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ARUNACHAL PRADESH MEDICAL COUNCIL
(Constituted under Act No.04 of 2004 of Government of Arunachal Pradesh)

No. APMC-3/2006

Dated Naharlagun, the 13th October, 2020.

MINUTES OF THE 25TH COUNCIL MEETING (4TH MEETING OF THE 3RD REGULAR COUNCIL) OF THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH MEDICAL COUNCIL HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2020 AT 1100 HRS .

Meeting of the Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council (APMC) was held under the Chairmanship of the President, APMC. The following were present :-

1. **Dr. Rinchin Dorjee Khrieme** - President
2. Dr. Emi Rumi - Vice- President
3. Dr. Paramasivam Jayakumar - Member
4. Dr. Hage Tam - Member
5. Dr. Lobsang Tsetim - Member
6. Dr. Koj Jarbo - Member
7. Dr. Tabu Muri - Member

In Attendance:-

1. Dr. Mika Umpo, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC

Dr. Mika Umpo, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC welcomed President, Vice President and all esteemed members of Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council (APMC) to the 25th APMC meeting (4th meeting of the 3rd Regular APMC) which was conducted through Video Conferencing as per the suggestion of the Vice President, APMC in view of Covid-19 Pandemic disease and following the SOPs. The Registrar cum Secretary, APMC informed esteemed Council Members that Dr. Bombei Tayeng (Toko), Member, APMC telephonically communicated her inability to attend the meeting on personal ground. The President, APMC accepted her absence on the above circumstances. Thereafter, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC briefed the various activities taken up by APMC w.e.f 27th February, 2020 and action taken of the resolution adopted in the 24th A.P Council meeting as –

(A) Activities:-

1. Telemedicine Guidelines and FAQ were circulated to all concerned which was framed by the MCI.



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2. The Gazette Notification copy of the constitution of National Medical Commission w.e.f 25th day of September, 2020 was circulated to all Members of the Council. Dr. Koj Jarbo, Member of APMC is appointed as part-time Member in the Medical Advisory Council for a period of two years from the 25th day of September, 2020 (nominee of State appointed under clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 11 in the Medical Advisory Council). All members present congratulated Dr. Koj Jarbo.

Dr. Koj Jarbo informed that after repealed of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956) with effect from 25th day of September, 2020 and constitution of Medical Advisory Council, NMC, he had attended two meetings via video conferencing which were of introductory in nature.

3. Dr. Mika Umpo, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC informed that he had attended meeting convened by the National Health Authority (NHA), Govt. of India, New Delhi twice through video conferencing. The National Digital Health Mission has been created under NHA. The key building blocks- Health ID, Health Facility Registry, and Digi Doctor are already being populated, with over 1.4 lakh citizens opting in to use digital services. Over 2500 doctors are also in the process of being on boarded on Digi-Doctor. On request of various State Medical Councils, NHA intends to present the plan of action for the State Medical Councils pertaining to an online solution for registration and other processes in the Council. This will help simplify the process of registration for all doctors, reduce physical workload efforts of the Council and would ensure transparency; it will also be integrated with Digi- Doctor and health Facility Registry. NHA is going ahead with the said development in the interested of uniformity across the Country subject to final decisions from NMC and respective State Medical Councils of India.

Further, in the meeting held on October 1st, 2020 through Video Conferencing on the subject, “NDHM- Medical Council Integration”, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC had requested the NHA for necessary assistance citing that APMC being a new Council and the resources are limited hence the website of the APMC in place is a static system and would like to move on to a more dynamic system. He also requested handholding support from NHA to proceed. In this regards, Addl. CEO assured that NHA will take the request under consideration and will do the needful. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st Oct., 2020 was shared with APMC. Registrar cum Secretary, APMC also informed that on 4th October, 2020 Dr. Praveen Gedam, I.A.S, Addl. CEO, NHA has requested to nominate one Nodal Officer who can be in touch with NHA to proceed further. In this regard, Registrar proposed the name of Shri Debojit Goswami, Liaison Officer, APMC to be nominated as Nodal Officer on behalf of Registrar, APMC and endorsed the File to the President, APMC for approval as he is liaising with NIC for APMC website update and other matters relating thereto. Registrar cum Secretary, APMC mentioned that a WhatsApp group is formed by NHA in which President and Registrar cum Secretary of State Councils are included.



