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Shri Ramchandra Chandravanshi
The Hon'ble Minister for Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare
Government of Jharkhand
Ranchi

Respected Sir,

Subject: Database Software for SDCs for Dental Personnel Resources Management

The Indian Dental Association (IDA), established in 1946, is the largest recognized body of dental professionals in the country. It has a national presence, and works through its 29 State & 7 UTs and over 450 local branches spread across the country to promote oral health. It has a membership of over 70,000 professionals in the country. Being an organization of dental professionals committed to dental excellence, IDA leads a unified profession through initiatives aimed at promoting oral health awareness and provision of quality dental services to the community. Towards this end, it works as a bridge between the people, dental colleges, government institutions and oral healthcare product manufacturers with the national objective of improving the oral health scenario in the country. As custodian of oral health in the country, IDA has been in the forefront of promoting oral healthcare awareness in the country through a strategy of pioneering prevention and improving the quality of service rendered to the community.

The Jharkhand State Branch of IDA has been one of the vibrant branches doing excellent work in the field of oral health and hygiene. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Vivek Kumar, the Hon. State Secretary, the Branch has crowned itself to glory by assuming responsibility for several pioneering projects that helped the branch ensure maintenance of better oral health awareness in the state. Dr. Vivek Kumar represents Jharkhand State in the Dental Council of India. Additionally, he is also a member of Jharkhand Dentists Registration Tribunal.

You will be happy to know that IDA has devised measures with a view to enhancing the understanding of successful approaches towards developing, nurturing and managing resource personnel in the dental health sector. Following a National Workshop of Presidents and Secretaries of the State Dental Councils held in 2005 presided over by the former Union Health Minister, IDA had developed a database software with web based features essential for the management of the dental personnel resources in the country.

After several presentations and discussions with the various stakeholders - the government of India, Dental Council of India, State governments and State Dental Councils, the system was unanimously accepted at a National Workshop convened under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in February 2013 and the Dental Council of India was requested to implement the system by the State Dental Councils.

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The system developed provides authentic data of dental professionals in the country at a point of time state-wise, district-wise, gender-wise and specialisation-wise and enables online registration of dental professionals and which can be accessed by all stakeholders with ease. All the stakeholders then agreed to implement the system so that a uniform pattern of registration of dental professionals can be established in the country to provide an authentic database for oral healthcare planning.

So far, seven State Dental Councils, i.e., Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Kerala have launched their websites with the assistance of IDA.

The Jharkhand State Dental Council has evinced interest in implementing the system of uniform registration of dental professionals in the state. And with the help of Dr Vivek Kumar, IDA will be able to assist the State Dental Council to implement the web-based system which can then be officially launched at your auspicious hands at a date and time mutually convenient to the hon'ble minister.

Looking forward to your response, and with respectful regards,

Yours respectfully



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