IMA Dilli Chalo

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OPD services hit as doctors take to streets

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New Delhi: Services at some private hospitals in the city on Tuesday were affected as many doctors participated in a protest march organised by the IMA. The march started from Rajivghat and ended at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

Dr K K Aggarwal, president IMA, said nearly 10,000 doctors from across the country participated in it. “Those who could not be present at the spot, joined the movement digitally over a live webcast,” he added.

The doctors were demanding withdrawal of the Central Clinical Establishment Act claiming it will force close down of private clinics. The OPDs remained closed at some private hospitals till 2pm. At some hospitals online/telephonic appointments were taken while walk-in patients were provided consultations, said officials.

The emergency services in all the hospitals were open. This movement should not be misconstrued as an agitation of any kind. Its sole aim is to serve as a wake-up call for the government to take urgent action,” IMA members said.

The protesters have sought a stringent Central Act to stop violence against them, professional autonomy in treatment and prescriptions and amendments in PCPNDT and Central Clinical Establishment Act, etc.
When the docs go marching in

Over 70,000 doctors on Tuesday participated in a protest march against growing incidents of violence on medical fraternity. The Dilli Chalo march, organised by the Indian Medical Association’s (IMA) also sought to highlight issues such as “unfair nature of the pre-conception and pre-natal diagnostic techniques (PCPNDT) Act” and the need for capping the compensation, among others. The organisers termed the protest a “peaceful satyagraha” which was attended by doctors, MBBS students and professors from across the country. Mail Today spoke to many protestors on the spot.

DR. VIKAS
president, RDA, AIIMS
We fully support the IMA call for protest. When we studied medicine, we had never thought that we would be beaten up by the kin of our patients. Doctors are beaten up but authorities concerned never take these incidents seriously. It is a psychological trauma for doctors. We need peaceful environment to work for our patients and save their lives. Need of the hour is collective action to do justice to this noble profession.

DR. VIVEK
president, RDA, LHMC
Our demands should be fulfilled. We wore black badges to support the IMA. It is imperative for both doctors and patients to understand that their relationship is a sacred one and that the dignity of the profession needs to be upheld. It won’t be wrong to say that justice has been denied to doctors even within the framework of the Constitution of the country.

DR. DURGA MEENA
orthopedian, RM. hospital
We need safe environment to work efficiently. Time and again, one or the other doctor gets beaten up during duty hours. The government should wake up now. India is the only country where doctors are threatened. Do you want all the doctors in the country to move abroad. The authorities need to take quick action.

DR. K K AGGARWAL
national president, IMA
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Over 10,000 doctors join IMA’s Dilli Chalo protest

Demand strict law to curb violence against hospital staff

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Over 10,000 members of the medical fraternity from across the country participated in the Indian Medical Association’s (IMA) ‘Dilli Chalo’ protest that was organised on Tuesday.

The doctors went on protest demanding a stringent central Act against violence on doctors, capping the compensation in Consumer Protection Act (CPA) on doctors, professional autonomy in treatment and prescriptions and ‘one drug-one company-one price’ policy.

They also demanded that criminal prosecution for medical negligence and clerical errors be initiated only in exceptional cases.

The protest was the culmination of a month-long campaign by the IMA, aimed at raising awareness on and bringing to light the issues faced by those in the medical profession. The protesters marched from Rajghat to Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, with many doctors joining the protest over live webcast.

Speaking at the protest, Dr. K.K. Aggarwal, national president of the association said: “This is one of the toughest times for the medical fraternity. This sayagagraha comes after the realisation that enough is enough, and that repeated pleas and appeals by the medical fraternity have yielded nothing but reassurances.”

‘Draconian Acts’

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Former president of IMA, Dr. Manthanda Pillai, added that this movement should not be misconstrued as a strike or an agitation of any kind. “Its sole aim is to serve as a wake-up call to the government and take urgent action,” he said.

Doctors noted that this movement should be enough to urge the government to take urgent action failing which the agitation is bound to intensify.
Violence against doctors: 70,000 medicos take part in IMA’s demonstration

Thousands of doctors gather at KIIT Stadium in New Delhi on Tuesday.

ANJANA
NEW DELHI, 6 JUNE

Demanding a central Act to deal with violence against doctors, more than 70,000 medical professionals on Tuesday participated in the Indian Medical Association’s (IMA) Dilli Chalo movement.

Titled as ‘Enough is Enough’, the protest was a national campaign.

“Around 10,000 doctors from all over the nation were physically participated in the protest march from Raighat to Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, while 60,000 were digitally connected over a live webcast,” said Dr K K Aggarwal, National President of IMA.

