

Activities of Heart Care Foundation of India Legal Cell in 2018

Initiated in 1986, the Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFI) is a leading National NGO working to create awareness on all aspects of health among people from all walks of life and providing solutions for India's everyday healthcare needs. It uses consumer-based entertainment modules to impart health education and increase awareness amongst people. The Perfect Health Mela is its annual flagship event, which incorporates all pathies and low cost infotainment modules under one roof. Also, HCFI has always been at the forefront of various social and environmental causes that are of interest to public health via its Legal Cell. Herein, we present a summary of activities of HCFI Legal Cell in this regard in the year 2018.

CPR CASE

A representation was filed on the issue relating to CPR and AED machines in public places like courts, Delhi Metro, Railways, before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. After due consideration, the said representation was converted into Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Court titled as "Court on its Own Motion versus Union of India" and notice was issued to Union Government, Government of NCT of Delhi, Supreme Court Registrar, etc., in the said PIL. It was listed for hearing on 14.11.2018 and after hearing the said PIL was listed for next date of hearing on 25.02.2019.

OTC CASE

A representation was filed on the issue relating to formulation of law on Over-the-Counter Drugs (OTC) before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. After due consideration, the said representation was converted into PIL by Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Court titled as "Court on its Own Motion versus Union of India". Notice was issued to the Union Government, in the said PIL. It was listed for hearing on 14.11.2018 and after hearing the said PIL was listed for next date of hearing on 25.02.2019.

ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

HCFI is committed to provide a safe and conducive work environment to its employees and expects them to combine "Expertise with responsibility". Towards

this, on the basis of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, Anti-sexual Harassment Committee is constituted to prohibit, prevent or deter the commission of acts of sexual harassment at workplace and to provide the procedure for the redressal of complaints pertaining to sexual harassment. Following are the members of the Committee: Ms Anupam Sanghi, Ms Aruna Tyagi, Ms Naina Aggarwal, Dr KK Aggarwal and Mr Vivek Kumar.

HCFI CERTIFICATION EXPERT COMMITTEE

An HCFI Certification Expert Committee was formed to verify and check applications for certification received and give its opinion whether HCFI should give its certificate or not. The members are: Engineer Anuj Sinha, Former Director, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India - Chairman; Dr Uday Kakroo, Advisor HCFI - Member Secretary; Dr KK Kalra, Consultant Quality Control of India - Member; Dr NV Kamat, Former Director General Health Services, Delhi Government - Member and Ms Ira Gupta, Advocate - Member.

LETTERS TO VARIOUS AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF POOR PATIENTS

HCFI wrote letters to various authorities including hospitals on behalf of poor patients to provide them adequate and prompt treatment/surgery.

NATIONAL ESSENTIAL DEVICES AND DISPOSABLES

Vide representation dated 08.06.2018, HCFI had requested the Central Government to formulate a law relating to national essential devices and disposables in India and also to prepare a list of national essential devices and disposable. The said request of HCFI has been duly accepted by the Central Government vide letter dated 07.08.2018.

NATIONAL LIST OF ESSENTIAL MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DIAGNOSTICS

Vide representation dated 04.09.2018, HCFI had requested the Central Government to formulate a law relating to national essential medical investigations and diagnostics and also to prepare a detailed list of

the same. The Central Government is in the process of formulating the law on national essential medical investigations and diagnostics.

TRANS FATS

HCFI humbly requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice vide representation dated 21.06.2018 to take immediate steps and to pass necessary directions thereby banning the use of trans fats in all restaurants, cafes, hotels, grocery items in India also, in the same manner as it has been banned in America. The said request of HCFI has been duly accepted by the Central Government and vide letter dated 01.08.2018 sent by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has stated that the FSSAI is in the process of notifying the limits of trans fat in all edible vegetable oil and fats to be not more than 2% by weight in a phased manner by 2022.

AIR POLLUTION IN DELHI

Vide representation dated 28.11.2018, HCFI has requested the Delhi Government for constituting a committee for recording sudden deaths taking place in Delhi due to air pollution in Delhi.

RECOGNITION OF MCI/DMC CARDS ISSUED TO DOCTORS IN RAILWAYS

Vide representation dated 31.10.2018, HCFI has requested the Central Government and Ministry of Railway to recognize the identity cards issued to doctors by Medical Council of India/State Medical Council as valid photo identity card in railways.

