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To
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Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

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Ministry of Ayush

Sub: Representation against "The Gazette of India" CG-DL-E-20112020-223208,
extraordinary, part – III, section 4, No. 513

Dear Sir

Greetings from IDA Head Office. Hope you are doing very well.

The Indian Dental Association (IDA), established in 1946, is the largest recognized national body of oral health professionals in the country. It works through its 28 State & 9 UTs branches and nearly 700 local branches throughout the country, for the welfare and professional advancement of over 74,000 members in the country. IDA's vision is to promote oral health, integrate with general health and improve quality of life of the people of India. The existing draft

Our profession is immensely disappointed by the undermentioned wordings in the subject Gazette, which reads as under;

F. No. 4-90/2018-P.G. Regulation (Ayurved) - In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (i), (j) and (k) of sub-section (1) of section 36 of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (48 of 1970), the Central Council of Indian Medicine, with the previous sanction of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Indian Medicine Central Council (Postgraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2016, namely: -

1. Short title and commencement. -
 - a. These regulations may be called the Indian Medicine Central Council (Post Graduate Ayurveda Education) Amendment Regulations, 2020.
 - b. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Indian Medicine Central Council (Post Graduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2016, in Regulation 10, after sub-regulation (8), the following sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely: -

(9) During the period of study, the PG scholar of Shalya and Shalakyas shall be practically trained to acquaint with as well as to independently perform the following activities so that after completion of his PG degree, he is able to perform the following procedures independently: - DantaRog

 - a. Chaldanta – DantaNirharan (Loose Tooth Extraction).

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b. Krumidanta – Lekhan&Puranshastrakarma (Carries Tooth/Teeth- Root Canal Treatment)

Please note that oral health education and practice is a separate stream defined by the modern system of medicine requiring appropriate skill and learning. The separate Dentist Act exist in the country. Moreover, the procedures to be conducted by an oral health professional having earned the degree of “Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) &/or Master of Dental surgery” cannot be practiced by other disciplines. It defeats the very purpose of a separate branch of modern system of medicine (oral health including dentistry) which is widely recognized not only in India but throughout the world. This notification hurts the sentiment of lakhs of oral health professionals around the country, who are already traumatized by the COVID-19 pandemic. We strongly resent and condemn this notification and urge to immediately withdraw the content pertaining to our discipline. Mixing of systems will defeat the whole purpose of various curriculum, evidence generation, professional training, and exclusivity.

IDA sincerely hopes that you would direct your good office to take the appropriate steps in rectifying the notification with immediate effect.

Sincerely,
For Indian Dental Association



Dr Ashok Dhoble
Hon. Secretary General

cc : Dr. Ravindar Singh, President