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IMA National President, Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak, Hony Secretary General, Dr. Sarbari Dutta, HFS Dr. Piyush Jain, and other office bearers attended a high-level meeting chaired by Dr. Pankaj Arora, Director NHA at the National Health Authority (NHA), New Delhi on 11th of February 2026 to deliberate on the implementation framework and practical aspects of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) across the country.



Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak, National President, and Dr. Sarbari Dutta, Honorary Secretary General IMA JDN National attended Zonal West Zone Conclave Youthcon 2026 at IMA Mumbai West Branch.



Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak, National President, and Dr. Sarbari Dutta, Honorary Secretary General, along with Dr. Piyush Jain, Honorary Finance Secretary of IMA were felicitated by Dr. Sahajanand Pd Singh, Past National President, and Dr. Ashutosh Sharan, State President, during BIMACON-2026 at Motihari, Bihar.



Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak, National President, IMA on being conferred the Honorary Ph.D. by Manav Rachna University & Manav International Institute of Research and Studies, in the presence of Shri J. P. Nadda

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Indian Medical Association expresses profound grief on the sad demise of **Dr. Bharat C. Chhapparwal**, Past National Vice President and National President, IMA HQs (1994-1995).

Dr. Bharat C. Chhapparwal was a grassroot member of IMA Indore Branch (Madhya Pradesh). His visionary leadership, lifelong dedication to the medical profession, and selfless service to the Indian Medical Association have left an indelible mark on the fraternity.

The entire IMA family mourns this irreparable loss and extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace

Indian Medical Association expresses profound grief on the sad demise of **Dr. S. N. Misra**, Past Secretary General, IMA HQs.

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DR. KETAN DESAI

Chief Patron,
Past President
IMA, WMA & MCI

Dr. Dilip Bhanushali
Imm. Past National President

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak
National President

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony Secretary General

Dr. Piyush Jain
Hony Fin. Secretary



From the Desk of National President



Dear Friends,

Greetings from IMA HQs. !

IMA News plays a vital role in keeping our members informed, inspired, and connected with the activities of our great organization. Through IMA News, our members remain aware of what has been accomplished, what is currently underway, and the vision we collectively hold for the future. Through this message, I would like to update all IMA members about some of the important activities undertaken by IMA Headquarters.

In order to strengthen coordination and ensure stronger linkage between the National, State, and Branch levels, the four National Vice Presidents of IMA have been entrusted with specific regional responsibilities—Eastern, Western, Northern, and Southern. They will remain in close contact with the respective State leaders to better understand regional concerns, address issues in a timely manner, and ensure smoother communication between the Headquarters and the grassroots level.

IMA has also written to the Chairman of the National Medical Commission, urging the reinstatement of Respiratory Medicine and Emergency Medicine as subjects in the MBBS curriculum, as well as strengthening these departments in medical colleges and hospitals across India. These specialties are crucial for modern healthcare delivery and for preparing future doctors to respond effectively to emerging health challenges.

I would also like to inform you that IMA has filed a case challenging the applicability of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) to medical professionals. This is a significant step toward addressing a long-standing concern of the medical fraternity, and we remain hopeful that this effort will bring justice and clarity to the profession.

To support the construction of the new IMA Headquarters Building, I earnestly request all members to come forward with generous contributions. March 2026 has been declared as “Fund Raising Month” for this important project. I humbly appeal to every member to contribute at least 1000 towards this noble initiative. Those who wish to contribute more are warmly welcome to do so. This building will stand as a proud symbol of our unity and will serve as a valuable asset for strengthening the activities, services, and legacy of IMA. With everyone's support and cooperation, we can successfully complete this project and create a strong foundation for the future of our organization.