The protestors have given 10 weeks time to the Centre for making law, failing which the agitation is bound to increase.

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A ‘pen-down satyagraha’ was also observed by doctors across India as they had not given any prescriptions for an hour from 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Doctors from different cities including Pune, Bengaluru, Surat, Moradabad and Hapur were present at the stadium. Dr Gulshan Arora, president, IMA-Palwal said that due to such violent incidents, medical professional jitters in taking any serious case in hand. “If anything happens to the patient, then their relatives will start beating us,” Dr Arora said.

However, the protest did not affect the services at government-run hospitals as they were fully operational. The impact was mainly felt at IMA-run hospitals, which have more than 1,700 active local branches across all states of the country.

“There is a perception in the community that if the doctor is government employee then he is shirk er, and if he is a private doctor then he is money-minded. This perception needs to change,” said Dr Alok Bhandari, vice president, Delhi Medical Association (DMA).

Other demands of the association includes single window accountability, registrations of doctors and medical establishments, amendments in PCPNDT, central CEA and West Bengal CEA Acts among others.
Doctors from the Indian Medical Association’s Delhi chapter with members from other States stage a protest against the rising number of attacks on the medical fraternity at Rajghat in New Delhi on Tuesday.
Doctors take out march demanding security, amendments in laws

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 6
Doctors under the banner of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) today held a protest march in the national Capital to oppose the recent spate in incidents of assaults on doctors and pressed for a stringent central act against violence on doctors, a cap on the compensation in Consumer Protection Act (CPA) on doctors and professional autonomy in treatment and prescriptions, among others.

The “Dilli Chalo” march which started this morning from Rajghat and to the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium was the culmination to the month-long campaign by the IMA aimed at raising awareness about several concerns of the medical fraternity.

“The agitation among doctors has been evident for a long time now. New draconian acts imposing personal provisions on clerical errors and violations of clauses not linked to medical treatment under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal : Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act and the West Bengal Clinical Establishment Act are not in the interest of the profession and therefore, the society at large,” said IMA president and Padma Shri Awardee Dr K K Aggarwal and the body’s Secretary Dr RN Tandon in a joint statement.

Former IMA president Dr Marhaba Pillai, and IMA president elect Dr Ravi Wankhedkar said, “It won’t be wrong to say that justice has been denied to doctors even within the framework of the Constitution of India. This movement should not be misconstrued as a strike or an agitation of any kind. The aim is to put pressure on the government.”

Addressing the gathering, former IMA president Dr Vinay Aggarwal and Dr R V Asokan, chairman of the Action Committee, added, “People are indulging in violence against doctors. Prescription rights of doctors are being trampled upon, which can have disastrous consequences for patients. This movement should be enough to urge the government to take urgent action failing which the agitation is only bound to increase.”
Docs observe bandh against ‘rise in violence’

YOGESH KANT

NEW DELHI: Medical services at some private hospitals in Delhi were hit on Tuesday as their out-patient departments (OPDs) were remain closed till 2 pm over a bandh called by Delhi Medical Association (DMA) to protest the "rise in violence" against medical professionals.

To make the ‘bandh’ successful, hospitals like Max and Apollo cancelled all OPD appointments scheduled for Tuesday and extended their support to the bandh. "The OPD functioned normally but morally we were supporting the movement," said sources from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, where the emergency services were also running as usual.

Meanwhile, a ‘pen-down satyagraha’ was on Tuesday called by doctors, with a motto that no doctor would give any prescriptions for one hour between 10 am and 11 am.

However, the ‘Chalo Dilli’ movement did not affect any services in hospitals, but got wide support from doctors from almost all the states.

Around 6,000 doctors gathered at Rajghat with 100 ambulances after Marching through 13 locations in the city.

All the doctors who were off duty participated in the movement," said Dr Pankaj Solanki, national president of the Federation of Resident Doctors’ Association (FORDA). "No services were affected in any of the government hospitals in Delhi," he said.

"We did not call for a strike because, we don’t want to affect the patient care," said IMA president Dr KK Aggarwal.

The IMA will submit a list of 20 demands to the Union health minister JP Nanda, which will include a call to the government to stop criminal prosecution of doctors over administrative issues and discrepancies in paperwork like in the case of PC-PNDT (pre-conception, pre-natal diagnostic technique act).

It also wants the government to amend the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, so that small clinics are not forced to register as corporations. Ironically, former president of FORDA, Dr Kuldeep Kumar said, "it is a misguided appeal regarding the health care policies of India."
Over 20K docs rally against attacks

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 5

More than 20,000 doctors from across the country took part in a rally in the national capital against the rising number of attacks on them. The doctors and owners of hospitals, nursing homes and medical establishments in Delhi also called a ‘medical bandh’ and did not prescribe medicines for one hour on Tuesday.

