

Doctors have no business to be inhuman, says IMA

Medical body issues good behaviour advisory for members

The Indian Medical Association has issued a “good behaviour advisory” for doctors.

The advisory comes at a time when physicians are under the scanner for inconsiderate behaviour and are often subjected to physical violence at the hands of patients.

The IMA Director said that doctors have “no business to be inhuman. Doctors not only need to be scientifically and legally correct but also morally and ethically correct, he added.

Suffer violence - According to a study done earlier this year, nearly one in every two doctors suffer violence at public hospitals.

India cautious over Maldives curbs on envoy

New Delhi appears to be weighing diplomatic options after Male reportedly placed restrictions on the movement of the Indian Ambassador to the Maldives.

According to reports, the Maldives’ Local Government Authority has mandated that foreign diplomats in Male obtain government approval before meeting any Maldivian official.

The government suspended three members of a local body allegedly for meeting Indian Ambassador Akhilesh Mishra without permission.

However, Ibrahim H. Shihab, International Spokesperson at the President’s office, said the Indian envoy was a friend of the Maldives.

Asked to comment on reports that travel restrictions had been imposed on the Indian High Commissioner, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Raveesh Kumar said, “I don’t think this information is correct.”

Maldivian Ambassador to Colombo Mohamed Hussain Shareef said all diplomats had to follow the regulations laid down by the host Foreign Ministry and take due permission to travel across the country.

The British, Australian and German envoys to the Maldives tweeted strongly against the development.

Reiterating its commitment to “democracy, development and stability” in the Indian Ocean nation, New Delhi recently reminded the Maldives about its “India First” policy.

The development comes at a time when former President Mohammad Nasheed's Maldivian Democratic Party, now in Opposition, has been raising concern over Male's foreign policy that it sees as being detrimental to India's.

IS, Al Qaeda competing for Indian recruits

Islamic State and Al Qaeda have been engaged in a fierce competition to promote their propaganda in India, an analysis of messages posted on social media platforms suggest.

In the past few months, both IS and Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) have been posting several provocative messages.

Indian security agencies are particularly concerned with the Al Qaraar media of the Islamic State that has been posting 'Kashmir' centric messages.

On November 28, the AQIS released a video where its spokesperson Usama Mahmoud called on Muslims in "Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Kashmir" to support the Rohingya in Myanmar and asked them to seek revenge.

The AQIS was created by Al Qaeda in August 2014 and was led by an Indian-Asim Umar, who was later identified as Uttar Pradesh resident SanaulHaq.

Intelligence officials strongly suspect that AQIS is being backed by the Pakistan establishment to carry out attacks in India on its pretext.

TS launches injectable contraceptive

The State government launched Government of India's injectable contraceptive in Telangana. Women of child-bearing age can use it for spacing births, health officials said.

- Called 'Antara', the injectable contraceptive is a low dose of medroxyprogesterone that is injected intramuscularly by a physician.
- The contraceptive was being launched in district and teaching hospitals in the first phase.
- It is meant to be used for spacing and not a permanent mode of birth-control. It is effective for three months after which another dose has to be administered.

The contraceptive has been available in private healthcare for many years now, but was not affordable to all.

- In government health institutions , it is being made available free of cost now.

An approach with a difference

Hyderabad would soon see hi-tech care homes for differently-abled with the State government expected to facilitate their construction at IT Park near Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad.

- The residential facilities would have reading rooms for visually-challenged, ramps for the orthopaedically-challenged and user-friendly lavatories for people with disabilities.
- The park would come up on 10 acres of government land to be built on a public-private partnership mode between the Telangana State and Vindhya E-Infomedia Private Limited.
- The Department of Welfare for Disabled and Senior Citizens would be roped in to provide aids and amenities that include tricycles, wheelchairs, calipers, artificial limbs, motorised vehicles, crutches, hearing aids, laptops, mp3 players and Braille books.
- The visually-impaired would be offered software-assisted reading devices. While the park is expected to employ 2,000 persons with disabilities in the next five years, the residential facilities would cater to families too.

The private party will contact the welfare department to identify persons with disabilities who are qualified to work.

- Apart from job training, people with disabilities would also be trained in activities such as shopping, cooking, money management, weight management and healthy food habits to make the employees and dependent families self-sufficient.
- On the campus, the residents would also be given health evaluations, health services that include routine check-ups, primary medication and treatment systems.

The park would be established in two phases in the next two years.