for 5 years for the date of such inclusion which also would be perilous for the State Medical Councils, specially from the point of view of their receipt revenue for the purposes of Renewal of Registration which would be causing a heavy prejudice to the financial receipts of the State Medical Councils.

The aforesaid contradictions, inadequacies, inconsistencies and infirmities have rendered the entire Regulations in an utterly confusing and dis-figured form which does not augur well for a subordination legislation in the official legislation of the Gazette of India by the National Medical Council as a Parliamentary Enacted Body, specially in the context of its resultant legal invalidity.

IMA would like to discuss the above matter with your goodself and put forward suggestions. Hope you will be open for remedial measures.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal  
National President, IMA

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak  
Honorary Secretary General, IMA

**DRAFT OBSERVATIONS ON DRAFT REGULATIONS OF LICENCE TO PRACTICE IN INDIA**

The National Medical Commission has placed the draft of Regulations on License to Practice Medicine -2022 and Registration of Additional Qualifications-2022 and Temporary Registration of the Foreign Practitioner to practice Medicine in India have sought comments thereon.

On perusal of the said regulations pertinent observations are as under:

A bare perusal of the relevant provisions of the National Medical Commission Act 2019 (hereinafter referred to as Act) brings out as under:

1. The National Medical Commission Act, 2019 under section 2 (u) defines State Medical Council, which reads as under:

“State Medical Council” means a medical council constituted under any law for the time being in force in any State or Union territory for regulating the practice and registration of practitioners of medicine in that State or Union territory”.

Likewise at seriatim (v) State Register has been defined which reads as under:

(v) "State Register" means a register maintained under any law for the time being in force in any State or Union territory for registration of practitioners of medicine;

2. Section 11 of the said Act provides for Constitution and Composition of Medical Advisory Council:

At Section 11(2)(e) it is clearly stipulated that:

“One member to represent each State and each Union Territory from amongst elected members of the State Medical Council to be nominated by that State Medical Council.”

3. Section 4 of the said Act provides for the composition of National Medical Commission wherein at Section (4)(b) it is provided that Ten members to be appointed on the rotational basis from amongst the nominees of the State and Union Territories under clauses (c) (d) of Sub-Section 2 of Section 11 in the Medical Advisory Council for a term of two years in such manner as may be prescribed.

4. Section 17 of the said Act provides for composition of Autonomous Boards whereat at Sub-Section (5) it is stipulated that fourth member of each autonomous boards being a part time members shall be chosen from amongst the elected members of the State Medical Council in such manner as may be prescribed.

5. In the said Act Section 27 provides for powers and functions of Ethics and Medical Registration Board at its Sub-Section 1 and subsequent sub-sections thereto which reads as under:

a) maintain National Registers of all licensed medical practitioners in accordance with the provisions of section 31;

b) regulate professional conduct and promote medical ethics in accordance with the regulations made under this Act:

Provided that the Ethics and Medical Registration Board shall ensure compliance of the code of professional and ethical conduct through the State Medical Council in a case where such

State Medical Council has been conferred power to take disciplinary actions in respect of professional or ethical misconduct by medical practitioners under respective State Acts;

c) develop mechanisms to have continuous interaction with State Medical Councils to effectively promote and regulate the conduct of medical practitioners and professionals;

d) exercise appellate jurisdiction with respect to the actions taken by a State Medical Council under section 30.

6. Section 33 of the said Act prescribed Rights of persons to have licence to practice and to be enrolled in National Register or State Register and their obligations thereto, wherein at Sub Section -1 it is stipulated that:



“(1) Any person who qualifies the National Exit Test held under section 15 shall be granted a licence to practice medicine and shall have his name and qualifications enrolled in the National Register or a State Register, as the case may be:

Further at Sub-Section 3 thereof it is provided that –

(3) When a person whose name is entered in the State Register or the National Register, as the case may be, obtains any title, diploma or other qualification for proficiency in sciences or public health or medicine which is a recognised medical qualification under section 35 or section 36, as the case may be, he shall be entitled to have such title, diploma or qualification entered against his name in the State Register or the National Register, as the case may be, in such manner as may be specified by the regulations.

