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## PRESS RELEASE

### IMA CONDEMNS THE BRUTAL STABBING OF A GOVERNMENT DOCTOR ON DUTY IN CHENNAI

Dr Balaji an Onco surgeon was stabbed seven times by the son of a patient who had died with stage IV cancer of the ovaries. Dr Balaji has been stabilised with great effort. He had lost considerable amount of blood since he was on anticoagulants. The medical profession of the country is stunned with disbelief.

No amount of superficial damage control exercises by Governments is going to make doctors work without fear in this country. Strong deterrent legislations, exemplary punishments and proactive safety measures are required now and here. All Governments have been put on notice with this heinous crime.

The medical profession of the country is deeply disturbed and is skeptical of the remedial measures on this ever-recurring violence. Only a comprehensive overhaul of the security atmosphere in the hospitals could restore the confidence of doctors. The nation owes this to its doctors.

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