



INDIA “COUNTRY REPORT”

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INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



I. IMA is the largest organisation of doctors of modern system of medicine. It has 314,265 members in its 1732 local branches spread all over India. They are organised under 29 state branches. IMA hq is situated in New Delhi .



OBJECTIVES:

- To promote and advance medical and allied sciences in all their different branches and to promote the improvement of public health and medical education in India
- To maintain the honour and dignity and to uphold the interest of the medical profession and to promote co-operation amongst the members thereof;
- To work for the abolition of compartmentalism in medical education, medical services and registration in the country and thus to achieve equality among all members of the profession.



History and Legacy:

Prior to the formation of the Association, four All India Medical Conferences had been held: the first at Calcutta in 1917 under the Presidentship of Lt. Col. Raghavendra Rao, the second at Delhi in 1918 with Sir Nil Ratan Sircar as the President, the third in 1919 with Dr. M.N. Odedar as its President and the fourth at Nagpur in 1920 under the Presidentship of Rai Bahadur Dr. Maharaj Krishan Kapur. It was at the 5th conference held at Calcutta on 28th December, 1928 under the Presidentship of Dr. G.V. Deshmukh of Bombay, that a resolution was adopted forming an All India Medical Association.



- Association was formed with only 222 members
- The Headquarters Office of the IMA was originally located in Calcutta
- IMA Headquarters was shifted to Delhi in January 1949
- The Journal of IMA continues to be published from Calcutta.
- During the British Rule, some selected members of the profession were members of the British Medical Association which had branches in India. The stalwarts of IMA ultimately succeeded in reaching an agreement with British Medical Association that they would have no branches in India and got mutually affiliated, which relationship continues even today.



- In the year 1946, IMA participated in the organization of the world body viz., the World Medical Association and thus became its founder member DR A K N Sinha, Dr Ketan Desai have contributed as the Presidents of WMA. IMA has continued to play an important role in the affairs of the Commonwealth Medical Association, CMAAO, WONCA and SAARC Medical Associations



Affairs of the Association:

The affairs of the association are managed by the elected members of the Central Council and the Working Committee which lay down the policies. It has a number of Standing Committees which look after the specified subject entrusted to them under the various terms of references. Each state and local branch holds regularly Scientific and Medical Meetings and elects its Office Bearers once a year.



Academic Wings:

1. IMA College of General Practitioners
2. IMA Academy of Medical Specialties.
3. IMA AKN Sinha Institute.



Publications:

1. Journal of Indian Medical Association.
2. Apka Swasthya
3. Your Health.



Schemes:

1. IMA National Social Security Scheme.
2. IMA National Professional Protection Scheme.
3. IMA National Health Scheme.
4. IMA National Family Welfare Scheme.
5. IMA National Pension Scheme.



- The Indian Medical Association organizes study tours.
- Indian Medical Association is represented on various Government and Semi-Government bodies of the Central and State Governments
- Its role and involvement in the formulation and implementation of National Health Programmes e.g. Revised National TB Control programme Family Welfare, Maternal and Child Health, Universal Immunization Program, Oral Rehydration Therapy, AIDS Prevention, Control and Management etc., has been highly significant



- **Indian Medical Association thanks the World Medical Association for their “Statement on Violence Against Physicians In India”**
- **Violence against Healthcare providers** is now a Global phenomenon.
- A survey by IMA has shown that 72% of doctors have suffered physical or verbal abuse in their career.
- an International Conclave on “Zero Tolerance on Violence on doctors and Hospitals” which was conducted on 8th& 9th February 2019 by IMA in Mumbai (India).
- **IMA participated in the United Nation’s Multi Stakeholder High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage .**
- IMA participated in the Health Professional Meeting (H20) 2019 on Universal Health Coverage in Tokyo (Japan).
- **Memorandum of Tokyo on “Universal Health Coverage and the Medical Profession”**



- **IMA End TB Initiative.**

- IMA is determined to account for the missing million TB patients going unreported every year.

- **Health Manifesto and Health First Campaign.**

- During The General Elections of India, IMA prepared its Health Manifesto.
- The manifesto contained various suggestions to improve public, change policy directions, streamline medical education and improve medical research.



- **Bridge Courses and Mid-Level Practitioners.**
 - All systems of medicine are unique in their nature and are fundamentally different from each other. IMA opposes mixing of various systems of medicine. IMA strongly believes this will interfere adversely with patient care and safety.



- **Various days observed by Indian Medical Association:**
 - World Cancer Day
 - Sexual Reproductive Health Awareness Day
 - International Women's Day
 - World TB Day
 - WHO DAY
 - National Safe Motherhood Day
 - International Family Day
 - World No Tobacco Day
 - World Environment Day
 - Doctors Day
 - CPR Day
 - World Breastfeeding Week



- **National Medical Commission Act 2019:**

- The NMC Act 2019 has taken away the democratic and representative character of the regulatory authority.
- IMA opposes the sections 32,50,51 of the Act which promote Quackery and Crosspathy and has sought to amend several other sections.
- Union Government has constituted a Committee to go into the Central legislation against assault on Doctors and Hospitals.



- **The Consumer Protection Bill 2019:**

- The **Consumer Protection Bill 2019** circulated by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India excludes 'healthcare' from the ambit of 'Services' as defined in the Act.

- **NATCON-2019:**

- This year 94th National Annual Conference of IMA and 80th Annual Meeting of Central Council is organized by Bengal State Branch of Indian Medical Association on December 27th and 28th



- **Conclusion:**

- 90 years young Indian Medical Association baptised in the freedom struggle of India continues to play its vital role in nation building. Its stature and status as the national medical organisation of India has earned its legitimate place in international arena as well. IMA will continue to contribute to the Health of mankind for years to come.



Thank You

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