7. Section 34 of the said Act pertains to 'Bar to Practice' clearly at its Sub-Section 1 and subsequent subsections stipulates that “

(1) No person other than a person who is enrolled in the State Register or the National Register, as the case may be, shall—

- (a) be allowed to practice medicine as a qualified medical practitioner;
- (b) hold office as a physician or surgeon or any other office, by whatever name called, which is meant to be held by a physician or surgeon;
- (c) be entitled to sign or authenticate a medical or fitness certificate or any other certificate required by any law to be signed or authenticated by a duly qualified medical practitioner;
- (d) be entitled to give evidence at any inquest or in any court of law as an expert under section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 on any matter relating to medicine:

8. Section 57(1) of the said Act provides for the power to make regulations by the National Medical Commission which reads as under:

(1) The Commission may, after previous publication, by notification, make regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Further, at Sub-Section 2 it is stipulated that:

In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely: —

- (zd) the manner of regulating professional conduct and promoting medical ethics under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 27;
- (zh) the manner of taking disciplinary action by a State Medical Council for professional or ethical misconduct of registered medical practitioner or professional and the procedure for receiving complaints and grievances by Ethics and Medical Registration Board, under sub-section (2) of section 30;
- (zi) other particulars to be contained in a National Register under sub-section (1) of section 31;
- (zk) the form, including the electronic form and the manner of maintaining the National Register under sub-section (2) of section 31;
- (zl) the manner in which any name or qualification may be added to, or removed from, the National Register and the grounds for removal thereof, under sub-section (3) of section 31;
- (zn) the criteria for granting limited licence to practice medicine under sub-section (1) of section 32;

In terms of reference to the aforesaid provisions of the NMC Act 2019 with reference to the Draft Regulations of licence to practice medicine 2022 placed in public domain by the National Medical Commission for opinion and suggestions clearly would reveal that:

A perusal of Draft Regulation of Licence to Practice Medicine 2022 proposed by National Medical Commission under Section 2 titled Definitions defines at its Sub Section (P) a registered medical practitioner as:



“Registered Medical Practitioner” or “RMP” means a person whose name is either in the State Medical Register or the Indian Medical Register or the National Medical Register unless otherwise specified.”

At Sub-Section (r) defines State Medical Council as:

"State Medical Council" means a medical council constituted under any law for the time being in force in any State or Union territory for regulating the practice and registration of practitioners of modern (Allopathy) medicine in that State or Union territory."

At Sub-Section (s) defines State Medical Register as:

“State Medical Register” or “State Register” means a register maintained under any law for the time being in force in any State or Union territory for registration of practitioners of modern (Allopathy) medicine.

The proposed draft Regulation contemplates in Section 3 under Sub Clause 1 that the Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of National Medical Commission shall generate a unique ID. Number and thereby accord license to practice medicine to the practitioner in the respective State/Union Territory.

This mandates that primarily the Registering Authority for the Registered Medical Practitioner would be vested centrally with the Ethics and Medical Registration Board and not with State Medical Councils as is the present system invoke.

This brings to fore a dichotomy, in as much as that each of the State Medical Council is created under the State Enactment duly adopted by the respective State Legislature with its Functions, Authority and Jurisdiction clearly defined and spelt out.

By no stretch of imagination by a 'Regulation' of this nature which is a 'Subordinate Legislation' authority vested in the State Medical Council vide the State Legislative Enactment of registering the Registered Medical Practitioners in the given State and maintain a State Medical Register thereto can be done away with.

If the purport of the draft legislation is to centrally act as a Registering Authority, then the propriety of defining State Medical Council, State Medical Register in Section 2 thereof is not decipherable.

The material question therefore is as to whether a Subordinate Legislation in the form of the proposed Draft Regulation can annul the operation and effect of a State Legislation Enactment in the instant case the one by which the State Medical council stands constituted?

It is equally pertinent to note that 'State Medical Council' and 'State Medical Register' are also defined under Section 2(u) and (v) of Section 2 of the NMC Act 2019.

Further Section 4 of the NMC Act, at its Sub-section (b) clearly stipulates that the Commission shall have 10 members who would be appointed on the rotational basis from amongst the nominees of the States and Union Territories under Section (c) and (d) of Sub Section 2 of Section 11 of the said Act.

Further it is also provided at Section 17 (5) of the NMC Act 2019, Fourth member of each Autonomous Board being a part time member shall be chosen from amongst the elected members of the State Medical Council which clearly brings out that State Medical Council is represented in all these manners in the National Medical commission and Autonomous Boards as well.

As such, the statutory entity of the State medical Council is explicitly reflected in various provisions of the NMC Act 2019. However, the proposed Draft Regulation snatches away the primary authority of the State Medical Councils of registering registering Registered Medical Practitioners of the concerned State and maintaining the same in the form of State Medical Register.

