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Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, National President, IMA delivered an inspiring speech on Independence Day after Flag Hoisting in Hyderabad City Branch



National President Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, President Elect Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak, and Hony. Secretary General Dr. Sarbari Dutta paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Chairman, NMC, Prof. Dr. Abhijat C. Sheth.



41st NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SEXOLOGY (SEXCON-2025)



National Insurance Summit was organised by IMA HBI and NHB IMA TNSB in Chennai on Sunday Inaugurated by the IMA National President Dr Dilip Bhanusali



The National President was felicitated at the 41st SEXCON (2025)



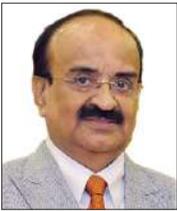
Visit of National President, IMA, Dr Dilip Bhanusali to IMA CGP office during National Insurance Summit in Chennai



IMA Haryana State Council Meeting held in Panipat was formally inaugurated by Dr. Dilip Bhanusali, National President of IMA



From the Desk of National President



Dear Friends,

Namaskar.

It has been a wonderful feeling to witness the memorable celebration of Doctors' Day all across the country. It is moment to honour our colleagues for their exemplary achievements, selfless service, innumerable sacrifices and rededicate ourselves to work with empathy, ethics and sincerity.

It was also a delight to witness the grand celebration of Independence Day in various branches. I had the honour of hoisting our National Flag at my very own Hyderabad City Branch and applauded the valour of our armed forces during Operation Sindhoor and the great leadership of our honourable Prime Minister during that Operation.

We have written to the GST Council demanding exemption of health insurance from the GST along with exempting life-saving and everyday use medications in chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension etc from GST. We have been writing to the health ministry on various issues affecting the medical profession but unfortunately have yet to receive an opportunity to meet them. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Abhijat Sheth as the Chairman of National Medical Commission and we are sure under the leadership of this committed, sincere and very wise gentleman a lot of our concerns will be addressed. IMA State and Local branches continue to be very active in multifaceted activities and we are very proud of the excellent work being done.

We have launched a training program on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation - Basic Life support and request every State and Local branch to procure mannequins and take up this life saving skills program with all your might. We are working for an online membership platform which will make it very easy to become a new member. Please utilise the IMA Employment portal which has been redesigned and spread this information to the junior doctors. JDN and MSN are our future and I encourage them to take up a membership drive and activate all the units. We need to put in more efforts in our HPV vaccine training program and urge all office bearers to take keen interest and make a personal effort. Our upcoming new building is in urgent need of funds and as advised earlier a minimum contribution of Rs 1000 from every member should start coming at the earliest. Please interact with the public representatives at your respective areas regarding CEA, Violence and Mixopathy. Let us all work together, give adequate time to IMA activities and reassess are performance so that we can take corrective actions. Let unity, sincerity and transparency be our guiding lights so that collectively we can overcome the challenges.

Long Live IMA!

Dr Dilip Bhanushali
National President, IMA



From the Desk of Honorary Secretary General



Dear Friends,

Greetings from IMA HQs.

IMA News serves as a window into the ongoing initiatives of IMA. It is our effort to ensure that members—no matter how far or wide they are spread—remain connected, informed, and inspired to carry forward these activities within their own local communities. I am pleased to share the recent updates which are as follows:-

I would like to congratulate Doctors Day awardees on their well-deserved recognition. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment to the well-being of others have made a lasting impact on countless lives. This honour is a testament to their selfless service and excellence in the field of medicine. We are truly grateful for their contributions.

To keep good relationship with the NMC, Undersigned alongwith IMA National President Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, National President Elect Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Chairman of the National Medical Commission, Prof. Dr. Abhijat C. Sheth. The meeting marked a positive and respectful exchange of ideas between IMA and NMC

IMA wrote a letter on 02-08-2025 to Shri. J P Nadda., Hon'ble Union Minister for health and Family Welfare and drew his attention towards the demands of IMA such as: Violence against Doctors, Consumer Protection Act, PCPNDT, Clinical Establishment Act, Implications of the Allied And Healthcare Professionals Act 2021, MMC Registration of Homeopathic Practitioners Post-CCMP Course, Mixopathy. We requested him to consider the above viewpoints of IMA for the betterment of the medical profession and general public.