IMA congratulated and thanked to Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the launch of the Nationwide HPV Vaccination Drive on 28 February 2026, which provided free HPV vaccines to 14-year-old girls across India, beginning from Ajmer, Rajasthan. The initiative aimed to prevent cervical cancer and protect women's health. IMA expressed its whole hearted support and assured the Government to support the effort to eliminate cervical cancer among women in India. IMA had requested to all its State and Local Branches to formally convey their heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Shri Narendra Modi Ji Hon'ble Prime Minister and Shri J. P. Nadda Ji Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare for this transformative and historic public health initiative. A copy of the same may kindly be sent to IMA HQs. for our record purposes.

We are thankful to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for its landmark judgment affirming that menstrual health and access to menstrual hygiene management in schools are integral to the fundamental right to life and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. IMA wholeheartedly welcomes the directions issued to States and Union Territories to ensure the availability of sanitary napkins and appropriate



menstrual hygiene facilities in all schools. I request all my State & Local Branches to adopt one school under their jurisdiction for the above cause. These measures will significantly contribute to improved school attendance, educational outcomes, and long-term physical and mental health of young girls across the country.

In the absence of clear directives regarding the inclusion of fellowship-trained MD/MS doctors under PMJAY and other Government health schemes, excluding doctors who have completed their MD/MS and subsequently pursued fellowships in various super-specialty fields is unfair. Many such doctors have been practicing for more than 10 years and have also served as super-specialists under several Government health schemes. The IMA has requested the concerned authorities to consider a practical solution that allows fellowship-trained doctors to continue working under the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and other Government schemes. This step will enable experienced practitioners to remain part of these programs and continue providing treatment to needy patients without disrupting healthcare services.

IMA HQs. has decided to announce a Membership Drive by reducing the Life Membership fee by 25% from 1st April, 2026 to 30th April 2026 as a special incentive. I request all of you to take advantage of Membership Drive Month and try to enrol more and more members in your respective State/Local Branches.

Together, with dedication, compassion, and collective effort, we can accomplish all our goals and continue to serve society with pride and commitment.

Long Live IMA

Dr Anilkumar J. Nayak

National President, IMA



From the Desk of Honorary Secretary General



My Dear Friends,

Greetings from IMA HQs.!

I am pleased to present IMA News, a dedicated platform envisioned by our predecessors to keep every member informed, connected, and actively engaged with the activities and initiatives of IMA HQ. I sincerely hope that IMA News will continue to serve as a meaningful source of information for all members across the country.

First of all, I must congratulate our National President, Dr Anilkumar J. Nayak for being conferred with an DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D) (Honoris Causa) by Prestigious Manav Rachna University and Manav International Institute of Research and Studies, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the medical field. The honour, bestowed in the august presence of Shri Jagat Prakash Naddaji, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, makes this achievement even more special.

A Zoom meeting of IMA State Presidents and Secretaries and Office Bearers of IMA (HQs.) was held on Feb 12th February, 2026 where the issues of importance were discussed.

A communication was sent to Shri J. P. Nadda Ji. Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Chairman and Secretary of National Medical Commission on 12-2-2026 regarding the representation for the Exclusion of Medical Professionals from the Purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. IMA has filed a case challenging the applicability of the CPA to medical professionals and has become a party to the proceedings.

As you know, last year, IMA launched the HPV Vaccination Training Programme in association with the FOGSI with the objective of ensuring that IMA members are well informed and trained in all aspects of the HPV vaccine. Taking step further, IMA HQs is now planning to initiate the vaccination phase, wherein eligible family members of IMA members, as well as individuals from underprivileged sections of society, will be vaccinated. I request all the State and Local Branch Presidents and Secretaries to provide us the list of individual from the family of IMA members to whom would like to get the HPV Vaccination.

The construction of the new IMA Headquarters Building is progressing steadily under the execution of NBCC. The estimated cost of the project is approximately 80 crores, to complete this landmark project, all members are requested to contribute a minimum of 1,000 each.

As decided in the recently held Virtual State Presidents and Secretaries Meet on 12th February, 2026, where it was decided that the month of "March 2026" will be declared as "Fund Raising Month" for IMA HQs. Building". State leaders are requested to Appeal and coordinate with your Local Branches to donate funds for the above IMA HQs. Building and collect the funds.