It is stipulated under Section 27 of the NMC Act 2019 that the Ethics and Medical Registration Board shall maintain a National Register as provided in under Section 34 of the said Act and also shall ensure compliance of the Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct through the State Medical Council in a case where such State Medical Councils been conferred power to take disciplinary actions in respect of professional or ethical mis-conduct by Medical Practitioners in respective State Acts.

The very operation of the Clause is honouring the mandate by the State Legislative enactment to the State Medical Council, but in the very next vein, it snatches away through a Draft Regulation, the Registering



Authority of the State Medical Council which is hard to swallow and tough to digest.

Realistically speaking, every State Medical Council in terms of the statutory mandate is authorized to register the Medical Practitioners of the State, maintain the State Medical Register and also has disciplinary jurisdiction on them because it is only upon registration that the privileges to practice are conferred within the tenets of the Code of Medical ethics.

Registering Authority is primarily the a 'Disciplinary Authority' in terms of a set out and well defined principle with the 'Appellate' authority and jurisdiction being vested with the apical regulatory authority/body. The proposed Draft Regulation is strange to the extent that Registering Authority is that Ethics and Medical Rating Board but the Disciplinary Authority would be the State Medical council without any authority to register and maintain the State Medical Register. This is the crux of the paradox which is generated by the said Draft Regulation.

The scheme in the operation as of now is that State Medical Councils have the Registering and Disciplinary jurisdiction with the Ethics Committee of the then Medical Council of India having the Appellate jurisdiction thereon.

A perusal of Section 57 (1) of NMC Act 2019 would reveal that under its Sub-Section 2 (z) (d), the Commission is entitled to prescribe a Regulation in regard to the manner of regulating professional conduct and promoting Medical Ethics in Clause (b) of Sub-Section 1 of Section 27 of the said Act.

Likewise vide Sub-Section Z(h), a Regulation pertaining to the manner of taking disciplinary action by a State Medical council for professional or ethical mis-conduct of Registered Medical Practitioners and the procedure for receiving complaints and grievances by Ethics and Medical Registration Board is to be prescribed.

This clearly brings out that the modality of invocation of disciplinary action by the State Medical Council and invocation of appellate jurisdiction of the Medical Rating Board is to be governed by prescription of a regulation under Section Z (h) of Section 57 of the NMC Act 2019. However, this is neither open nor permissible at the cost of divesting the State Medical Council of its legitimate statutory right of registering the medical practitioners of the concerned state and maintaining the State Medical Register thereto which in its turn caters to the cause of inclusion of the same in the National Medical Register as was clearly defined in the IMC Act 1956 as amended from time to time.

As such, the proposed Draft Regulation is a serious threat and a death-blow to the concept of 'Federalism' incorporated in the Constitution of India and to that extent, the draft Regulation is grossly inconsistent with the mandate incorporated therein.

It is also to be noted that the State Medical Councils registering the medical professionals and renewing their license to practice and also incorporating the additional qualification(s) against their respective names is entitled to prescribe chargeable fee towards the same, which turns out to be the most important source of receipt revenue which is vital for the sustenance of State Medical council.

However, in one stroke which is grossly and palpably unwarranted and without rationale or logic, the Draft Regulation intends to snatch away the real inter-alia main source of revenue from the State Medical Councils and make them bankrupt whereby their existence itself would end up in a peril.

On the very similar counts and reasons, the registration of additional qualification by the Ethics and Medical Rating Board is equally incongruous.

It is for the aforesaid reasons, the proposed Draft Regulation is defective, plagued by inconsistencies, arbitrariness and aims at annihilating not only the authority of the State Medical Councils but also to make them look puppet in the hands of Ethics and Medical Rating Board in NMC by divesting them of their core authority of registering medical professionals in the concerned States, maintaining State Medical Register thereto, and incorporating additional qualifications there under.

National President, IMA

Honorary Secretary General, IMA



**INCAUTIOUS WORKING AT NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION**

To  
Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Uttar Pradesh

Reference - Pending recognition of medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh after blanket permits given by NMC.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association Headquarters, New Delhi!

We, as sole representations of modern medicine in the country, put forth serious concerns about Incautious working at the National Medical Commission.

It is learnt that, three medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh, from which many students pursued their MBBS course, namely, Government Allopathic Medical College at Banda, Government Medical College at Azamgarh, and Government Medical College at Saharanpur, are unable to get recognition from the National Medical Commission. This has left hundreds of medical students, who completed their M.B.B.S., stranded as they are unable to get state medical council registration.

Registration with the state medical council is the basic necessity for getting licenses to practice or even for further education.