On 19th August, 2025, a delegation of IMA met Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh Additional Secretary GST Council, New Delhi regarding the GST-related issues affecting medical practitioners and healthcare institutions like: Reduction in GST on Essential Medicines, Reduction in GST on Medical Equipment, Challenges in GST and TAN Registration for IMA Branches, Proposal to Remove GST on Hospital Beds, GST on Health Insurance. We requested him for a favorable resolution on the above matters. On 26-8-2025 through a press release we thanked GST council for reducing GST on Essential Drugs and requested further consideration on key healthcare issues.

A press release on 26-9-2025 was also issued which strongly condemns the attempts being made to unscientifically mixing of different systems of medicine. We reiterated that we respect all systems of medicine and strongly opine that we need to preserve the purity of each system. IMA demanded that the Government should withdraw this regressive proposal in the best interest of the health of the people.

A communication of formal objection regarding the proposed expansion of surgical and "doctor" designations beyond NMC-recognized qualifications was sent on 28-8-2025 to Shri Amit Shah Ji, Union Home Minister, Shri J. P. Nadda, Union Minister for H&FW, Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, Health Secretary, MoHFW, and Prof. (Dr.) B. L. Mehra Chairperson, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine.

The IMA Employment and Career Facilitation Bureau is an initiative of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), primarily run through its Junior Doctors Network (JDN). Its main purpose is to assist medical professionals, particularly junior doctors and new graduates who are members of the IMA, with their career prospects and job search. Anyone can register for free with no registration charges. Simply scan the code to register, as shown in this IMA News.

You can get yourself registered for IMA NATCON 2025 scheduled to be held from 26th -28th December, 2025 at Ahmedabad, hosted by Ahmedabad Medical Association under the jurisdiction of IMA Gujarat State Branch where participants will have a wonderful experience and receive excellent hospitality

Unity is essential for us to achieve our shared goals.

Dr Sarbari Dutta
Hony. Secretary General, IMA

DOCTORS DAY REPORT

The Doctors Day is being celebrated in remembrance of Dr. B.C. Roy for the altruistic services rendered by him for the country in all walks of life as a clinician, as a politician, as an administrator, as an ethnic academician and as a great social reformer.

The IMA Prayer and Flag Salutation were recited by Dr. Rajnesh Attam, Honorary Joint Secretary, IMA, and Dr. Sandeep Datta, Honorary Assistant Secretary, IMA. The ceremonial lamp was lit in a deeply spiritual manner. The dignitaries garlanded the photograph of the late Dr. B. C. Roy.

Dr. Sarbari Dutta, Hon. Secretary General IMA, extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Science & Technology, and introduce him with the audience, the Guest of Honour, Dr. Anil Goyal, Member of the Legislative Assembly, as well as all the esteemed Office Bearers of the IMA and Awardees. She mentioned that it is our honour to have Chief Guest and Guest of Honour among us despite of their busy schedule.

In his Presidential address. Dr. Dilip Bhanushali welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Science & Technology, Guest of Honour Dr Anil Goyal, Member of Legislative Assembly and all the Office Bearers of IMA. During his speech He mentioned several critical issues requiring immediate government intervention such as Mixopathy and mentioned that IMA is not against any Pathy but against the Mixopathy, Violence against Doctors and mentioned that IMA request urgent appeals for a comprehensive Central Law to address the escalating violence against doctors and healthcare establishments. He also highlighted about the clear guidance on the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 etc.

He assured that Indian Medical Association and the entire medical profession of the country will work shoulder to shoulder with the Government and will try that the healthcare should be delivered to the last possible and farthest citizen of this country.

In the Special Address Hon'ble Chief Guest Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Science & Technology, thanked IMA for inviting him as a Chief Guest of the IMA Doctors Day Award Ceremony. He said that Doctors Day is celebrated in the memory of Doctor BC Roy, is the symbol of the highest ideals of our medical fraternity. He cited that IMA has played an instrumental role in shaping healthcare delivery in India, and he deeply appreciated the opportunity to engage with such an impactful institution today.

In response to the Address given by the National President, IMA the Hon'ble Minister advised for adopting a holistic approach to address these multifaceted challenges within the healthcare system. He congratulated all the award recipients and encouraged them to continue serving needy patients and contributing to society.