Though modest individually, collective contributions will significantly support our shared vision and reflect our unity and commitment to the growth of IMA.

Long Live IMA !!

Dr Sarbari Dutta

Hony. Secretary General, IMA



REPRESENTATION FOR THE EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS FROM THE PURVIEW OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2019.

To,

Shri J. P. Nadda Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare

Prof. (Dr.) Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth
Chairman, National Medical Commission

Shri Raghav Langer
Secretary, National Medical Commission

(Ref: SC Directions regarding CPA Scope)

Respected Sir,

The Indian Medical Association (IMA), representing the collective voice of over 3.5 lakh medical practitioners across the nation, submits this memorandum to address the critical judicial and legislative ambiguity regarding the status of medical professionals under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA). While the medical fraternity remains steadfast in its commitment to patient welfare and professional accountability, the continued inclusion of medical practice within a "consumer-service" framework—traditionally designed for commercial trade and business—has led to an unsustainable surge in defensive medicine and a breakdown of the sacred doctor-patient relationship. In light of the Supreme Court's recent inquiry and the distinct regulatory framework provided by the National Medical Commission (NMC), the IMA urges the Union Government to recognize that the inherent uncertainties of human biology and the skilled nature of medical judgment cannot be equated with mechanical or commercial services, necessitating a formal exclusion of the profession from the purview of the CPA.

1. Absence of Legislative Intent and Definition of "Service"

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) maintains that the medical profession was never intended to be governed by the Consumer Protection Act (CPA).

- **Legislative History:** During the drafting of the CPA 2019, the term "Healthcare" was explicitly removed from the definition of services after initial inclusion. This reflects a clear legislative intent to treat medical services as distinct from commercial "trade or business."
- **Misinterpretation of UN Guidelines:** The UN General Assembly resolution (cited in V.P. Shantha) focuses on health hazards related to food, water, and pharmaceuticals—essentially consumer goods—rather than the complex, intangible nature of clinical judgment.

2. The Distinction between "Service" and "Professional Skill"

Medical practice is a Noble Profession, not a commercial transaction.

- **Mental vs. Manual:** Unlike commercial services, medical work is predominantly mental, skilled, and specialized. Success is elusive and often depends on the inherent complexity of the human body, over which the practitioner has no absolute control.
- **Fixed Norms:** Shortcomings in medical practice cannot be measured against "fixed norms" or "guaranteed results" as one would measure the performance of an appliance or a bank.



3. The Crisis of Defensive Medicine and Litigation Floodgates

The inclusion of doctors in the CPA since 1995 has led to a "litigation epidemic" that harms the patient-doctor relationship:

- **Defensive Practice:** Doctors are increasingly forced to order unnecessary tests and avoid "high-risk" cases to mitigate legal exposure, directly increasing treatment costs for the common man.
- **Frivolous Litigation:** The ease of filing consumer complaints has led to a surge in meritless cases intended to harass professionals rather than seek genuine justice for "negligence."

4. Regulatory Overlap and the Role of NMC

The medical profession is already strictly regulated by the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act and the Code of Medical Ethics.

- **Autonomy:** The NMC and State Medical Councils are the appropriate bodies to adjudicate professional misconduct, as they possess the necessary peer expertise that Consumer Forums lack.
- **Civil Court Jurisdiction:** As noted in V.P. Shantha (Para 23), issues involving complex medical evidence and detailed expert recording should be referred to Civil Courts, not summary proceedings under the CPA.

5. Patient Autonomy vs. Consumer Rights

In medical practice, the patient is a partner in the decision-making process through Informed Consent.

- Because the patient retains the right to refuse or choose treatment paths, the "control" of the outcome is shared. This renders the "provider-consumer" hierarchy of the CPA inapplicable.