The National Medical Commission's (NMC) decisions to grant permission to medical colleges solely on the basis of an affidavit has created today's situation as colleges are still on wait for recognition from MAR Board in NMC.

It's is an example of absolute incautious and careless functioning. Indian Medical Association in the best interests of medical education and student's requests for immediate intervention for better functioning at the National Medical Commission.

With Warm Regards

Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal  
National President, IMA

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak  
Honorary Secretary General, IMA



**Great News!**  
Indian Medical Association's Efforts Yield Results! Banda Medical College recognized!. Two more colleges to be recognized soon. IMA thanks Hon'ble CM of Uttar Pradesh, Shri @myogiadityanath Ji, for supporting the future of 300+ medical students.



**REQUEST TO ADOPT ATLEAST ONE VILLAGE IN YOUR BRANCH UNDER  
IMA AAO GAON CHALEN PROJECT**

To,

All the Local Branches of IMA  
Dear Colleague,  
Greetings from IMA HQs.!

As you know, our beloved leader and Chief Patron, Dr Ketan Desai launched "Aao Gaon Chalen" a dream Project of IMA in 2003 in Mehsana (Gujarat). To increase the Doctor-Patient Relationship and Doctor Community Services in good spirit. Now once again, this project is re-launched as the main theme with full enthusiasm and spirit.

It was emphasised upon Local Branches of IMA to adopt at least one village following their jurisdiction under this esteemed project and were requested to conduct various activities on regular basis like :- Public Awareness Camps on Anaemia, General diagnostic camps for screening of various diseases, side effects of Tobacco, various drugs and alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted diseases and emphasis of cleanliness etc. for organizing such camps. The information in this regard from the States / Local Branches are still awaited.

The Goal of the project is to bring about holistic improvement in the village health scenario using existing infrastructure and promoting inter-sectoral coordination & networking through active involvement of IMA, Public Sector health delivery system and the community. We have not received any information from your Local Branch so far as you have adopted any village or not. Kindly look into it and send us a reply through your State Branch at the earliest.

We are pleased to inform you that a mega launch of IMA Aao Gaon Chalen Project will be organized by IMA HQs. all over the country on 25th June, 2023. You are requested to kindly plan your activities to be done on the above date in the village being adopted by your Branch. Kindly also arrange for media coverage of your activities for the wider publicity of this dream project.

In this regard, a prompt communication from all the Local Branches of IMA is highly expected.

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National President, IMA

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IMA Standing Committee for Aao Gaon Chalen

Dr. V.K. Monga  
Convenor  
IMA Standing Committee for Aao Gaon Chalen

**CONCEPT NOTE ON AAO GAON CHALEN**

Aao Gaon Chalen has been an important initiative of IMA to reach the community with multiple healthcare and allied services, and launched by our leader Dr. Ketan Desai in 2004. Its purpose has been to increase our reach to the community, proper documentation of services that are being provided by us and their projection to the Govt. by quantifying the net total of our services for the last 19 years. Some States have performed very well over the years but other states did not do much activity in a proper way. IMA (Hqs.) has taken up this project again in a big way and we are trying to reach at least 1700 villages of the country through the State leadership so that each one of them can adopt one village and provide multiple healthcare activities on a regular basis.

How to adopt a village :-



- Select a village or cluster or urban slum near to the branch jurisdiction.
- Select an area where deficiency in the form of health services, water and sanitation services, family welfare, immunization are inadequate.
- Discuss with Local Administration, Municipal Health department about existing gaps in the area where IMA can pitch in.
- You will realize many villages have been adopted by various Members of Parliament under the Prime Minister monitored schemes which can be adopted by us.

**Purpose :-**

- IMA would be providing only complimentary support to help the local authorities to achieve health and other health related indicators.
- A brief health survey of the area should be taken up to understand their requirements.
- Organize a meeting with community levels stakeholders to understand their needs.
- Meet local Govt. officials and health authorities and coordinate with them.
- Work out an execution plan whereby we are providing a sustainable activity and not just a one time or one month activity.
- Identify team of dedicated, willing IMA workers who would be ready to work on a continuous basis.
- Regular review meetings should be held to fill the gap wherever there are.
- Monthly activity report should be sent to IMA (Hqs.).

**Suggested Activities :-**

- Anemia control
- Immunization
- Pre Natal and Post Natal care
- Cancer awareness and screening
- Awareness about Hygiene, education and social welfare
- Capacity building of existing healthcare providers
- Health education
- Need of safe water Supply
- Develop a robust system for referral in all types of emergencies with the local health care institutions in and around the village

Depending upon the area and its requirements the above activities can be enlarged and many more initiatives can be taken.