He added that he listened carefully to the speech of the National President of IMA. He mentioned that, being a doctor himself, he believes it is every doctor's duty to treat patients with love and sincerity. He also pointed out that a few medical professionals are tarnishing the image of the profession, which is unfortunate. He also acknowledged the problems and concerns raised by the IMA and emphasized that challenges should be accompanied by possible solutions, so that they can

be considered and addressed effectively.

Dr. Anil Goyal, who was invited as the Guest of Honour, expressed his heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to address the gathering. He praised the medical profession for its dedicated and selfless service to society, emphasizing that doctors deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Dr. Goyal further assured that he stands in full support of the medical community and will always be available whenever the profession requires his help or guidance. He assured that he would bring the concerns and challenges faced by the medical fraternity to the attention of the government. He emphasized his commitment to actively pursuing these matters and making every effort to ensure that the government seriously considers and addresses them in a timely and meaningful manner.

The award ceremony was conducted with utmost care and precision. Recipients were honored with following award categories and were presented with a memento, and certificate alongwith ceremonial dupatta as tokens of recognition.

1. Academic Awards
2. Community Service Award
3. IMA Leadership Award
4. Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Service)
5. Eminent Doctor Personality Award

Dr R V Asokan, Imm. Past National President, IMA has expressed that doctors are working tirelessly to serve the society. He congratulate the awardees and mentioned that this award is not just a personal recognition - it is a reflection of the collective spirit of thousands of doctors who work day and night, often in difficult conditions, to ensure that care reaches those who need it most.

Dr. Anil Kumar J. Nayak, National President-Elect and Honorary Past Secretary General of the IMA, warmly welcomed the gathering and extended his heartfelt congratulations to the awardees selected for the honors. He invited each and every one to attend the 100th Meeting of Central Council at Ahmedabad and enjoy the hospitality He also apprised about the Bhumi Pujan ceremony of the "IMA Headquarters New Building" on 23rd June 2025-a landmark initiative that will shape the future of our esteemed Association. He requested everyone for generous donation for the new IMA Building.

The list of the Awardees is attached herewith.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the victims of the air crash at the medical college in Ahmedabad.

The Award Ceremony ended with vote of thanks by Dr Piyush Jain, Hony. Finance Secretary, IMA.

Dr. Srirang Abkari, Hony. Joint Secretary, IMA HQs. moderated the event as Master of Ceremony

Dr. Dilip Bhanushali
National President

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony. Secretary General

LIST OF DOCTORS' DAY AWARDEES

#	Award Name	Name of Applicant	City	State
1	Academic Award	Prof.Dr.Siripuram Naveen Kumar	Karimnagar	Telangana
2	Community Service Award	Dr.Vasant M. Khalatkar	Nagpur	Maharashtra
3	Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services)	Dr. Arvind Prakash Savant	Durg	Chattisgarh
4	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr. Anjali Baruah	Guwahati	Assam
5	IMA Leadership Award	Dr. Joseph Benaven	Tailiparamba	Kerala
6	Academic Award	Dr. Hitesh Patel Satapara	Morbi	Gujarat
7	Academic Award	Dr. Suman Someshwar Gaddi	Ballari	Karnataka
8	Academic Award	Dr. Ananda Kesavan T.M.	Thrissur	Kerala
9	Academic Award	Dr. Yogesh Sharad Salphale	Chandrapur	Maharashtra
10	Academic Award	Dr. Ujwala Maheshwari	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
11	Academic Award	Dr. Meenaxi Sharda	Kota	Rajasthan
12	Academic Award	Dr. Shaili Vyas	dehradun	Uttarakhand
13	Community Service Award	Dr.Deepali Bhardwaj	South Delhi	Delhi
14	Community Service Award	Dr.Prakashbhai Jagdishbhai Vidja	Morbi	Gujarat
15	Community Service Award	Dr.Ashish Aneja	Kurukshetra	Haryana
16	Community Service Award	Dr M Annayya Kulal Ulthur	Mangalore	Karnataka
17	Community Service Award	Dr.Vijay Mahajan	Jalandhar	Punjab
18	Community Service Award	Dr.Jalli Palli Srihari Rao	kodad huzurnagar	Telangana
19	Community Service Award	Dr. Atul Vinaykant Desai	Navsari	Gujarat
20	IMA Leadership Award	Dr. Shankha Shubhra Sen	Siliguri	Bengal
21	IMA Leadership Award	Dr.Rajender Sharma	Hoshiarpur	Punjab
22	Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services)	Dr.Ranabir Pal	Calcutta	Bengal
23	Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services)	Dr. Prasanth C.V.	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
24	Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services)	Dr.Santha Narayanan	Chennai South	Tamil Nadu
25	Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services)	Dr.Neharika Malhotra	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
26	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr.Desu Rama Mohan	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh
27	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr. Uday Kumar	Durg	Chattisgarh
28	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr. Varuna Pathak	Greater Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
29	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr. Palin Khundongbam	Manipur	Manipur
30	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr.Bhradwaj Mishra	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
31	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Dr. Somu Sivabalan	Chennai Central	Tamil Nadu
32	Eminent Doctor Personality Award	Prof. Dr. Abdul Kasim Jaleel Ahmed	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu