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4. List of registered doctors for the 1st Qtr., 2nd Qtr. & 3rd Qtr. of 2020 were sent to MCI, New Delhi :-
 - Total Doctors registered in 1st Qtr. 2020 (1/1/2020 to 31/3/2020):-
 - New :8
 - Additional qualification :2
 - Total Doctors registered in 2nd Qtr. 2020 (1/4/2020 to 30/6/2020):-
 - New :21
 - Additional qualification :2
 - Total Doctors registered in 2nd Qtr. 2020 (1/7/2020 to 30/9/2020):-
 - New :31
 - Additional qualification :16
- Total Registered Practitioners is 1098 (excluding 10 doctors whose names removed due to death).
5. The list of registered doctor's we.f. 1st June, 2019 to 31st May, 2020 (yearly) was published in the A.P Extra ordinary Gazette.
6. The list of updated medical practitioners registered with APMC was provided to MCI on 11th April, 2020 during lockdown period for tackling Covid-19 pandemic in view of prevalent situation at that point of time as sought by MCI.
7. Written complaint was received from Sh. Vikas Jain, Col. OC Troops, Hq. Chief Engineer, Project Arunank, Pin 931719, C/o 99, APO deployed in Ar.P for construction of strategic road bordering China and other road being developed for socio economic development of the tribal people of the State vide letter No.100001/Gen/Covid-19/01/Camp, dated 25th June, 2020 alleging that doctors at Govt. Hospital and the Private Clinics had denied medical attention to the officers and personnel of BRO on the pretext that a positive case of Covid-19 disease has been detected in the Quarantine Facility, and further alleged that there is discrimination between the patients of BRO and locals.

Action taken:

Registrar cum Secretary, APMC wrote a letter vide No.APMC-16/2009, dated 29th June, 2020 to the District Medical Officer (DMO), Itanagar Capital Complex to examine the event and give official version in writing to the Registrar, APMC latest by 1st week of July, 2020.

The DMO, Itanagar Capital Complex constituted a Board vide No.MED/DMO-ICC-ESTT/2019-20 of dated 12th August, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Giri Tali, DSO, ICC to examine the matter.



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On 13th August DMO, ICC forwarded a copy of the Board Report which was received on 17th August, 2020 by this Office.

Now the said Report would be placed before the reconstituted Ethics Committee, APMC for examinations & proceedings as case registered.

8. Complaint received from the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, C-Sector, Itanagar, A.P of the suo-moto cognizance of the case regarding medical negligence resulting into the death of pregnant woman (Late Desu Pertin) and her unborn twins published in the local daily on 29/09/2020. In the said published local daily, Dr. Posting Bayong, Sr. Gynaecologist, R K Mission Hospital, Itanagar has been alleged of medical negligence. The Commission requested the APMC to conduct inquiry into the matter and submit it report to them.

Action taken:

The case registered after due approval of the President, APMC and would be placed before the reconstituted Ethics Committee of APMC for examination & proceedings.

Registrar cum Secretary, APMC further communicated that due to superannuation of Dr. Allok Yirang from the post of Director Family Welfare, A.P an Ex-Officio Member, APMC, the post of Chairman, Ethics Committee, APMC is vacant. Therefore, the two cases are in pendency and would be immediately placed after reconstitution of the Ethics Committee, APMC.