However, the Delhi Chalo movement did not affect services in hospitals. Among other things, the doctors demanded a stringent act against violence on medical profession signals by kits of patients. The doctors gathered at Raipura with 100 ambulances after marching from 12 locations in the city. With more than 70,000 doctors connected digitally to the protest, the rally was also supported by Delhi Medical Council and Federation of Resident Doctors Association (PORDA). Private hospitals like Medanta, Sir Ganga Ram, Max, Mata Chanan Devi, Saroj, Vinayak, Shanti Hospital closed down their outpatient department till 2 pm.

“We did not call for a country-wide strike because we did not want to affect the patient care,” said IMA president Dr K.R. Aggarwal.

According to a recent study, more than 70 percent doctors in India have faced some form of violence at work.
Ahmedabad
Docs on strike for an hour on Tuesday, won’t prescribe med

250 doctors from state to join IMA’s ‘Chalo Delhi’ protest call

Ahmedabad: Doctors from Gujarat will participate in a stir proposed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in New Delhi on June 6 to press the Centre for their long pending demands.

Talking to mediapersons on Saturday, IMA’s Gujarat chapter president Dr Yogendra Modi said a protest march has been organised in New Delhi on Tuesday in which 250 doctors from Gujarat will participate.

He added that IMA Gujarat chapter has 25,000 members and 250 will participate in the protest at Delhi. On the same day, doctors in the state will go on a 'pen down' strike and will not prescribe medicines from 10 am to 11 am.

"IMA has given a 'Chalo Delhi' call and doctors from across the country will gather at Raj Ghat in Delhi. The protesters will march towards Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium to mount pressure on the central government to address pending issues of practicing doctors," he said.

The doctors are opposed to the draft National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, which proposes to replace the Medical Council of India (MCI). The bill has yet to be put before Parliament. Doctors are of the view that a person from non-medical fraternity cannot run the medical council.

They are demanding that only the Medical Council of India should decide and frame rules and norms for medics.

OTHER DEMANDS

- Fix compensation to patients under the Consumer Protection Act.
- There can't be double standards for state and private doctors.
- Strict central law should be framed to protect doctors from assault by patient’s relative.
- One medicine-one rate.
- Single window for various permissions.
- Common hall test to allow MBBS graduates to practise.
- Spend 5% of GDP on health sector.
- In state health committee, members of IMA should be accommodated.
- Take strict actions against bogus doctors.
Doctors stage a demonstration outside Ahmedabad Medical Association at Ashram Road on Tuesday as part of a protest call given by the Indian Medical Association against Centre’s inaction over their demands. A memorandum was also submitted to the collector later. A group of doctors from Gujarat also participated in a similar protest in Delhi on Tuesday.
250 doctors to join protest in Delhi

Ahmedabad: A total of 250 doctors from Gujarat are going to participate in the protest movement 'Chalo Delhi' on June 6 at Rajghat. Around 8,000 doctors from all over the country are expected to join the protest. Among many things, the doctors are protesting against the exit exam for the MBBS students. "We have been raising these demands again and again and there has been no solution yet," said Dr Yogeendra Modi, president of the Gujarat chapter of Indian Medical Association.
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Dr K K Aggarwal, National President Indian Medical Association (IMA) and President Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFI) and Dr RN Tandan – Honorary Secretary General IMA in a joint statement, said, “This is one of the toughest times for the medical fraternity. This Satyagraha comes after the realization that enough is enough, and that repeated pleas and appeals by the medical fraternity have materialized into nothing except reassurances. The agitation among doctors has been evident for a long time now. New draconian acts implicating penal provisions on clinical errors and violations of clauses not linked to medical treatment in West Bengal Clinical Establishment Act are not in the interest of the profession and therefore, the society at large. The need of the hour is collective action and decision which would do justice to this profession.”

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Bhubaneswar
Indians becoming more environmentally conscious – Amazon India Report

New Delhi, June 8: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Amazon India has released some interesting findings on Indian customers becoming more environmentally conscious. Amazon.in has witnessed phenomenal traction in its Solar Power category as well as a remarkable increase in customer demand for Garden products such as seeds, live plants, garden tools, pots and planters.

The report, comprising of data compiled over the last year, has come out with some interesting insights. According to the report, Tier II and Tier III cities are most inclined towards environmentally friendly practices and lead in demand for both – solar power and garden products.