6. Proposed Alternative Models: "No-Harm" and "Capping"

If the goal is patient welfare, the IMA proposes moving away from the adversarial CPA model toward:

- **The "No-Harm" Method:** Establishment of a Common Corpus Fund to provide monetary awards for untoward incidents without assigning liability to doctors.
- **Capping Compensation:** Implementing a matrix for "Non-economic damages" (similar to Motor Vehicle Act formulas) to ensure predictability and prevent the bankruptcy of small healthcare setups.
- **Expert Screening:** Reinstating the mandate from Martin D'Souza where an expert opinion is required before a notice is issued to a doctor.

Conclusion

The IMA respectfully submits that the medical profession must be excluded from the Consumer Protection Act to preserve the sanctity of the patient-physician bond and to prevent the collapse of affordable healthcare under the weight of litigation.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak
National President, IMA

**LETTER REGARDING ZONES-AREA ALLOCATION TO THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS 2025-26**

To,

1. Dr. Ramesh R, Kerala
2. Dr. Sunil Chugh, Rajasthan
3. Dr. Dhanwantari Tiwary, Jharkhand
4. Dr. Yagnesh O. Popat, Rajkot

(National Vice Presidents, IMA Hqs.)

Dear Sir(s),

Greetings from Indian Medical Association (Hqs.)!

In order to establish proper linkage between IMA Hqs., State Leadership of different states and further support the states in their various activities, undersigned is the National President, IMA, Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak is allocating the following Zones/Areas to the National Vice Presidents of IMA for the years 2025-26 as mentioned against the names of each:-

Zone	States	Name of Allocated NVPs
EASTERN REGION	West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram Manipur, Andaman & Nicobar, Bihar, Jharkhand Odisha	Dr. Dhanwantari Tiwari
SOUTHERN REGION	Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, Lakshadweep Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	Dr. Ramesh R
WESTERN REGION	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haweli Daman & Diu	Dr. Yagnesh O. Popat
NORTHERN REGION	Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh	Dr. Sunil Chugh

They are requested to be in regular touch with State Leaders of their allotted states in connection with various issues faced by them and should present their quarterly reports of the activities conducted by them in their respective states to National President / Honorary Secretary General, IMA.

Separate communication is being sent to the State Leadership of all States with a request to kindly keep you updated with the information about the various events being organized by them and request your representation in the absence of National President in such events.

We enclose herewith a complete list of all State Presidents and State Secretaries with a request to kindly get in touch with the State leaders of the areas allocated to you for better liaisoning with them.

You are requested to kindly ensure that all Headquarters' Policies/Schemes/ initiatives are duly implemented in all the State/Local Branches of IMA.

Please note that one way TA will be provided to you after taking prior approval from the IMA HQs. for your visits to States / Local Branches from IMA HQs. The TA for the return journey will be reimbursed by the States / Local Branches as allotted to you.

You are requested to kindly plan your visits accordingly.

This is for your information, please.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak
National President, IMA



UPDATE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

To,
All the State Presidents and Secretaries, IMA

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Greetings from IMA Hqs. !

As you are all aware, the medical profession currently falls within the ambit of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA). However, the former Hon'ble Minister for Consumer Affairs had assured in Parliament that the medical profession would be exempted from the provisions of the CPA, but nothing has been done in this regard.

On 10.02.2026, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India agreed to examine a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking a declaration that medical professionals should not fall within the ambit of the Consumer Protection Act.

We would like to inform you that the Indian Medical Association has submitted a representation to Shri J.P. Nadda, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, as well as to the Chairman and Secretary of the National Medical Commission, requesting the exclusion of medical professionals from the purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

Further, IMA has filed a case challenging the applicability of the CPA to medical professionals and has become a party to the proceedings.

We are now one step closer to achieving our long-pending demand and the benefit will be for all to enjoy.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak
National President, IMA

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony. Secretary General, IMA

**FUND RAISING MONTH FOR IMA HQS. BUILDING - MARCH 2026**

To,
The Presidents & Hony. Secretaries
IMA State Branches of IMA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association Hqs!