02.08.2025

DEMANDS / CONCERNS OF IMA

To
Dr J P Nadda
Hon'ble Union Minister for health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association!

IMA is a largest Association of medical practitioners practising modern system of medicine throughout the country remains committed to upholding the standards of ethical, evidence-based healthcare and ensuring the well-being of the nation. As a vital stakeholder in the healthcare delivery system, IMA has consistently contributed to shaping public health policy and strengthening the doctor-patient relationship. In view of recent developments and ongoing challenges faced by the medical fraternity, we seek your kind attention and urgent intervention on the following issues of concern. While this list does not encompass all our concerns, it highlights the most pressing issues that we believe merit immediate attention from the Government of India:

Inter-Ministerial Committee: (Annexure 1)

This is to draw your kind attention towards the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Health), Ministry of health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India to examine the issues raised by Indian Medical Association. After having multiple meetings, the above Committee issued its Report. Although this Committee had given its positive report, but it has not been seen the light of the day.

We are once again, submitting our following demands which are most pressing issues that we believe immediate attention from the Government of India:

IMA Health Manifesto 2024: (Annexure 2)

IMA had prepared a Health Manifesto -2024 which includes IMA's concerns related to health and policy positions. Through this manifesto, IMA reaffirms its commitment to promoting the highest standards of physical, mental, and social well-being across all sections of society. IMA urged the Government to recognize health as a fundamental human right and to develop a comprehensive public health strategy.

We submit this manifesto for your kind consideration, once again, and support in taking forward its key recommendations.

Violence against Doctors: (Annexure 3)

23 State Hospital protection laws have not brought solace to doctors against violence. IMA urgently appeals for a comprehensive Central Law to address the escalating violence against doctors and healthcare establishments. Despite repeated engagements with the Government—including draft legislations and the temporary measures under the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020—incidents of violence continue, with inadequate FIRs and few convictions under existing state laws.

Given the national scope and the vulnerability of healthcare professionals in their workplaces, we believe a strong deterrent in the form of a Central Act is imperative. We respectfully request your kind consideration and support in enacting such legislation, and in urging State Governments to

strengthen their own laws by:

Incorporating the 2020 amendments of the Epidemic Diseases Act, and Adopting proven protocols like Kerala's "Code Grey" for prevention and response.

This step is essential to ensure the safety and dignity of the medical community and uphold the fundamental right to life.

IMA demands enactment of a strong Central Act against violence on doctors and hospitals. Declare Hospitals and Health Care institutions as safe zones.

Consumer Protection Act: (Annexure 4)

We wish to draw your attention to a significant matter concerning the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (CPA 2019) and its implications for the healthcare sector. As outlined in the Consumer Protection Act Bill, 2018, there is a clear legislative intent to exclude healthcare services from the purview of CPA 2019. In light of this, we kindly request that you notify an executive order detailing this legislative intent, ensuring clarity and legal certainty for both healthcare providers and consumers.

There is no criminal intent in any treatment procedure. Criminal prosecution of doctors is self-defeating. Defensive medicine affects patient care and the cost.

Furthermore, we humbly suggest that a dedicated Medical Malpractice Act be enacted, incorporating a provision for capping of compensation. This measure would not only protect healthcare professionals from disproportionate litigation but would also ensure that consumers receive fair and timely redress in cases of genuine malpractice. Exempt the medical profession from criminal prosecution.