Amazon.in’s Solar power product category has grown close to 600% year on year with over 55% of the demand coming in from Tier II & III cities. Among tier II & Tier III cities, Barnala (Punjab) leads this demand followed by Mysore, Nagamolls, Thane, Tirupur.

Increased awareness and consciousness about the urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint is quickly becoming an important factor driving this demand surge. Among Metros and Tier I cities, the Garden city of India - Bengaluru, firmly re-establishes itself as an environmentally responsible city and tops the charts in the demand for Solar Products. Increased demand has also been witnessed from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune.

Some of the popular products in this category are solar lights, solar inverters, solar power banks and solar torches. Solar lamp and lantern are the top selling products witnessing over 60% of customer demand.

New concepts like hydroponics, organic gardening, home composting, air purifying plants and drip irrigation are also witnessing an uptake among customers across the country.

The Garden Category on Amazon.in has also seen considerable traction in the last one year, showing a growth of nearly 300% YoY with tier II and tier III cities contributing to over 55% to the demand. Barnala, yet again, tops the list in demand for Garden Products.

From the Metros, Bengaluru continues its leadership as the ‘green’ city. Seeds and fertilizers are the top selling products in the Garden category, having witnessed over 4X growth YoY, followed by plant containers and watering equipment that have seen 3X growth over the last year.

Commenting on the findings, Kavesh Chawla, Director, Category Management, Amazon India said, “Customers today are more environment conscious and recognize the importance of using clean energy. We are excited by the rising demand for Solar and Garden products across the country. We are constantly striving to increase selection to meet customer needs for environment friendly products.”
Chandigarh
Over 750 docs strike work for half-day

Want Justice For Violence Against Docs

Chandigarh: The half-day band call given by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) drew massive response on Tuesday with more than 750 doctors striking work in Chandigarh.

Most private clinics and hospitals remained closed with only emergency services operational. The faculty association of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Association of Resident Doctors of PGI, faculty of Government Medical College Sector 32 and Government Multispeciality Hospital, Sector 46 supported the strike by wearing black badges andPGI observing one-hour pen down strike. About 300 doctors gathered at the IMA complex in Chandigarh to observe satyagraha and appalled to local and central administration to fulfill their long-standing demands.

Patients in the PGI had to wait from 12noon until 1pm as no prescriptions were written. “To show solidarity with our fraternity, we had a pen down strike. The OPD was extended by an hour,” said Dr T D Yadav, president of the faculty association PGIMER.

Dr. Neeraj Kumar, president of IMA Chandigarh said, “Incidents of violence against doctors is becoming a daily occurrence. In the absence of punishment to the guilty, people are no longer scared of law and order. IMA demands a stringent comprehensive central act to protect medical personnel and establishments from senseless violence.”

Highlighting another important issue of increasing incidence of filing criminal cases against doctors on frivolous complaints and issues, Dr Sundeep Dhawan, former president of IMA Chandigarh, demanded that police and investigating agencies strictly follow Supreme Court guidelines of criminal prosecution of doctors in only rare cases whereas a medical board establishes gross negligence on the part of the doctor. He also demanded changes in PCPNDT Act where even minor procedural lapses like incomplete forms or non display of a certificate can lead to arrest of a doctor and sealing of premises. Around 300 doctors of the region, led by Dr Ajay Agarwal, Dr R S Bedi and Dr Parmjeet Singh, joined their colleagues in Delhi where a satyagraha and protest march was carried out by around 20,000 doctors from all over the country.
PGIMER docs did not join nationwide strike

600 PVT DOCS JOIN STIR No consultation till 2pm; patients suffer

CHANDIGARH: In a relief to patients, doctors at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) did not join the nationwide strike in protest against incidents of violence against doctors on Tuesday. On Monday, the PGI Faculty Association had announced one hour pre-down strike from noon to 1pm. However, things functioned as usual.

Patients, however, were left suffering at private hospitals, as nearly 600 doctors from the tricity went on a half-day strike, called by the India Medical Association.

Doctors did not provide consultation services to people till 2pm, however emergency services were functional as usual.

Satya Kumar, chief administrator, Chetanaya hospital said, “Only emergency cases and those patients who are already admitted are being monitored by doctors.”

My husband and I had come here to show the reports to the doctor, but the staff is saying that we will have to wait till 2pm,” said Archana Mishra from Sector 32.

While MRI was being conducted but patients were asked to wait till 2pm for consultation.