CHARITABLE ACCOUNTS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN DELHI

HCFI has requested the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Court to direct all hospitals in Delhi to follow the suggestions/directions as given by this Hon'ble Court judgment dated 17.04.2014 in the matter titled as "Mohd. Ahmed (minor) versus Union of India & Others, Writ petition (Civil) No. 7279/2013," as per which all government hospitals have to open charitable/CSR accounts in their hospitals and the money deposited in the said accounts has to be used for the treatment/surgery of poor patients.

PERFECT HEALTH MELA

The HCFI Legal Cell had also participated in the 25th MTNL Perfect Health Mela which was held in Talkatora

Stadium, New Delhi from 23rd October till 27th October, 2018. It worked to create awareness on various legal issues like patients' rights, insurance law, mediation law, arbitration law, sexual harassment, doctor-patient relationship, etc.

Many renowned lawyers of the country are its members and they were all present in the Mela. Following is the list of advocates who have reported in the Mela:

- Ms Pinky Anand, Senior Advocate
- Mr Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate
- Mr Rahul Gupta, Advocate
- Mr Siddarth Luthra, Senior Advocate
- Ms Anupam Sanghi, Advocate
- Mr Nageshwar Kumar, Advocate
- Mr Nikhil Rohatgi, Advocate
- Mrs Vasundhra Rohatgi, Advocate
- Mrs Gunjan Sanghi, Advocate
- Mr Pulkit Sachdeva, Advocate
- Mrs Saloni Sachdeva, Advocate
- Mr Rajendra Singh, Advocate
- Mr Sunil Kumar, Advocate
- Mrs Dharini Rajaram
- Ms Aanchal Dhingra, Advocate
- Mr Arav Kapoor, Advocate
- Mr Vijender Jain, Advocate

Hon'ble Mr Justice Vipin Sanghi of Delhi High Court and Hon'ble Mr J. R. Midha of Delhi High Court and two judges of Delhi District Court namely Mr Sanjeev Jain, and Mr Kawaljeet Singh Arora, had also attended the Mela. HCFI Legal Cell had also organized live Facebook Webcast with Ms Ira Gupta, Mr Vijender Jain, Ms Anupam Sanghi and Mr Pulkit Sachdeva on various issues like patient rights, arbitration law, competition law in health and on criminal law, respectively.

HCFI Legal Cell had organized Moot Court on the topic "Me Lord I am not Guilty". In the said Moot Court competition, almost 8 colleges had participated. It was judged by lawyers namely Ms Ira Gupta and Mr Pulkit Sachdeva, Advocates. All the participants were either from medical colleges or from nursing colleges. It was amazing to see them perform as if they were real life lawyers and judges.

HCFI Legal Cell also ensured that no mishaps occurred in the Mela like theft, molestation, etc.

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ The 47th Annual conference of IADVL, with an international outreach program and with a theme of "Indian mission with global vision" will bring together.
- ▶ 9000 international & national delegates.
- ▶ Around 400 national & more than 60 international faculty and experts.
- ▶ Around 150 worldwide industry participations from reputed pharmaceutical companies, lasers & dermatological technologies.
- ▶ Well-structured plenary, orations, symposia, guest lectures, debates, national quiz, award papers, free communications and posters, apart from other official programs.
- ▶ Well planned courses & workshops on dermatosurgery, aesthetic dermatology, lasers and other procedural dermatology.

CONFERENCE & CME REGISTRATION FEES

Delegate Category	SLAB 2 1 st May to 31 st Aug 2018		SLAB 3 1 st Sept to 15 th Dec 2018		SLAB 4 / SPOT REG 16 th Dec onwards	
	Conference Only	CME + Conference	Conference Only	CME + Conference	Conference Only	CME + Conference
IADVL Members	₹ 10000	₹ 12700	₹ 11500	₹ 14500	₹ 15000	₹ 19000
Post Graduates IADVL members	₹ 7000	₹ 8500	₹ 8000	₹ 9500	₹ 10000	₹ 12500
Accompanying Person	₹ 7000	₹ 8500	₹ 8000	₹ 9500	₹ 10000	₹ 12500
Workshop Registrations fees						
Workshops	₹ 2000	N/A	₹ 2500	N/A	₹ 3000	N/A
Target Course	₹ 3000	N/A	₹ 3500	N/A	₹ 4000	N/A

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ▶ 5 Sister Society has been confirmed (South Africa, Singapore, Iran, Sri Lanka & SARAD) we are expecting more.
- ▶ DERMACON International Quiz Competition.
- ▶ Review Article Writing. (Alternative to Essay Competition Announced Earlier)
- ▶ DERMACON International Scholarships to Young Dermatologists.
- ▶ Global Leadership Session.
- ▶ Scholarship Program for International Delegates.



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