PCPNDT: (Annexure 5)

Your further attention is drawn regarding the repeal of PCPNDT Act. IMA puts up to the Government for a change in the policy of Save the Girl Child Initiative. The current PCPNDT Act after 3 decades of implementation has failed to reverse the sex ratio. It has inflicted harassment on the doctor-community in legitimate practice of the profession. It is in fitness of things to detect the sex of the child and provide protection and oversight until the girl child is delivered. There cannot be a medical solution to a social evil. The culprits who commit female foeticide or infanticide should be punished.

Bond Policy (Annexure 6)

The bond system for medical graduates in India is a contract between the student and the state government or college authority to fulfill certain conditions, such as serving in rural areas or providing medical expertise in the state of their education. If the conditions are not met, the student must pay a hefty penalty to the state or institute.

IMA demands abolition of the Bond system for medical students and graduates.

Clinical Establishment Act: (Annexure 7)

Exempt small and medium hospitals up to 50 beds and clinics from The Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act 2010

We remain hopeful and confident that, under your esteemed leadership, the concerns of the medical fraternity will continue to be addressed with the same commitment and responsiveness as in the past.

Regarding recent developments under AHPA – 2024 (Annexure 8)

We wish to draw your kind attention to serious concerns arising from recent developments under the Allied and Healthcare Professionals Act, 2021, particularly in light of the curriculum published by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP). While we support the intent to

regulate and standardize the training and registration of allied and healthcare professionals, we are deeply concerned about certain provisions and curriculum descriptions that could inadvertently lead to independent and unsupervised clinical practice by these professionals—posing significant risks to public health and undermining the established team-based model of modern medicine.

Background: Allied and Healthcare Professionals Act 2021, which aims to regulate and maintain standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals. NCAHP has recently published curriculum of some of the courses. We highlight concerns about provisions implying independent practice by some allied health professionals, which could undermine public health and the team-based approach in modern medicine. It is emphasized that allied health professionals should work under the supervision of medical practitioners and not use the prefix "Dr." before their names.

IMA had submitted the implications of the ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ACT 2021 to Hon'ble Union Health Minister alongwith its curriculum of some of the courses published by NCAHP emphasizing the need for regulation of allied health professionals while expressing concerns about certain provisions that may undermine public health. The copy of the same is also being sent to you for your information and necessary action.

Urgent Representation Against the MMC Registration of Homeopathic Practitioners Post-CCMP Course (Annexure 9)

We refer to the notification issued by the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) dated 30/06/2025 (Ref: MMC/CCMP Registration/2025/03866), which permits registration under the MMC for homeopathic practitioners who have completed the "Certificate Course in Modern Pharmacology (CCMP)."

Sir, this decision is deeply concerning and fundamentally flawed for several reasons. The IMA strongly opposes this move, as it undermines the integrity of the modern medical system and poses serious risks to public health. IMA had submitted its representation to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra and requested him to reconsider and revoke this decision in the larger interest of both medical professionals and the general public. The copy of the same is also being sent to you for your information and necessary action.

Mixopathy – a great concern for medical fraternity and public at large (Annexure 10)

It is unfortunate that the Union Government seems to go ahead with its plans to unscientific mixing of systems of medicine. Reports indicate that the first integrative course mixing MBBS and BAMS would be started in the premier institution of JIPMER, Pondicherry.

Sir, we request you to kindly consider the above viewpoints of IMA for the betterment of the medical profession and general public.

Thanking you and with kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Dr Dilip Bhanushali
National President, IMA

Copy to: -

Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, Health Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi

ACROSS THE NATION, IMA DOCTORS STOOD UNITED — SALUTING THE FLAG AND CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY



IMA Tirunelveli Branch



IMA Shivamogga Branch



IMA Kasaragod Branch



IMA & WIMA Kothamangalam



IMA Karimnagar Branch



IMA Vadkara Branch



IMA Madhya Kerala Branch



IMA Bhagalpur Branch



IMA Mumbai Branch



IMA Nizamabad Branch



IMA Jagtial Branch

19.08.2025

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF GST-RELATED ISSUES AFFECTING MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS

To
Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh
Additional Secretary
GST Council, New Delhi

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), we extend our sincere gratitude to the esteemed members of the GST Council for taking the time to meet with our representatives. We deeply appreciate your willingness to engage in discussions regarding the GST-related challenges faced by medical practitioners, hospitals, and nursing homes.