You must be aware that the previous CWC, CC and other meetings held in 2015 to Re-develop IMA HQs. Building situated at New Delhi because it is over 65 years old and it is nearing the end of its structural life.

As Indian Medical Association is constantly growing in its membership as well as working as an umbrella Organisation for all the healthcare providers of the country, this Re-development will be a beacon of excellence to serve the medical community and the nation at large.

I would like to inform you that the construction of the new IMA Building is in full swing and is being executed by NBCC. The approximate cost of construction is appx. Rs. 80 crores.

As decided in the recently held Virtual State Presidents and Secretaries Meet on 12th February, 2026, where it was decided that the month of "March 2026" will be declared as "Fund Raising Month for IMA HQs. Building".

State Branches are requested to kindly send one name of Coordinator from your respective State Branch so that they can communicate between IMA Hqs., State and Local Branches and collect the funds. You are, further, requested to Appeal and coordinate with your Local Branches to donate funds for the above IMA HQs. Building and collect the funds from your Local Branches under your State Branches.

I look forward to your wholehearted support and cooperation in building a new and proud home for the Indian Medical Association members.

I request you to please take up this matter on a war footing basis.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak
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To,

Shri Pralhad Joshi Ji
Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food
Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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Yours sincerely,

Dr. Anilkumar J Nayak
National President, IMA



IMA HQ INITIATIVE: HPV VACCINATION DRIVE IN ASSOCIATION WITH SERUM INSTITUTE

To,

The Presidents & Secretaries
State & Local Branches
Indian Medical Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from IMA Hqs!

As you are aware last year we started the HPV vaccination training program in association with FOGSI with an aim to make sure that IMA members are well versed with all the aspects of the HPV Vaccine and can be ambassadors for cervical cancer prevention.

This year, taking a step forward, IMA HQs is planning to start the Vaccination phase wherein we want to vaccinate eligible individuals from the family of IMA members and also underprivileged sections of the society.

We have had discussions with the Serum Institute, Pune and are going to give the Cervavac vaccine at a discounted price.

In this regard, we want a list of individuals from the family of IMA Members who would like to use this golden opportunity to get the HPV vaccination. Once the list is compiled and sent to IMA HQs we will coordinate with the Serum Institute team and ensure delivery of the vaccine at your local place.

You may designate some days in a week or month for a special HPV Vaccination drive and administer vaccine on those days.

We request the State IMA leadership to please encourage and coordinate with your respective local branches so that this program can be effectively implemented.

Looking forward for your enthusiastic participation. Please feel free to contact us for any queries.

With Warm Regards,

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak
National President, IMA

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony. Secretary General, IMA



URGENT REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF RESPIRATORY MEDICINE AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE SUBJECTS IN MBBS CURRICULUM AND MEDICAL COLLEGES, HOSPITALS IN INDIA

To

Prof. (Dr.) Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth
Chairman
National Medical Commission

Dear Sir,

Greetings from the Indian Medical Association (IMA).

We are confident that the Commission is aware of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji's ambitious vision to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) from India by 2030, five years ahead of the global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target. He has outlined a comprehensive five-pronged strategy i.e "Trace, Test, Track, Treat, and Technology" to ensure that no TB patient is left behind.

Further, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in the recent Union Budget announcement, emphasized strengthening healthcare infrastructure by establishing Trauma Centres and Emergency Care Units in hospitals across districts. However, without adequate training and availability of qualified Emergency Medicine professionals, the effective functioning of such facilities may be challenging.

As we all know that the Undergraduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) of the National Medical Commission (NMC) had removed Respiratory Medicine and Emergency Medicine from the list of departments that every medical college/institution must have to be approved for undergraduate medical admissions on an annual basis. The provision for a separate department for respiratory medicine is also absent in the newly released Competency-Based Medical Education 2024 guidelines.

In this context, we wish to respectfully highlight that Respiratory Medicine is currently not included as a dedicated component in the undergraduate medical curriculum. Considering the significant burden of TB and other respiratory diseases in India, the absence of structured undergraduate training in Respiratory Medicine may hinder the effective realization of the national TB elimination goal.