(B) Action taken of the Resolution adopted in the 24th A.P Council meeting as :-

- (i) As resolved vide Agenda Item No.1 of 24th Council Meeting held on 27/02/2020, to introduce Smart Identity Card for registered medical practitioners which was supported by all members and further resolved that the Registrar cum Secretary, APMC may look into the matter considering financial implications and feasibility. Therefore, the information collected from local Private Printing Press pertaining to financial implication for printing of Smart Identity Card. The rate per piece of Smart Identity Card is Rs.250/-. The total financial implication would be more than Rs.2,73,250/- approximately at present.

In this regard, Dr. Koj Jarbo also being a Member of National Medical Commission was of the view that the introduction of Smart ID card be kept in abeyance as there might be possibility of introduction of online ID card generation and changes might be made by the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of National Medical Commission when its start function fully. All members unanimously agreed upon the suggestion.

- (ii) The APMC CME Guidelines amended as per few corrections made by the Academic Committee, APMC and in accordance with the resolution adopted for



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new Credit Point System in place vide resolution Item No.3 of the APMC Meeting held on 27/02/2020 and copy circulated to all concerned.

- (iii) With regard to the resolution adopted by the APMC vide Resolution No.4 of the 24th Council Meeting pertaining to having Council Bhawan to host all the Councils related to Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of A.P under one roof in which the Executive Council directed the Registrar cum Secretary, APMC to take up the matter with other Councils and the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. The matter is in pendency due to Covid-19 disease pandemic, the sitting could not take place.

In this connection, Dr. R.D. Khrieme, President, APMC being the Director of Medical Education, T&R, A.P mentioned that a composite plan being in the pipeline for construction of 3 (three) Directorates of the Health Department of A.P at Borum, Papum Pare district, A.P for which necessary land provided by Hon'ble M.L.A. The said plot is having sufficient land in which Council Bhawan could be constructed. Therefore, Registrar cum Secretary may consult with other Councils and if agreed upon than prepare necessary DPR in consultation with the Govt. The Land Possession Certificate of the said land would be provided by the Director Medical Education, T&R, A.P as it's available with him.

Action : Registrar cum Secretary, APMC

Agenda Item No.2.

(i) Reconstitution of Ethics Committee, APMC.

After superannuation of Dr. Allok Yirang, Ex-Director of Family Welfare, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh by virtue of holding post he was an Ex-officio Member of APMC and hence vacated as Member & Chairman of the Ethics Committee, APMC. After deliberation, it was resolved to reconstitute the Ethics Committee of APMC with the following composition:-

1. Dr. Emi Rumi, Vice President, APMC – Chairman
2. Dr. Pekba Ringu, Member, APMC – Member
3. Dr. Bombei Tayeng (Toko), Member, APMC – Member

The stipulated condition and terms of reference remains the same as earlier Notification.

Action : Registrar cum Secretary, APMC

(ii) Reconstitution of Academic Committee, APMC.

Dr. P. Jayakumar, nominated Member, APMC relieved from the post of Dean, TRIHMS, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh on 04/10/2020 and he had returned to his home town Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Therefore, he informed to vacate the Member of APMC and



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Chairman of the Academic Committee, APMC which he confirmed in the 25th Council meeting and would tender his resignation. Therefore, the Council resolved to reconstitute the Academic Committee, APMC with the following composition :-

1. Dr. Lobsang Tsetim, Member, APMC -Chairman
2. Dr. Tabu Muri, Member, APMC -Member

The stipulated condition and terms of reference remains the same as earlier Notification.

Action : Registrar cum Secretary, APMC

Agenda Item No.3.

Discussion on conversion of APMC website from static to dynamic website.

The President requested the Registrar cum Secretary, APMC to enlighten the members on the issue. With due permission from the Chairman, Registrar, APMC informed that at present the website of the APMC is a static one. Therefore, the main function of the APMC that is Registration of doctors is purely done manually. Whereas most of the Councils of India started online submission of registration forms, uploading necessary documents and photographs, renewal of registration and communication of renewal of registration, generation of online certificate, online fee submission, sms services etc. In addition, the other services such as received of application forms for issue of NOC, /CME proposals are also done manual submission on paper for process by APMC. Therefore, the dynamic website will minimize the visitors to the office of APMC for such purposes. This facility would be very helpful during pandemic like situations to carry out office works. Further, the whole registration process would be in digital form if dynamic webpage developed.

