IMA Satyagraha on 16th November

New Delhi November 04, 2016: “All the 30 State Branches and 1765 Local Branches of IMA are organizing a 2-hour Dharna as part of Stop NMC Satyagraha, in every district in India from 11 am to 1 pm on 16th November. The dharna is organized as a reminder to the Government to intervene and sort out the major problems faced by the medical profession” said Dr K K Aggarwal, National President Elect and Honorary Secretary General, IMA.

“Last year, We had postponed our Satyagraha scheduled for 16th November 2015 on the favourable assurances received from the Government of India” said Dr S S Agarwal, National President, IMA.

“Not only the interministerial committee slept over the issues, the Government of India has gone ahead with scrapping of MCI and is replacing it with a totally nominated body called National Medical Commission. The bill is anti people in character” said Dr A Marthanda Pillai, Immediate Past National President, IMA.

“On 16th November thousands of doctors across the country will participate in the dharna, press meet and will hand over a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister to the respective district magistrates” said Dr Ravi Wankhedkar, National President Elect 2018 IMA.

In a joint statement, Dr R N Tandon, incoming Honorary Secretary General and Dr R V Asokan, Chairman, Action Committee said the “NMC has authority to allow private medical colleges to fix their own rate for 60-99% of the MBBS and postgraduate seats”.

Dr Rakesh Gupta President DMA and Dr Ashwani Goyal Honorary Secretary DMA in a joint statement said Ayurvedics, Homeopaths and others will get registration in modern medicine through Schedule IV of NMC. This will affect the Patient Care and Patient Safety. We will give six weeks to the Government to meet our demands or will be forced to take further course of action.

IMA has been fighting for the following 6 demands:

- To stop NMC and to suitably amend Indian Medical Council Act without compromising the autonomy of the profession.
- Capping of compensation under Consumer Protection Act.
• Amendments to abolish license Raj and exemption to single doctor clinics in Clinical Establishment Act.
• Punitive punishments only for sex selective abortion and not for clerical errors under PC PNDT Act.
• A Central Act to protect doctors and hospitals from violence.
• To prevent unscientific mixing of modern medicine and indigenous systems. Scheduled drugs to be prescribed only by modern medicine graduates.

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About IMA: Indian Medical Association is the only representative, national voluntary organization 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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