Aao Gaon Chalencan be a game changer activity to change the perception of public, media and administration about Indian Medical Association and its members. It is our continued commitments that can bring change in the health care scenario of the country especially in rural area.

**Reporting :-**

While sending a monthly report the branch should identify the few indicators of services in the area provided by IMA and report before 7th of next month. Few illustrations can be :-

- Number of children receiving Polio Vaccination, DPT Vaccination, Measles Vaccination or Penta valent Vaccination
- The number of pregnant women registered, counselling done. TT Doses given, regular ante natal visits, iron folic tablets distribution, motivation for institutional deliveries
- Number of awareness classes on Hygiene and sanitation held.
- Number of persons attending the programs
- Number of people attending the OPD services.
- Number of patients referred to other Govt. institutions. Number of IMA doctors/health care workers providing their services, their name and contact details
- We will share with you the link for reporting your activities on a monthly basis very soon.

**LET US GET STARTED**



**OUTSTANDING BRANCH ACTIVITIES UNDER**  
**“IMA AAOGAON CHALN” PROJECT**

As we all know that “IMA AaoGaon Chalen” Project has been instrumental in promoting the welfare of our community and strengthening the doctor-patient relationship. You must be aware that the re-launching of “IMA Aao Gaon Chalen” Project will be celebrated on June 25, 2023 all over the country. Various communications have been sent, in this regard, to plan several activities to be done on the above date. AGC has always been a collective endeavour, and each branch's dedication and contribution have played a vital role in its success. However, we would like to acknowledge those branches that have gone above and beyond in organizing activities that have made a significant impact on our community. As per the decision of the National President and Hon. Secretary General, IMA, it has been decided that we will be recognizing the exceptional efforts of BEST THREE LOCAL BRANCHES OF IMA that have excelled in their activities within this project and will be awarded “DR. KETAN DESAI-AAO GAON CHALEN AWARD” as a token of appreciation for their outstanding work:

**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE:**

Certificate and Dr. Ketan Desai – Aao Gaon Chalen Award to the President & Secretary of the Local Branch.  
Cash Prize: Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh to the Local Branch)

**2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE:**

Certificate and Dr. Ketan Desai – Aao Gaon Chalen Award to the President & Secretary of the Local Branch.  
Cash Prize : Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh (to the Local Branch)

**3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE:**

Certificate and Dr. Ketan Desai – Aao Gaon Chalen Award to the President & Secretary of the Local Branch.  
Cash Prize: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh (to the Local Branch)

We encourage each branch to reflect on their initiatives and submit a report detailing their AGC activities. Please highlight the unique aspects, impact, and any relevant metrics that demonstrate the success of your efforts. These reports and photographs should be submitted to IMA HQs.

We have complete faith in the passion, commitment, and ingenuity of our branch teams. Let us continue working together to make a positive impact on the lives of our community members.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the AGC project. We look forward to receiving your reports and celebrating the achievements of our branches.

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## “DOCTORS DAY AWARDS – 2023“

### APPLICATION FORM

Applications are invited from Meritorious Doctors/ Medical Professional for Doctors Day Awards on the occasion of “Doctors Day” (1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023) by Indian Medical Association (HQs). The criteria for nomination are as under: -

- 1) That the Doctor should have at least 10 years of IMA Life Membership.
- 2) Should not have received any Award during last 5 years from IMA on Doctors Day.
- 3) The Doctors should have an exemplary character and fulfil minimum criteria for each category of Awards.

**Note: Office Bearers of IMA HQs are not eligible.**

#### **1. Category of Award for which applied:**

- I. Academic Awards:** Teaching / Research Work for 20 years & Exemplary Teaching Aptitude.
- II. Community Service Award:** Effective Continuing Community Work with outstanding performance in Public Health Works and Social Service respectively.
- III. IMA Leadership Award:** Dynamic Leadership in Branch/State/National level Significant contribution for growth of IMA movement.
- IV. Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Service):** Minimum 25 years of Rural service & Publication in regional language.
- V. Senior Citizen Award:** Minimum 40 years of Medical Service.
- VI. Administrative Award:** State Level Administrative Post & Contribution to IMA Social media followers’ campaign.
- VII. Eminent doctor Personality:** Outstanding work in Public Service/Social Service.

