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To

All JFMTI Affiliated Associations/Federation/ Professional Groups from following Professions-

- 1) Medical Laboratory Sciences
- 2) Radiology Technology and Imaging Sciences
- 3) Radiotherapy Technology
- 4) Operation Theatre technology
- 5) Dialysis Technology
- 6) Cardiology Technology
- 7) Neurology Technology

Subject: JFMTI Activities & Updates-Professional developments, JFMTI Viewpoint and future course of action to be taken from JFMTI.

Dear All,

With reference to the above mentioned subject matter, I am hereby sharing the following JFMTI Activities & Updates for your information and necessary action please.

- 1. AHPCON-2016 is scheduled to be organized at AIIMS, New Delhi:** as per decision taken during last JFMTI national Executive Meeting held at PGI Chandigarh, AHPCON-2016 is scheduled to be organized at AIIMS Delhi on **22-23 February, 2016**. First announcement has already been circulated and uploaded on JFMTI website. Second announcement will be made available shortly on JFMTI website with online payment gateway for registration etc. Detail information and updates will available on all following link including conference website (free website designed by me and will be upgraded soon) links are as under

JFMTI Website www.jfmti.com

AHPCON-2016 website <http://ahpcon2016.wix.com/ahpcon>

Facebook Page <https://web.facebook.com/Joint-Forum-of-Medical-Technologists-of-India-JFMTI-684056151623425/timeline/>

- 2. Election of JFMTI All India Executive Council:** It has been decided to complete the election process before AHPCON-2016 and new body will take the charge after completion of AHPCON

celebration on second day of conference. Election will be conducted for the post of President, General Secretary, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Internal Auditor and remaining posts of Executive members from each and every association will be included as per the nomination of concerned Associations. Sh. Dipak Dohlakia has been nominated as Election Officer for conducting the election of JFMTI. He will initiate the process shortly after completing necessary formalities and clearing of all dues from all associations. In this context, it is for the information of all concerned associations that JFMTI subscription including all dues has to be paid by all associations by 20th October, 2015 for being eligible for election process.

3. Status regarding National Core Curriculum, Job roles and career pathway of Allied Health Professionals under NIAHS, Govt. of India. However, Ministry has finalized the process for five professions represented by the JFMTI. Yet, there are some disagreements in the Handbook of Medical Lab Science. The Radiotherapy technology process will be initiated again by the PHFI. In this context JFMTI has strongly objected on the recent issues aroused due to the influence of some vested interest/organizations which are misguiding the Ministry about the scope of functioning of AHPs and about duration of courses. We have several rounds of discussion on the issue, but the same could not be settled till date. However without a regulatory body it is not possible for Ministry to get these Handbook implemented in complete and proper manner, nevertheless, JFMTI expert have seriously put their all efforts in the process of standardization of education, career pathway and job roles under NIAHS. Further we have also objected the Ministry' move to dilute the said process on the pretext of skill development for AHPs. The Health Sector Skill Council (HSSC) has been creating the dual professions standards of AHP in the name of skill developments.

4. Development regarding Central Statutory Council/National Board-NBAHS/Regulatory Body Related Matter- In this context; it is to inform you that despite our best efforts for this issue, we could not get satisfactory result till date. If, we recall some of JFMTI major efforts, you will appreciate that we have left no stone unturned and still striving hard with a positive approach to get a regulatory body for Allied health professionals at national level. Though we have not got desired results on council matter yet I am proud to share with you that JFMTI has succeeded in making a single voice of more than 7 major allied health professions on this national issue. Following were the major activities/ events of JFMTI, organized specifically for National council matter in last 6-7 years.

1. A meeting of JFMLTS was organized on 24-1-2008 at Kalawati Hospital New Delhi to discuss various issues related to Proposed Paramedical and Physiotherapy Central Council Bill-2007 which was introduced in the Parliament on 4th December, 2007. It was decided to submit a comprehensive memorandum to Parliamentary Standing Committee on the said Bill.
2. As JFMLTS was invited by the Parliamentary Committee to present their views and suggestions on Paramedical Bill on 1st August, 2008.

