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Press Release

IMA demands IMS :Indian Medical Services

IMA has the duty and responsibility to be a guiding force during an epidemic. IMA's three tier structure of 1700 local branches, 28 state and 5 UT branches coordinated by the Hq in Delhi has been a national asset.

IMA has been active in three roles

- 1) Intervention inside the medical profession : Guiding and keeping up the morale of doctors, updating their knowledge and skills, channelising their energy and efforts, communication and co ordination with national and international professional organisations for bringing out best practices.
- 2) Intervention with people: Help lines for accurate information and counselling, scientific vetting of self regulation guidelines, promotion of best practices, source of support to migrants, co operation with other NGOs.
- 3) Intervention with Governments: constant interactions and feedback on public health strategies, patient care and safety and medical education, Guidelines for police, schools etc. Fighting for the dignity and safety of doctors.

Hundreds of webinars have been held and are continuing to sensitise and equip Indian doctors with update information and best practices. The morale of the Indian doctors is kept up by constant interaction and counselling. IMA maintains a National Covid Registry of doctors who have sacrificed their lives and those who have been infected in line of duty. Violence against doctors and martyrs was handled firmly and subtly. Brought out guidelines for clinics and hospitals to reopen and function safely. Co ordinated with FOMA and CMAAO. Has established N 95 bank for Resident doctors. Worked with ISHRAE to formulate AC guidelines for Hospitals and clinics. Doctors Day National awards for Covid related services.

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Established one of the earliest 24 X 7 Talk to a doctor Helpline. Attended 22000 plus calls in 2 months. Dharavi intervention by organising teams of private doctors. Test, Track and Treat. Fever clinics in Tamil Nadu. Intervention in High Court of Kerala against opening of bars. Intervention in High Court of Gujarat for relaxation of testing norms. IMA local branches directed to help the migrants with food , water and shelter. Health awareness interventions in print, visual and social media. Facilitation of people friendly rates for private care in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

IMA has worked closely with the Central Government and state Governments in times of great stress due to violence and stigma. The Honourable Prime Minister, Union Home Minister, Union Health Minister, Chief Ministers and State Health Ministers, Union Health and MSME Secretaries, Chief Secretaries and state Health secretaries had virtual meetings and IMA gave regular feedback on ground situation and emerging issues. Insurance for health care workers, Anti violence ordinance , inclusion of clinics, nursing homes and hospitals in MSME, modifications in testing policy, air conditioning of public places, reopening of schools, medical education issues, PPEs in work places, policy for quarantine of hospitals and caregivers, plasma therapy, service conditions of Resident doctors, HCQ prophylaxis, non Covid care were some of the areas of intervention. Successful telecounselling centre for Delhi police is a running project.

IMA opinions

- 1) Community transmission should be acknowledged with district as the unit.
- 2) Self precautions by citizens and pre diagnosis patient care by primary care doctors and secondary care hospitals is the key to reduce mortality.
- 3) Public health activities of testing and contact tracing should continue meticulously.
- 4) Locking and Unlocking should be decentralised and tempered by livelihood issues.
- 5) One nation One set of Guidelines for Health.
- 6) Demands creation of All India medical services.
- 7) Equal priority for Non Covid care.
- 8) Continue the concept of dedicated Covid Care Hospitals and triaging in non Covid care.
- 9) A new Post Covid Health policy.
- 10) 5 percent of GDP allocation to Health in public sector

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