Dr. Emi Rumi, Vice President, APMC sought the financial implication for developing a dynamic webpage. In this regard, Registrar, APMC informed that few Website designing firms are in touch with the Council office and he would get the details from them. Adding to that Dr. Lobsang Tsetim, Member, APMC mentioned that there would be recurring expenditure for annual maintenance of website. In this regard, Secretary, APMC informed that the cost would not be at higher side and might be affordable, however only concerned is the cost of developing a new dynamic website which is at higher side. Dr. Koj Jarbo, Member, APMC opined to carry forward with National Digital Health Mission of NHA for the website development as assurance provided by the Addl. CEO, NHA for needful help. Further Dr. Koj Jarbo assured that he would also pursue with National Medical Commission on the issue for all necessary assistance to APMC on request of the Registrar cum Secretary, APMC.

After detail discussion considering financial implications, the Council resolved to keep the proposal in abeyance and wait for necessary help from NHA, Govt. of India as assurance provided by Addl. CEO, NHA, GOI, New Delhi as per the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, 2020. Further, National Medical Commission might come with new policy for SMCs also.



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Agenda Item No.4 : Any other items raise by members and approved by the President APMC for discussion.

- (i) Dr. Hage Tam, Member, APMC sought clarification regarding renewal of registration of doctors.

With due permission from the President, APMC, Registrar cum Secretary informed that the after lapse of validity of registration which is of 5 (five) years, Notice served to the registered medical practitioners for renewal and periodically the list being uploaded in the website for necessary renewal. Further, Dr. Tabu Muri, Member, APMC sought clarification relating the late fee levied upon the lapse period for non-renewal of registration. In this connection, Registrar cum Secretary, APMC informed that upto 4 (four) months from the lapse of validity of registration, no late fee imposed. After lapse of more than 4 (four) months and less than 1 (one) year, late fee of Rs.1000/- levied upon; and after lapse of validity for more than 1 (one) year, late fee of Rs.1500/- levied upon in addition to registration fee as per APMC Rules, 2006.

The President, APMC summed up the discussion and thanked all members present in the meeting for their healthy deliberation through video conferencing in the present situation of Covid-19 disease pandemic. On behalf of all members of APMC, the President, APMC wished good luck to Dr. P. Jayakumar, outgoing Member, APMC for his new endeavor. President, APMC firmly mentioned the contribution of Dr. P. Jayakumar as a Member of APMC for which he will be remembered.

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08/10/20

(Dr. Mika Umpo)
Registrar-cum-Secretary,
Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council,
Naharlagun.

Approved by :-

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(Dr. Rinchin Dorjee Khriem)
President
Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council
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3. Dr. M. Lego, Member, APMC, Director of Health Services, A.P, Naharlagun.
4. Dr. Paramasivam Jayakumar, Member, APMC, Dean, TRIHMS, Naharlagun, A.P.
5. Dr. Hage Tam, Member, APMC, Epidemiologist, Directorate of Health Services, Naharlagun, A.P.
6. Dr. Pekba Ringu, Member, APMC & State Nodal Officer (NPPCD), Directorate of Health Services, Naharlagun, A.P.
7. Dr. Bombei Tayeng Toko, Member, APMC, State Nodal Officer (Training), Directorate of Medical Education, T&R, Naharlagun, A.P.
8. Dr. Lobsang Tsetim, Member, APMC, Ophthalmologist, R K Mission Hospital, Itanagar, A.P.
9. Dr. Koj Jarbo, Member, APMC, Anaesthesiologist, TRIHMS Hospital, Naharlagun, A.P.
10. Dr. Tabu Muri, Member, APMC, Jr. Specialist (Ortho.), TRIHMS Hospital, Naharlagun, A.P.
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