It is well known that doctors working in the fields of respiratory medicine and emergency medicine have worked hard to save the lives of our citizens during COVID-19, yet the NMC has removed these specialties.

As Emergency Medicine is also not included as a distinct subject in the undergraduate syllabus, we believe that achieving these national healthcare objectives may be difficult without foundational training at the MBBS level.



On behalf of the Indian Medical Association, we respectfully request the National Medical Commission to consider reinstate Respiratory Medicine and Emergency Medicine into the MBBS medical curriculum so that it becomes as a mandatory subjects in MBBS curriculum. This step would significantly strengthen the capacity of future medical graduates and contribute meaningfully to national health priorities.

We look forward to your positive consideration of this important matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak
National President, IMA

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony. Secretary General, IMA

Copy to:

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare
The Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

**FREE HPV VACCINATION INITIATIVE– REQUEST TO CONVEY CONGRATULATIONS AND EXTEND SUPPORT**

To
The Presidents & Hony. Secretaries
All State and Local Branches
Indian Medical Association

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from IMA Headquarters!

We are pleased to inform you that, pursuant to our consistent representations and sustained advocacy with the Government of India, the Nationwide HPV Vaccination Drive is being formally launched on 28th February 2026, by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji from Ajmer, Rajasthan. This initiative will provide free HPV vaccination for adolescent girls across the country.

This historic and visionary decision of the Government of India marks a major milestone in the prevention of cervical cancer and the protection of women's health in our country. It is a proud moment for the medical fraternity that our constructive suggestions and public health advocacy have contributed toward this landmark initiative.

We request all State and Local Branches to formally convey their heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Shri Narendra Modi Ji Hon'ble Prime Minister and Shri J. P. Nadda Ji Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare for this transformative and historic public health initiative.

IMA, in collaboration with FOGSI, has already trained a large number of doctors for HPV counselling and vaccination initiatives. Let us collectively strengthen this national mission and work towards the elimination of cervical cancer in India.

Your proactive involvement at the grassroots level will be crucial for the success of this programme.

With warm regards,

Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak
National President, IMA



27.02.2026

Congratulations and Thanks for Launch of Nationwide HPV Vaccination Drive on 28th Feb, 2026

To
Shri Narendra Modi Ji
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

Hon'ble Sir,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association!

On behalf of over four lakh doctors across the country, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) extends its heartfelt congratulations to your goodself, on the launch of the Nationwide HPV Vaccination Drive on 28th February 2026.

We are deeply appreciative of the historic decision to provide free HPV vaccination for adolescent girls aged 14 years across India, with the formal launch from Ajmer, Rajasthan. This visionary initiative will significantly contribute to the prevention of cervical cancer and safeguard the health and lives of millions of women in our nation.

We had earlier written to your goodself on 22nd January 2026, requesting you that HPV vaccination be highlighted in the esteemed "Mann Ki Baat" programme to generate nationwide awareness.

We also addressed a communication, dated 23rd January 2026 to Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, proposing that the HPV vaccine be provided free of cost to girls between 9–14 years of age. Including GST exemption, direct subsidy support, and financial assistance to NGOs facilitating free vaccination for adolescent girls.

Indian Medical Association, in collaboration with Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), has already trained more than 30,000 doctors for counselling and HPV vaccination initiatives across India. With more than 1,800 local branches nationwide, IMA stands fully committed to supporting this noble National mission.

We humbly request that trained IMA members be permitted to assist the Government in this Pan-India HPV Vaccination Drive. Our fraternity is fully prepared to extend wholehearted cooperation to ensure maximum coverage and the successful implementation of this landmark programme.

We once again convey our sincere congratulations to your kindself, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare Shri J.P. Nadda Ji and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji for this exemplary and transformative public health initiative.

IMA stands firmly with you in achieving the goal of eliminating Cervical cancer among women of our country.

With highest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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Indian Medical Association conducts the following Paramedical courses:

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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
11. Certificate Course in Hyperbaric Technician

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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.

