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To,

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Dr. R V Asokan
Hon. Secretary General
Indian Medical Association [IMA]

Subject: National Neonatology Forum of India Condemn the brutal attack on doctors in NRS Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata and fully support prudent action suggested by IMA HQ-“All India Protest Day on Friday 14/06/2019”

Dear Dr R V Asokan,

Greetings from National Neonatology Forum of India.

National Neonatology Forum of India (NNF) is formed in 1982 by proactive and motivated Paediatricians across India to highlight the plight of non-existent new-born babies of India. By the advocacy & help of NNF Govt of India has started so many programs, to name a few of them “Child survival & Safe Motherhood” program, NR India, INAP, FBNC, IMNCI & many more. It is an academic organization working at various levels in the country through its 8000 plus active members including Paediatricians, Gynaecologists and Nurses. Along with addressing concern of its members NNF focuses its attention on New-born health of country in Government and private setup in close association with NGO, UNICEF & partner agencies. Niti Aayog member Prof.Dr.V.K. Paul has served NNF as Secretary in past.

We have noticed epidemic of attacks on medical fraternities in recent past without any reasons. It seems that there is no law of land to protect medical community. Such an atmosphere is creating a sense of insecurity while we treat the patients whether in Government or private setup. We are also human being & have our human rights. We feel deserted and helpless in our profession. Even our kids now keeping away themselves to opt for medical education due to such ugly behaviour of handful of miscreants.

Recent incidence of brutal attack by a group of people on residents & Intern doctors at NRC Hospital, Kolkata has added fuel in the fire by causing grievous injury & endangering the life of young talented & productive doctor. No doctor or medical personnel would like to kill their patients. Despite providing effective management, effective counselling & best communication with attendants about critical situation of 85 years old patient (vulnerable age for morbidity & natural mortality) this in-humane & heinous crime was committed by a group of miscreants. Such incidences are not only leading to anger amongst medical community but will affect the management of patients in long run and none other than society will be looser due to prevailing insecurity and lack of confidence.

Sir NNF fully support any movement by our parent organization IMA and condemn the brutal attack on innocent young talent and we will appeal our members to join in “All India Protest Day on Friday 14/06/2019.

Thanking you,
Yours, Sincerely

Dr.V.P. Goswami
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