Indian Medical Association celebrates its Founder’s Day

Shi C K Mishra, Secretary Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India commemorates the event by delivering an oration on affordable healthcare

IMA leadership speaks out against the Medical Exit Exam - NEXT

New Delhi January 07, 2017: The Indian Medical Association is celebrating its Founders Day today. To commemorate the event a State President and Secretaries and National Leadership meet was held at the IMA headquarters this morning. The IMA leaders reached a consensus to oppose the Medical Exit Exam – NEXT at the meeting.

An oration will be delivered by Shi C K Mishra, Secretary Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India this evening for over 1000 IMA doctors and influencers on Affordable health care and achievement of sustainable development goals.

Having recently taken over as the 88th President of Indian Medical Association, Padma Shri and Dr B C Roy National Awardee Dr KK Aggarwal said, “In today’s IMA leadership meet that saw representation from all Indian States, it was decided that we will unanimously oppose the Medical Exit Exam, now termed as NEXT. It is not fair for a person who has passed his MBBS to give another exam to practice. We are however for the Centralized final MBBS Exam.”

IMA under Dr Aggarwal’s leadership in 2017 will be working towards making affordable and accessible healthcare a reality. IMA has proposed the launch of medical centres across India that will offer common surgeries at fixed price of Rs.15,000/- to the public.

Addressing the conference, Dr R N Tandon, Hony. Secretary General, IMA said, “IMA is for reservation of seats for doctors in service who have served in rural areas, but the same should be rationalised and proportional to their number in the States.”

The Past National Presidents of IMA – Dr V.C.V Patel, Dr S. Arulraj, Dr Ajay Kumar, Dr M. Abbas, Dr Vinay Aggarwal & Dr A. Marthanda Pillai in a joint statement said, “IMA will standardise medical education and launch IMA Clinics. All doctors in the country can participate in the National Health Programmes; that will be certified by IMA as ‘IMA Clinics’.”
In 2017 IMA will continue to fight for its demand of capping the compensation provided in medical negligence cases, undemocratic National Commission Bill and a ban on non-MBBS and non-BDS doctors prescribing modern medicine drugs.

Some key initiatives that will be launched this year include a mandatory request for organ donation under the ‘Poochna mat bhoolo’ initiative, auditing of preventable mortality and ‘think before you ink’ campaign in context of encouraging blood donations. Finally, ‘Jiska koi nahi uska IMA’ resonates the ideology that IMA holds above all- the greatest good is in helping those in need. With this vision, IMA plans to make affordable, quality and specialised healthcare available to all. This shift in IMA’s ideology from ‘What IMA can do’ to ‘What IMA should do’ will help foster more holistic and community directed goals and visions as IMA strives to touch new heights this year.ropical

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About IMA: Indian Medical Association is the only representative, a national voluntary organisation of Doctors of Modern Scientific System of Medicine, which looks after the interest of doctors as well as the well-being of the community at large. It has its Headquarter in Delhi and State / Terr. Branches in 29 States and Union Territories. It has over 2, 53,000 doctors as its members through more than 1650 active local branches spread across the country.

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