An MoU has been signed recently between Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) - Indian Medical Association (IMA) for collaborative Paramedical Courses.

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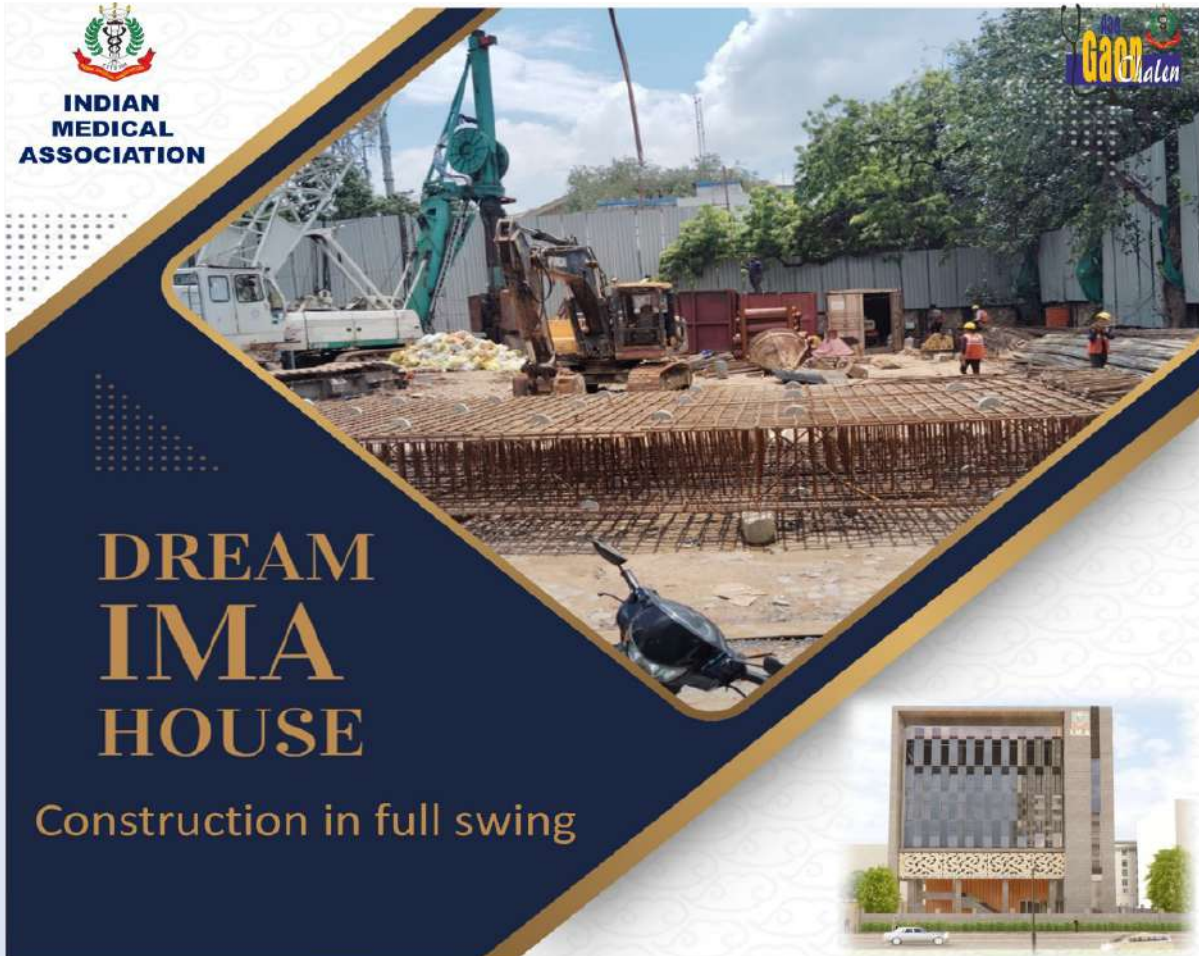
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