**Please note: One candidate can apply in one Category only through its Branch & State**

<b>1. Category Applied</b>	:	
<b>2. Name</b>	:	
<b>3. Father’s/Husband’s Name</b>	:	
<b>4. Date of Birth</b>	:	
<b>5. State Council’s Registration Number</b>	:	
<b>6. IMA Local Branch &amp; State</b>	:	
<b>7. IMA Life membership No.</b>	:	



<b>8. Communication Address</b>	:	
<b>9. Mobile No</b>	:	
<b>10. Email id</b>	:	

**11. Qualification:** \_\_\_\_\_ :

Qualification	Year completed	College	University
MBBS			
PG			
Super Speciality			

**12. Experience:**

S.No.	Details	No. of Years
1.	Total service after MBBS/PG/Super Specility	
2.	Experience in the category applied	

**13. Awards Received:**

S.No.	Details of the Awards	Details of the office issued the awards

**14. Papers published in indexed Journals (Please specify details)**

S.No.	Details of the Journals	Details of the papers published



**15. Details of Active Social Work and in various medical projects**

S.No.	Details of Active Social work	Topics / period etc

**16. Service in Rural/Hills and Tribal areas**

S.No.	Place and period	Details of service

Any incidents of moral, ethical, professional misconducts and / or criminal cases / convictions? If yes, give details

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Date: (Signature of the Applicant)

Date: (Signature and Stamp)  
(By State President/ Secretary OR Branch President/Secretary)

**\* Recommendation by President/Secretary of Local Branch.**

**\* Copy to Secretary of State Branch**

**Enclosures:** (Self-attested Photostat copies of supporting documents)

1. Certificates, 2. Awards, 3. Newspapers, 4. Journals, articles, brochures, invitations, magazines, textbook chapters, 5. Supporting documents, records etc.

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## GLOBAL VIOLENCE AGAINST PHYSICIANS CONDEMNED BY WMA PRESIDENT

The global trend of violence against physicians has been condemned by the President of the World Medical Association, Dr. Osahon Enabulele.

Speaking today (Tuesday) at the annual Assembly of the German Medical Association in Essen, Dr. Enabulele said: 'Despite the critical importance of physicians and other health professionals in the delivery of quality healthcare to citizens, they are still being buffeted with violence in their workplaces, both in peace and conflict times.

'Most disturbing is the involvement of repressive regimes in some countries that have undertaken an unholy mission of undermining the professional freedom, independence and autonomy of physicians. The unfortunate repression of our colleagues in Turkey and Iran are very clear examples.

'The WMA has zero tolerance for all acts of violence against physicians and will continue to vehemently condemn such despicable and bromidic acts aimed at eroding the fundamental freedoms, independence and professional autonomy of physicians.'

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***Global Violence Against Physicians Condemned by WMA President***



## Branch Activities



International Nurses Day Celebrations  
IMA Kanchipuram Branch



CME conducted by IMA Cochin Branch



Blood donation camp by IMA Cochin Branch



Blood donation camp  
by IMA Ernakulam Branch



IMA CGP Thirssur conducted panel discussion  
on Managing Hypertension without tension