At least 50 members of IMA Chandigarh went to Delhi to join a peaceful rally at Rajiv Chowk and handed over a memorandum of demands to the health ministry.
Doctors, medical students hold protest in Patiala

PTAIALA: Members of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), dental teachers, PCMS doctors and students of government medical and dental colleges organised a protest rally against the failure of the Union government to check atrocities being faced by the medical professionals across the country.

Private medical establishments in the city remained closed throughout the day, while the OPD services in Rajindra hospital and teaching in the medical college remained suspended for more than two hours. A delegation of the IMA also submitted a memo to the deputy commissioner listing their demands.

The protesters rued that incidences of violence on doctors and healthcare establishments are on the rise in the country and the government has failed to bring a stringent law to check these criminal acts of violence on doctors. “The doctors are facing financial terrorism in the form of heavy compensation under the Consumer Protection Act,” said the protesters.

The IMA members said the government has failed to implement the inter-ministerial committee’s recommendations and is trying to politicise the functioning of the Medical Council of India by bringing in a new national medical commission, instead of making amendments in the MCI Act. “The country is falling victim to quacks in the absence of a stringent and quackery law and the lack of proper implementation of the SC guidelines,” the doctors said.
Doctors’ protest hits medical services

Want Act to check increasing incidents of violence against them

MOHIT KHAANNA
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 6

The medical services in the city were affected after nearly 500 doctors, members of the Chandigarh state chapter of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), suspended work for half a day in support of the bandh call given by the Delhi chapter of the IMA in protest against the increasing incidents of attack and vandalism on the premises of doctors.

Dr Neeraj Kumar, president elect of the IMA, said nearly 150 doctors from the city visited Rajghat in New Delhi for the “Dilli chalo-IMA march”.

Demanding the implementation of an anti-violence Act, making an incident of violence against a doctor, medical professional or hospital authority a non-bailable offence, he said, “Incidents of violence and injustice against doctors are increasing at an alarming rate. Criminal prosecution and arrest of doctors under Sections 304 and 304-A on patients’ complaints of medical negligence has become the order of the day,” said Dr Neeraj Kumar.

Holding posters and placards against violence, the doctors gathered outside the IMA Complex, Sector 35, and staged a symbolic protest.

Dr Mahesh Himanshandari, a paediatrician in Sector 18, had a close encounter with mob violence two days ago.

“A doctor in my staff sustained a blow on his chin. His only fault was referring a child to the PGI where he died. The child was brought to us in a critical condition, so we did not waste time and referred the case to the PGI. Before indulging in violent means, people should realise what we will get if a patient dies. For us, the patient should live so that he/she keeps on visiting us for treatment,” Himanshandari said.

Another doctor suggested the setting up of a helpline so that in case any doctor’s establishment is being vandalised, fellow doctors and the officials concerned get information immediately so that the loss can be minimised.
Doctors observe one-hour strike, patient care unaffected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 6

THERE WAS no impact on patient care due to the one-hour strike called by PGIMER's faculty association Tuesday, to support a nation-wide strike called by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in a bid to put pressure on the government regarding their demands. Doctors at the PGI's OPD continued their work and patients were seen without any interruption. The IMA's Chandigarh chapter had announced that doctors working in private hospitals across Tricity will observe a half-day strike on Tuesday.

The PGI's faculty association and resident doctors' association too had supported the agitation of IMA and had announced to go for one-hour strike.

According to the Indian Medical Association, doctors from private hospitals across Tricity didn't work till 2pm and many doctors went to Delhi to join the Dilli Chalo movement, where IMA officials said that thousands of doctors participated in the strike. Among the demands of IMA include, “injustice against doctors are increasing at alarming rate”. Other issues include unfair nature of the PCPNDT Act, need for compensation capping and others.

A IMA statement said on Tuesday that in New Delhi, the peaceful protest was joined by over 70,000 doctors from all over India including the IMA National and state branch leadership and representatives of National Medical Associations.

“The massive success of the Dilli Chalo movement is an indication that medical professionals will no longer take any form of injustice. We must work towards restoring the nobility of the profession. The increasing incidence of violence against doctors is unacceptable. Justice has been denied to doctors even within the framework of the constitution of India. This movement is our peaceful attempt to serve as a wake-up call to the government to take urgent action,” added Dr K K Aggarwal, National President of IMA.
Patients bear the brunt as doctors go on strike

By correspondent
Chandigarh

It was a surreal sight that spread across the city. The normally bustling streets of Chandigarh were eerily quiet as the city’s doctors went on strike, demanding the withdrawal of the newly amended Medical Council of India (MCI) regulations. The strike, which was called by the various medical associations in the city, began at 9 am and is scheduled to continue until further notice.