3. On 30-6-2008 a meeting was organised with reference to the presentation which was to be presented before parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & FW on the proposed Paramedical Bill.
4. A joint Demonstration of AHPs at Jantar-mantar was organized demanding an early enactment of Paramedical Bill in 2008.
5. A protest demonstrations of lab staff was organised in all Delhi based Govt hospitals during January, 2009 by wearing of black badges. It was covered by all print and electronic media in Delhi including by various National News Papers.
6. An official meeting was called on 9th February by Joint Secretary Ministry of Health & FW, Government of India in reference to JFMLTS demonstration and it was assured by the JS to get it resolved all policy issues in a time bound manner.
7. National Debate was organized on proposed NCHRH draft Bill -2009 On 4th October, 2009 at KSCH, New Delhi
8. **On 22-6-2010 JFMLTS transformed into JFMTI-** A meeting of Medical Technologists Associations of several state associations like PGIMTA Chandigarh, ACLAP, Maharashtra, ASEOPPL, Gujarat, MLTA PGI Haryana and many Delhi based associations was organised in Delhi and they have proposed to join Joint Forum and it was unanimously decided to change its name from Joint Forum of Medical Laboratory Technical Staff (JFMLTS) to Joint Forum of Medical Technologists of India (JFMTI) as a national level Joint Forum for Medical technologists associations from all major allied Health profession which will be a representative organisation for all affiliated association of Medical Technologists.
9. On 1-09-2010, a National Seminar on Importance of National Statutory Council for Allied Health professionals was organized at New Delhi. During Seminar it was decided to send one lakh post card to Prime Minister of India for demanding an early constitutions of Central Council for Allied health professionals.
10. One lakh post card were sent to Prime minister during August, 2010 demanding an early enactment of bill for all allied health streams for a coordinated development of medical technology and sciences.
11. On 16-01-2011 **National Convention of Medical Technologists** was organised in Delhi for follow up of all pending issues and same time it was resolved to file a Public Interest Litigation in High Court or Supreme Court for Council Matter.

12. On 24-07-11 JFMTI organised **National Workshop on proposed NIAHS Project** of Government of India for establishing NIPS and RIPS India under 11th Five years plan and it was also decided to file PIL which was decided during last meeting.
13. On 18-8-11 a PIL was filed and admitted in Uttarakhand High Court and Hon'ble Court issued Notices to Central Government and all other respondents.
14. All India Executive Summit was organized on Proposed NCHRH BILL on 29 JAN-2012 AT NIPS PGIMER, Chandigarh to discuss and prepare a detail submission regarding NCHRH Bill-2011 which was introduced in the Parliament.
15. Presented submission regarding NCHRH to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & FW.
16. NCHRH Bill was rejected by the Committee after detail deliberations with stakeholders.
17. JFMTI organised Black badges Programme on 4th December, 2012 "demanding earliest formation of the central council
18. JFMTI organized All India March to Parliament on 16th March 2013.
19. MoHFW organized a meeting with JFMTI and assured to establish a National Board for Allied Health Sciences-NBAHS
20. JFMTI organized AHPCON-2014 and raised this issue strongly for expediting the said board establishment and it was assured by the then Secretary HFW itself.
21. Several Meetings of JFMTI were organised with Secretary HFW on the issue during May to Dec, 2014 and the same issue was raised during every meeting.
22. JFMTI Officials/ Experts contributed in National Curriculum development process of five leading Allied health professions.
23. The Process of National Boards could not get the approval of cabinet and other agencies despite several attempts by the Secretary. and finally turned down by the authorities.
24. JFMTI raised this issue again during the official meeting held with present Health Secretary on 18th March, 2015 and a subsequent meeting with held Joint Secretary (ARR) on 30th April, 2015. It was assured by them to speed up the matter of Council again by introducing a fresh Bill in the Parliament in line with earlier Paramedical Bill, which was introduced in 2007.

25. As per the assurance of secretary HFW given to the JFMTI, Ministry has initiated the process for drafting a fresh Allied Health Central Council Bill.
26. The Meeting of MoHFW organized under the Chairmanship of the Secretary HFW on 24th September, 2015 for necessary discussion and decision.
27. I came to know during my meeting held today i.e 30th Sept, 2015 in Ministry that Ministry has decided recently to bring a new draft Bill i.e **Allied & Health care Professionals Central Council Bill-2015** again in line with earlier Paramedical Bill of 2007 for establishment of a Central Council for AHPs. It has also been decided to put the draft Bill on MoHFW website shortly for detail consultation on the issue before it is to be introduced in the Parliament.

Matter seeking your feedback/suggestion-

In view of the above circumstances, I would like to discuss the following to arrive on next course of action from JFMTI-Till date JFMTI has always supported and contributed in a constructed manner at every move of Ministry regarding setting up of a Central Council. As there is no other option/way with us to get a central council passed except by an Act of the Parliament and we cannot avoid these challenges. So should we take this again an positive opportunity and organize a National Executive Meeting of JFMTI to submit a detail proposal on the issue collectively from all our professions represented by the JFMTI. Draft Bill which has lot of disparities and demerits and even title is disputed showing no clarity on the issue, hence requires detail discussions. It will be available soon on website of MoHFW for further consultation. If you all agree, we can hold a discussion i.e JFMTI All India Forethought meeting on proposed **Allied & Healthcare Professionals Central Council Bill-2015** at New Delhi during third week of October, 2015 at Delhi.

Further it is also for your necessary consideration and discussion that while this a positive step of authorities, on the other side it is also showing a dilly-dallying approach with no clarity and strong will for this legitimate long standing issue of allied health professionals.

Without considering the past experiences/failure and properly examining the lacking of past process MoHFW just started the said process. This time also, we have serious apprehension about the final results of the process. This will be again a long process for getting the final shape, nevertheless, we should again move ahead with our collective positive efforts. But, in addition we should also learnt from our past experiences and seek a direction from apex court to get it done in time bound manner otherwise it will also go in a snail-paced move. Please give your feedback on this issue on priority to decide next course of action for the same.

With sincere regards.

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