IMA WDW conducted training programme  
for elderly persons



World Health Day observed by IMA Thirssur Branch



World Health Day observed  
IMA Thirssur Branch



IMA Thirssur organised medical camp  
for fire officers



Asthma Awareness Camp by  
IMA Courtallam Branch



Blood Donation Camp by IMA Erode



World Malaria Day observed by IMA Erode



World Autism Awareness Day - 2023  
observed by IMA Erode branch



World Earth Day observed  
by IMA Erode Branch



World Liver Day was observed  
by IMA Erode Branch



Nanjaiuthukuli village adopted  
by IMA Erode Branch2



Branch Activities



World Health Day observed by IMA Gwalior Branch



World Earth Day was observed by IMA Kanchipuram Branch



Colposcopy camp organised by IMA Kanchipuram Branch



World Health Day observed by IMA Kanchipuram Branch through walkathon Rally



IMA Tambaram conducted CME-Medical Oration FOCUS 2023



World Health Day observed by IMA Thrissur Branch



IMA Mumbai Branch conducted various camps under Aao Gaon Chalen project



Blood donation camps by IMA Nagpur branch



IMA Calcutta organised multispeciality CME



Aao Gaon Chalen project work by IMA Tamilnadu State



World Asthma Day observed by IMA Nagpur Branch



Candle light protest against Hospital Violence at Pazhakkuty Nedumangad



Health check-up camp organised by Chennai Villivakkam Branch



Health check-up camp by Quepem branch

**Branch Activities**

DATE	STATE	BRANCH	TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT
16-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Chennai Villivakkam	CME	A CME was conducted on the various topics: 1. Stem cell transplantation in current clinical practice - Dr. Gopinathan M2. Oncology for Clinicians.. There's something for every one in current clinical practice - Dr Balaji Ramani3. Neurosurgical update for Non- Neurosurgeons from saving life to improving life - Dr L S Harishchandra
17-Apr-23	Goa	Tiswadi	Camp	IMA Tiswadi organised free medical health check-up camp and blood donation camp at sukalwad, bazarpet
19-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Day	World Liver Day was observed by IMA Erode Branch
19-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Village Adoption	In continuation with the village and adoption program, Erode IMA has adopted Nanjaiuthukuli village along with Erode WDW and conducted a health camp. Total Number of patients participated: 76, Participated Doctors: Dr.S.S.Sukumar, Dr.Chitra Thangavel, Dr.Sa.Senthilvelu, Dr.Mrunalini
21-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Village Adoption	In continuation with the Village adoption programme under IMA Aao Gaon Chalen project, Erode IMA has adopted one more village named Perode. Nearly 170 patients participated and got benefited. Vitals and basic Blood check along with ophthalmological evaluation and general health Check up done and free medicines were given to needy patients. 10 Patients who required cataract surgery were identified and referred to Arasan Eye Hospital and were advised to follow up.
22-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Day	World Earth Day was observed by IMA Erode Branch
22-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Kanchipuram	Day	World Earth Day was observed by IMA Kanchipuram Branch
23-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Camp	A Blood donation camp was organised by IMA Erode Branch at @ Public camp, Lions auditorium, ErodeKumilamparappu, chithode. Total 32 Units of blood were collected.
23-Apr-23	Maharashtra	Mumbai	CME	Multi Specialty CME" was organized by IMA Mumbai Branch, Dr. Prashant Rajput spoke on Management of End Stage Renal Diseases: Transplant Vs Dialysis., Dr. Shrinath Kshirsagar spoke on Myelofibrosis & Polycythemia Vera, Dr. Nita Nair spoke on Paradigm shift in Breast cancer surgery, Dr. Ashwin Tamhankar spoke on Video Based Demonstration of Urological Oncological surgery. Optimizing functional and Surgical outcomes, and Dr. Darshana Rane spoke on Chemotherapy Side Effects. Total 50 delegates attended this CME.
23-Apr-23	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Camp	IMA Mumbai Branch, under Central IMA HQS guidelines "Aao Gao Chalen" Project, organises free medical checkup camp in adivasi tribal areas of wada, palghar district
24-Apr-23	Kerala	Cochin	Camp	A Blood donation camp was conducted. Total 806 units of blood were collected and 1854 units of blood and its components were issued to various hospitals in and around Ernakulam District. 28 units of blood issued to needy poor patients. The patients in 74 hospitals were the beneficiaries. A total of 10 outreach & 2 in house voluntary blood donation camps were conducted in the April 2023.
25-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Erode	Day	World Malaria Day was observed by IMA Erode Branch
25-Apr-23	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Talk	An awareness talk was organised on the topic of Menstrual Hygiene, Positive Life Style and Immunization
25-Apr-23	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Day	World Malaria Day was observed by IMA Gwalior Branch.
25-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Kanchipuram	Camp	A Colposcopy camp was organised in association with FOGSI at Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Institute.
25-Apr-23	Goa	Quepem	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of update on CKD in Adults and Pediatric Nephrology by Dr. Darshan Rangaswamy (DM Nephrology) from Manipal Hospitals