Doctors at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) were among the groups that called for the strike. They cited the MCI regulations as the main reason for the strike, which they believe will negatively impact the quality of medical education and healthcare in the country.

The MCI regulations, which were introduced in April, mandate that medical students must complete their internship and training in government hospitals, a move that many doctors feel will compromise the quality of care they can provide.

“I have been a doctor for 15 years and I have never seen such a situation,” said Dr. Rakesh, a practicing physician at a government hospital in Chandigarh. “The new regulations will not only impact the quality of care we can provide but also the morale of our students.

Family practitioners in the city have also been affected by the strike. Many patients who were scheduled for appointments had to be rescheduled, causing inconvenience to a large number of people.

The India Medical Association (IMA) has called the strike a “last resort” to address the concerns of the medical community. “We have been trying to resolve this issue through dialogue but our demands have been ignored,” said Dr. Dinesh, the IMA president.

According to Dr. Dinesh, the strike is a step in the right direction to bring attention to the dire situation facing the medical profession in the country.

The government has yet to respond to the demands of the doctors. However, the Union Health Minister has assured that steps will be taken to address the concerns of the medical community.

Meanwhile, the country is on high alert as the strike enters its second day. The government has urged patients to take alternative arrangements for their medical needs during this period.
Doctors observe strike; PGI OPD closed for one hour

THE IMA DEMANDS A COMPREHENSIVE CENTRAL ACT TO PROTECT MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS FROM SENSELESS VIOLENCE.

The Faculty Association of PGI, the Association of Resident Doctors of PGI, the Faculty of Government Medical College, Sector 32, and Government Multi-speciality Hospital, Sector 16, supported the strike by wearing black badges and the PGI doctors observed one-hour pen-down strike. About 200 doctors gathered in the IMA Complex in Chandigarh to observe satyagraha and appealed to the local and Central administration to fulfill their long-standing demands.

Briefing the media on the main demands of doctors, Dr Neeraj Kumar, president-elect of the IMA, Chandigarh, said, “Incidence of violence against doctors is becoming a daily occurrence. In the absence of punishment to the guilty, there is no scare of law and order in the mind of people. The IMA demands that there should be a stringent comprehensive Central Act to protect medical personnel and establishments from this senseless violence.”

About 100 doctors of the region, led by senior leaders Dr Ajay Aggarwal, Dr K S Bedi and Dr Paramjeet Singh also joined their colleagues in Delhi where a satyagraha and protest march were organised by around 20,000 doctors from all over the country.

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Chennai
TN medical officers join IMA protest

CHENNAI: Members of the Tamil Nadu Medical Officers’ Association (TNMOA) on Tuesday wore black badges in support of the Indian Medical Association’s (IMA’s) Dilli Chalo movement.

Stating that they wore the badges while attending to out-patient departments, Dr Kathirvel of the Association said, “We also organised an oath taking programme across the state during which patients and the public took an oath to avoid assaults on doctors and medical professionals.”

With cases of assault on doctors on the rise in the recent past, doctors across the country protest demanding that such acts be checked. “In Tamil Nadu alone, four such cases from Jayankondam, Nagapattinam, Tiruchi and Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in the city were reported in the past five months,” added Dr Kathirvel.

It may be noted that over 70,000 doctors across the country participated in the IMA’s Dilli Chalo movement deliberating on key issues alling the medical community.
Doctors demand safe work space, stringent protection law

New Delhi, June 7: Services in some of the private hospitals in the national capital were affected today after the out-patient department (OPD) remained closed as doctors joined a protest by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), demanding among others a stringent law to curb increasing cases of violence against them by kin of patients.

Over 70,000 doctors, including representatives of national medical associations such as Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Association of Physicians of India (API) and the Cardiological Society of India (CSI), participated in the IMA’s ‘Dilli Chalo movement’, a protest march which started from Rajghat and ended at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

Those who could not make it to the spot, joined the march digitally over a live webcast.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) International Working President Pravin Togadia, who was present at the event, demanded withdrawal of the Central Clinica Establishment Act (CCEA) as it deprives two-third of patients from medical treatment and will force close down of private clinics.

The OPDs at some private hospitals remained closed till 2 pm. At some of the hospitals online/telephonic appointments were taken while walk-in patients were provided consultations.

Some hospitals kept their OPDs open though some of their doctors extended moral support to the protest. The emergency services in all the hospitals were open.