As per our discussion in the meeting, we would like to formally outline the critical issues that require the Council's urgent attention:

1. Request for Reduction in GST on Essential Medicines

We request you to exempt the following drugs from GST as they are lifesaving and or used on a daily basis for common medical conditions like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, collagen vascular diseases. We also request you to ensure quality of generic medications being sold.

- I. Anti-cancer drugs including chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy.
- II. Antidiabetic drugs including insulin, sulfonylureas, SGLT2 inhibitors, gliptins, GLP1 analogues, alpha glucosidase inhibitors, pioglitazone and metformin.
- III. Antihypertensives including ACE inhibitors, Angotensin receptor blockers, alpha blockers, calcium channel blockers, betablockers.
- IV. Cardiac medications including antiplatelets, novel oral anticoagulants, heparins, statins, antianginals, sacubitil- valsartan, thrombolytics, GP2B 3A inhibitors, diuretics.
- V. Drugs used in chronic kidney disease including erythropoetin, parenteral iron, alpha keto analogues, phosphate binders, antihyperkalemic drugs.
- VI. Drugs used in collagen vascular diseases including monoclonal antibodies, disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, leflunamide, sulfasalazine), steroids
- VII. Intravenous immunoglobulin used in Guillian Barre Syndrome etc.
- VIII. Drugs used in hematological conditions like hemophilia, platelet disorders, aplastic anemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, multiple myeloma
- IX. Drugs for osteoporosis - Terparatide, denosumab
- X. Drugs for COPD, Bronchial Asthma- Bronchodilators, inhalers, antihistaminics
- XI. Drugs for thyroid disorders: Thyroxine and antithyroid drugs
- XII. Antimicrobials: Antibiotics, antifungals and antivirals.

2. Request for Reduction in GST on Medical Equipment

The cost of medical equipment significantly affects the operational expenses of hospitals and nursing homes, ultimately impacting the cost of healthcare services provided to patients. We urge the GST Council to consider reducing the GST rates on critical medical equipment to support the healthcare infrastructure and make healthcare more affordable for the public.

3. Challenges in GST and TAN Registration for IMA Branches

Various state and local branches of IMA have been facing significant hurdles in obtaining GST registrations and TAN numbers due to the nomenclature "Indian Medical Association." The system's interpretation of the name has created procedural roadblocks, leading to compliance difficulties. We seek the GST Council's intervention to facilitate a streamlined registration process that acknowledges the distinct operational identities of various IMA branches.

4. Proposal to Remove GST on Hospital Beds

Currently, GST is being levied on hospital beds, which directly increases the cost of hospitalization for patients. Given that hospital beds are a fundamental necessity in medical treatment rather than a luxury service, we propose the complete removal of GST on hospital beds to ensure that healthcare remains affordable and accessible for all.

5. GST on Health Insurance

GST on health insurance should be exempted to make essential healthcare more affordable and accessible for all. Tax relief in this sector would ease the financial burden on individuals, especially during medical emergencies.

Conclusion

We appreciate the GST Council's continued support and request a favorable resolution on the above matters. We remain available for any further discussions or clarifications as needed and look forward to your guidance on the next steps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With warm regards,

Dr. Dilip Bhanushali
National President, IMA

PRESS RELEASE**INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION THANKS GST COUNCIL FOR REDUCING GST ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS; REQUESTS FURTHER CONSIDERATION ON KEY HEALTHCARE ISSUES**

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Members of the GST Council and the Government of India for considering and acting upon IMA's request by reducing GST on several cancer-related and other essential medicines. This decision is a commendable step towards making healthcare more affordable and accessible for millions of patients across the country.

The reduction in GST on critical drugs reflects the Government's commitment to strengthening public health infrastructure and supporting those battling serious medical conditions such as cancer, chronic diseases, and life-threatening infections.