## Branch Activities

26-Apr-23	Kerala	Cochin	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of Palliative Care – the Kerala Model, Symptom Management and end of life care at Home by Dr. Aneesh V G, Arike Home Care and Completing Palliative Care – Arike Home Care presented by Dr. Athul Joseph Manuel, Arike Home Care. Dr. Geetha Vijayan Arike Home care was the moderator.
27-Apr-23	Kerala	Kannur	CME	A CME conducted on the various topics: 1. Health for all, oportunities and challenges by Dr. Jayashree A.K., 2. ABG-A life saviour in ICU by Dr. Rayees A.K, 3. Renal Stone Management, what has changed by Dr. Alphonse Jithin J., 4. Are x-rays deceptives in Orthopedics by Jyothiprasanth M
27-Apr-23	Goa	Quepem	Camp	Dr. Deepak Lotlikar conducted his routine weekly check up of inmates of the Home for the Destitute run by the Missionaries of Charity at Igramoll, Quepem.
28-Apr-23	Kerala	Nemom	Day	World Malaria Day was observed by IMA Nemom Branch.
28-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Tirupur	CME	A CME was conducted on the topics of 1. Skin Disorders In Summer by Dr. Pradheepa, MD., DVL DNB, 2. An Approach To Hair Loss by Dr.S. Bharathi. MD., DVL.
29-Apr-23	West Bengal	Calcutta	CME	A CME was organised on the topic of Neurology, Orthopedics and Cardiology by Dr Dibyendu Roy, Dr Suday Mukherjee and Dr Suvashish Roy Chowdhury.
29-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Tambaram	Awareness Programme	IMA Tambaram NHB with JIP group of hospitals and Athma blood bank, together conducted an awareness program on World Haemophilia day (April 17th)and World Malaria day(April 25th). Blood donation camp was conducted to help patients suffering from heamophilia and anaemia complicating Malaria. The awareness talk was given by Dr Veena Tharsis . It was well received by paramedical staffs of around 25 numbers and public too. 17 donors donated blood at this occasion.
30-Apr-23	Kerala	Palluruthy	Camp	Anemia detection camp was organised in Palluruthy Branch
30-Apr-23	Kerala	Thrissur	Camp	A Blood donation camp was conducted by IMA Thrissur Branch. Total Blood collected During Camps– 545 Units, Total Blood collected at Blood Bank – 682 Units Total blood and components issued – 2962 Units, Total Camps Conducted – 15 Camps
30-Apr-23	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Day	World Immunization Day was observed by IMA Gwalior Branch
30-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore	Workshop	IMA-AMS TNSB critical care workshop was conducted at Royal Care Hospital, Coimbatore. It is a structured programme for physicians and practitioners. There were 30 participants for the programme.
30-Apr-23	Tamilnadu	Chennai Kodambakkam	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of "Paradigm Shift in A U B - Rise of Medical Management" by Dr V Madhini
02-May-23	Tamilnadu	Courtallam	Camp	IMA Courtallam Branch conducted Asthma Awareness camp at 1.Bell Hospital, Pavoorchathram, 2.Meeran Hospital,Tenkasi, 3.New Prince Hospital, Kadayanallur, 4.Raja Hospital, Pavoorchathram, 5.Prasanna Hospital,Tenkasi, 6.Shabna Hospital,Tenkasi on the occassion of World Asthma Day
05-May-23	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Day	World Asthma Day observed by IMA Nagpur Branch
12-May-23	Tamilnadu	Kanchipuram	Day	International Nurses Day was celebrated by IMA Kanchipuram Branch
21-May-23	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore	Training	IMA Coimbatore started SONIMA, a structured basic Gynaecology ultrasound training programme- A live hands on sessions of gynaecology ultrasound.

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**PARAMEDICAL COURSES**

Indian Medical Association conducts the following Paramedical courses:

1. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology
2. Diploma in X-RAY/IMAGING Technology
3. Diploma in O.T. Technician
4. Diploma in Medical Record Technology
5. Diploma in Cardiac Technology
6. Diploma in Dialysis Technician
7. Certificate Course in Blood Bank Technology
8. Certificate Course in CT
9. Certificate Course in MRI
10. Certificate Course in CT and MRI

**Duration** : Two years for Diploma courses. Six months and one year for Certificate courses.

**Eligibility Criteria** : (i) 10+2 with 40% with science stream (**Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Agriculture, etc.**) for Diploma courses.

(ii) 10+2 from any other stream with minimum 50% of aggregate marks with an undertaking / Affidavit from the students.

For certificate in Blood bank course, eligibility criteria is DMLT, B.Sc. MLT, B.Sc (Micro). For CT and MRI courses, eligibility criteria is two or three years Degree/Diploma in Radiography with internship.

**IMA Paramedical Diploma courses are recognized by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Department of Health and Family Welfare.**

Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology and Diploma in X-RAY/IMAGING Technology - both are also running jointly by National Institute of Open Schooling(NIOS), Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, Noida (U. P.) and Indian Medical Association HQs. , New Delhi.

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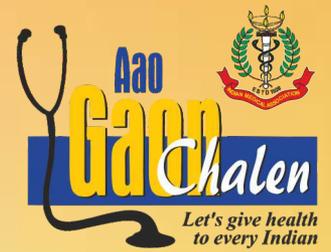
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# RELAUNCH OF IMA DREAM PROJECT SOON



## Aao Gaon Chalen

### Mega Inaugural Camp

25th JUNE 2023, Sunday

Gujarat

Let's give health to every Indian

All branches are requested to adopt one village



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# BLOOD DONATION WEEK

1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
July  
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on  
**DOCTORS'  
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IMA is promoting  
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