“This is one of the toughest times for the medical fraternity. This satyagraha comes after the realisation that enough is enough, and that repeated pleas and appeals by the medical fraternity have materialised into nothing but reassurances,” IMA national president K K Aggarwal said. In a joint statement, former IMA president Marthanda Pillai and IMA president-elect Ravi Wonkhedkar said, “It is imperative for both doctors and patients to understand that their relationship is a sacred one and that the dignity of the profession needs to be upheld.”
Dehradun
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By OUR STAFF REPORTER
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Guwahati
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New Delhi, June 9: In what was perhaps the largest peaceful Satyagraha against the many issues faced by medical fraternity, a huge majority of doctors have been taking part in the Dilli Chalo movement held in the National Capital. The movement was a fitting conclusion to the intensive month-long campaign by the Indian Medical Association aimed at raising awareness on and bringing to the fore the issues faced by the medical profession. It is a unified voice and the collective consciousness of the medical profession in the country. The peaceful protest was joined by over 70,000 doctors from all over India, including the IMA National and State branch leaders and representatives of national medical associations such as the Federation of Obstetrical & Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Association of Physicians of India (API) and the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) amongst others. Those not present in person joined digitally over a live webcast. Deliberate on key issues uniting the medical community, including the increasing incidence of violence against doctors, unaided nature of the PC-PNDT Act, need for the 2:1 doctor ratio, and compensation for medical negligence, speaking at the deliberations, Padma Shri Awardee Dr K. K. Aggarwal, National President Indian Medical Association (IMA) and President Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFI) and Dr KN Tandon – Honorary Secretary General IMA in a joint statement, said, “This is one of the toughest times for the medical fraternity. This Satyagraha comes after the realization that enough is enough, and that reputed pleas and appeals by the medical fraternity have materialized into nothing except a snub.”

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The founding fathers of the IMA way back in 1928, while struggling for liberation of the Motherland from British rule simultaneously realised the need of a national organisation of the medical profession. Before that, some members of the profession—a select few—were members of the British Medical Association, which had opened branches in India to cater to the local needs. These stealthy, ultimately successful in formation of Indian Medical Association, reached an agreement with the British Medical Association that they will have no branch in India, and got mutually affiliated, which relationship continues till today. The Indian Medical Association in the year 1946 helped in organisation of the World body, namely, World Medical Association, and thus became its founder member. As an organisation it has been, and continues to play an important role in its deliberations. It hosted the 3rd World Conference of Medical Education under the joint auspices of WMA and IMA at New Delhi in 1966. Today, IMA is a well-established organisation with its headquarters at Delhi and State/Terr. Branches in 29 States and Union Territories. It has over 2,15,000 doctors as its members through more than 1,650 active local branches spread all over the country.

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The agitation among doctors has been present for a long time now, with doctors being involved in prolonged protests and strikes to attract the attention of the government and bring about necessary reforms in the medical field. The movement is a call to the government to take action and ensure the welfare of the medical fraternity.

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Hyderabad
Doctors’ satyagraha against ‘unfair’ laws

Hyderabad: Doctors from Hyderabad converged at the national capital to protest against alleged draconian acts implicating penal provisions for clerical errors and other issues. In what was perhaps the largest peaceful Satyagraha, doctors, MBBS students owing allegiance to the Indian Medical Association (IMA), participated in the Dilli Chalo movement. The protest was joined by thousands of doctors from all over India.

Dr K K Aggarwal, national president, IMA and president, Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFT) said, “This is one of the toughest times for the medical fraternity. This Satyagraha comes after the realization that enough is enough, and that repeated pleas and appeals by the medical fraternity have materialized into nothing except re-assurances. The agitation has been evident for a long time.”

Dr R V Asokan, chairman, Action Committee IMA and chairman, HBI added, “rights of doctors are being trampled upon which can have disastrous consequences for patients.”
IMA medical bandh partial despite tall claims

WAITING FOR HELP: Families of patients wait outside a hospital. — Photo: Saiya Siddhar

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The bandh call given by Indian Medical Association (IMA), Telangana chapter for clinical establishments between 8 am and 2 pm on Tuesday was partial in the city, although the doctor’s body said a majority of private nursing homes, clinics, small and medium sized hospitals in the State participated in it.

The IMA officials said over 100 doctors from Telangana participated in a ‘Dilli Chalo’ rally held in New Delhi, which was organised by the parent organisation. The doctors said close to 70,000 doctors from all over India had arrived in New Delhi to take part in the protest.

Doctors representing a host of national associations including Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Association of Physicians of India (API) and the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) participated in New Delhi.

Demands

Some of the demands include stopping criminal prosecution of doctors on grounds of medical negligence, capping compensation limit under Consumer Protection Act, autonomy in treatment and prescriptions, more PG seats in family medicine.
Jaipur
Doctors observe pen-down strike in Rajasthan

HT Correspondent

KOTA: Doctors in Kota and other parts of the state observed an hour long pen down strike on Tuesday morning. The Indian Medical Association (IMA), which also took out a march in Delhi, demanded a central act for the protection of doctors.