However, IMA urges the Government and GST Council to kindly consider the following additional points to further alleviate the burden on patients and healthcare providers:

1. GST Exemption on Lifesaving and Essential Medicines

IMA appeals for complete exemption of GST on a broad category of essential and lifesaving drugs, including:

- Anti-cancer medications (chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapies)
- Antidiabetic drugs (including insulin and oral agents)
- Antihypertensives and cardiac medications
- Drugs used for chronic kidney disease, collagen vascular diseases, thyroid disorders, asthma, COPD, osteoporosis, and serious infections
- Intravenous immunoglobulin and drugs used in hematological conditions like hemophilia and myelodysplastic syndromes

2. Reduction in GST on Medical Equipment

Medical equipment forms a vital backbone of healthcare delivery. A reduction in GST rates would significantly lower operational costs for hospitals and clinics, making treatment more affordable.

3. Streamlining GST and TAN Registration for IMA Branches

Various IMA state and local branches are facing procedural challenges in obtaining GST and TAN registrations due to nomenclature-related issues. IMA seeks the Council's intervention to enable a smoother registration process across the country.

4. Removal of GST on Hospital Beds

Hospital beds are essential healthcare infrastructure and not a luxury item. IMA strongly recommends that GST be completely removed on hospital beds to ensure affordability of hospitalization.

5. GST Exemption on Health Insurance Premiums

IMA requests that GST on health insurance premiums be removed to ease the financial burden on individuals and families, particularly in times of medical emergencies. This would encourage wider adoption of health insurance and improve healthcare access.

IMA once again extends its sincere thanks to the GST Council for its responsive and patient-centric approach. We remain hopeful that the Council will give due consideration to the above pending matters, which are vital to strengthening India's healthcare system and ensuring equitable medical access for all.

Dr. Dilip Bhanushali
National President, IMA HQs.

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony Secretary General, IMA HQs.



26.08.2025

PRESS RELEASE

MIXOPATHY

Indian Medical Association strongly condemns the attempts being made to unscientifically mix different systems of medicine. We respect all systems of medicine and strongly opine that we need to preserve the purity of each system.

Reports indicate that the first integrative course mixing BAMS and MBBS would be started in the premier institution of JIPMER, Pondicherry. JIPMER would no longer remain an institute of national importance if such an unscientific step is taken. IMA is certain that the National Medical Commission (NMC) is not being consulted on this decision and NMC will strongly oppose the decision. We have witnessed how modern medicine has helped humanity in eradicating, controlling and treating several life threatening diseases. More recently, it was modern medicine which rescued millions of our countrymen through vaccination and antiviral medications during the covid-19 pandemic.

Reports indicate that plans are afoot for setting up of an Institution for providing Integral Medical Education leading to dual degrees MBBS and BAMS at Auroville Foundation. We urge the National Medical Commission and Health Ministry to urgently look into this matter and take necessary corrective steps.

We are deeply concerned about the health of our citizens owing to these developments and appeal to the nation to resist this indiscretion for the health of future generations. Let it be the choice of the patient to choose any system of medicine. Mixopathy takes away that right from the patient. We once again strongly urge the concerned authorities to refrain from producing hybrid doctors who will be only qualified quacks.

IMA demands that the Government withdraw this regressive proposal in the best interest of the health of the people.

Dr. Dilip Bhanushali
National President, IMA HQs.

Dr. Sarbari Dutta
Hony Secretary General, IMA HQs.

28.08.2025

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SURGICAL AND "DOCTOR" DESIGNATIONS BEYOND NMC-RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATIONS

To

Shri Amit Shah Ji

Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs
Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri J P Nadda

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Respected Sir,

I write to you to formally raise concern regarding recent developments that appear to challenge the statutory boundaries established under Clause 34 of the National Medical Commission Act. Clause 34 of the NMC Act clearly stipulates that only individuals possessing qualifications recognized by the NMC and duly registered with State Medical Councils are authorized to practice modern medicine and officiate as physicians or surgeons. This clause is foundational to ensuring patient safety, scientific rigor, and professional accountability in clinical practice. However, recent proposals from other statutory bodies raise serious ethical, legal, and clinical concerns:

1. Ayurveda and Homoeopathy Councils Introducing Surgical Training:

The inclusion of surgical procedures in the curriculum of traditional medicine systems—without the fundamental training in anatomy, pathology, and evidence-based clinical protocols—poses a grave risk to patient safety. Surgery is not merely a technical skill but a discipline grounded in years of scientific training, clinical exposure, and ethical accountability.