IMA state vice-president, Rajasthan, Dr Dipendra Sharma, who attended the ‘Dilli Chalo’ rally in New Delhi to draw the Union government’s attention to violence against medical professionals, said that doctors in all government hospitals in Kota and other parts of Rajasthan observed a pen-down strike from 8 am to 9 am where outpatient services were not provided.

However, he said that emergency services were provided by the striking doctors.
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KOLKATA, 6 JUNE

Protesting against the increasing incidents of doctors being attacked by the patient parties in the recent past, doctors from Kolkata took part in the Indian Medical Association's (IMA) all-India agitation named Dilli Chalo in the National Capital today.

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NATIONWIDE AGITATION Doctors join IMA stir to protest rising incidents of violence with them

LUCKNOW (UP): Private sector doctors kept OPDs closed and took out a march in the state capital on Tuesday morning to protest against rising incidents of violence against doctors and new rules for running hospitals.

"We are supporting the nationwide OPD bandh call by the Indian Medical Association (IMA)," said Dr Rama Pratap, vice-president IMA Lucknow, who led the protest march from IMA Pratap road to the district magisterial's office.

Doctors were protesting clinical establishment act and demanded changes in it. "The rules under the act is that majority of the single doctors clinic will close. The financial corporative hospitals," said Dr PK Gupta, president IMA Lucknow. "The doctors were demanding strict law against violence. Because every year instead of one year, now police is given two years to register the complaints and increase in the country's health budget.

Nearly 20 private doctors from Lucknow participated in the rally in New Delhi under the IMA bandh call. As many as 200 private doctors are working in single-doctor clinics, hospitals, and running diagnostic centers in Lucknow. Most of them staffed a bamboo sheet with a white flag on it.

"We have been keeping our demands before various authorities and held meetings but no one paid any heed. Closing OPD and taking out a march in the streets was the only solution," said Dr Anoop Agrawal, secretary, Lucknow Nursing Home Owners Association.

Keeping in view the strike called by private doctors, the chief medical officer of Lucknow Municipal Corporation said the government hospitals and other medical institutions were on alert as there could be some induction of patients. Officially 212 private nursing homes were registered with Allahabad Nursing Home Welfare Association, out of which only 100 had shut down their OPDs and protest against the strike, while rest were providing services in emergency only.

Patiens affected: About 200 patients affected the OPD of the hospital could not get treatment on Tuesday. Many patients could not get emergency cases treated due to the strike. Patients came in large numbers to protest demands of the IMA. Many of them even went to government hospitals for treatment. This increased the pressure on the government hospitals and the OPD could not treat the patients on Tuesday.

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The rally, which started from Rajghat, culminated at the Indira Gandhi indoor stadium. Doctors from different states of the country participated in the programme.

Senior vice-president of the Bihar unit of IMA, Dr Ajay Kumar, who also participated in the rally, said the association would give a call for nationwide strike on any day after August 18, if government fails to meet the doctors’ genuine demands.

Speaking at the programme, national president of the IMA Dr KK Aggarwal said it was a tough time for the medical fraternity and the need of the hour was to get justice. He said the massive success of the ‘Dilli Chalo’ rally indicated that doctors were no longer ready to accept the injustice meted out to them lying down.

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Other demands of the association included empowering of MBBS graduates, one drug-one company-one price, single window accountability and uniform final MBBS exam instead of “NEXT”.

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Docs rally for safety

NISHANT SINHA

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The national chapter of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), supported by the health services associations of different states, had organised the rally.

“Over 20,000 doctors from all over the country attended the Dilli Chalo Rally from Raj Ghat to Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium,” Bihar IMA senior vice-president Ajay Kumar said over phone from New Delhi. “This was in solidarity with colleagues who had been thrashed by patients’ attendants in a spate of incidents reported from different states.”

Ajay said: “We demand a universal central act against violence with stringent provisions to punish those indulging in attacks on hospitals and doctors. We also want professional autonomy in treatment and prescriptions, as the Union government is adamant on bringing a law mandating doctors to write only the generic name of drugs.”

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Some other demands raised by doctors at the rally were uniform final MBBS exam instead of a National Exit Test (NEXT), categorisation of emergency services as the responsibility of the state, single-window registration of doctors and medical establishments to help reduce the cost of treatment, empowering MBBS graduates by making the number of postgraduate seats and undergraduate seats uniform and bringing back the concept of family doctors.

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