2. Designation of Physiotherapists as "Doctors" by Allied Health Professional Council:

While physiotherapists play a vital role in rehabilitation and allied care, conferring the title of "Doctor" risks misleading patients and diluting the distinction between clinical physicians and allied professionals. This move may inadvertently create confusion in clinical hierarchies and undermine the integrity of medical practice.

These developments not only contravene the spirit and letter of the NMC Act but also risk eroding public trust in India's healthcare system. The sanctity of medical titles and surgical privileges must be preserved through rigorous standards and statutory clarity.

Legal and Statutory Concerns :

- Violation of NMC Act Clause 34: Reiterating that allowing non-NMC-qualified individuals to perform surgeries or use the title “doctor” directly contravenes the statutory framework, risking legal ambiguity and dilution of regulatory authority.
- Jurisdictional Overreach: Councils for traditional medicine and allied health professionals are exceeding their statutory mandates by encroaching upon domains reserved for modern medicine.

Patient Safety and Public Trust :

- Risk of Harm from Inadequate Training: Emphasize that surgical procedures require extensive training in anatomy, pathology, aseptic techniques, and emergency management—none of which are adequately covered in alternative medicine curricula.
- Erosion of Public Trust: Blurring professional boundaries may confuse patients, leading to misinformed consent and diminished trust in the healthcare system.

Ethical and Professional Integrity :

- Misrepresentation of Competence: Conferring the title “doctor” to non-physicians without equivalent training is ethically misleading and undermines the credibility of the medical profession.
- Accountability Gaps: Raising concerns about the lack of uniform standards for malpractice accountability and ethical oversight in non-NMC-regulated domains.

Institutional and Operational Impact :

- Disruption of Clinical Hierarchies: Unclear role definitions may lead to confusion in hospital operations, especially in emergency and surgical settings.
- Interdisciplinary Tensions: Such proposals could foster professional friction and undermine collaborative care models.

Evidence-Based Practice and Scientific Rigor :

- Lack of Peer-Reviewed Validation: Surgical techniques and physiotherapeutic interventions must be grounded in evidence-based protocols, which are often absent in alternative systems.
- Global Standards and Accreditation: International norms (e.g., WHO, WFME) that uphold strict boundaries between modern medicine and traditional or allied practices.

Recommendations for Safeguarding Standards :

- Call for Unified Regulatory Oversight: Formation of an inter-council ethics and standards board to prevent jurisdictional conflicts and ensure patient safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your sincerely,
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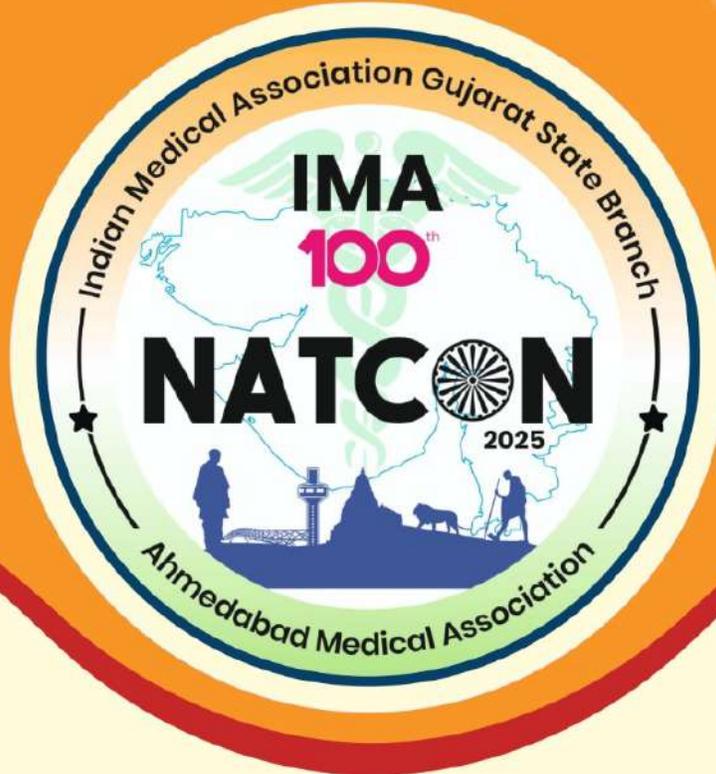
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