

IMA constitutes a fact finding committee to probe Mumbai doctor's death

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New Delhi: As a cohesive effort to ascertain the social and hierarchical dimensions and the dynamics inside the medical profession, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has constituted a fact-finding mission committee to evaluate the background situation and the critical factors that led to the unfortunate suicide of a young lady Resident doctor Payal Tadvi in BYL Nair Hospital Mumbai.

“It is a well-known fact that Resident doctors, especially in Government Hospitals, carry an inhuman workload and suffer burn out and depression. Allegations of casteist bias and slur have surfaced in the index case. This, if true is a matter of serious concern which has to be addressed,” mentioned the press note by IMA.

The note further stated: “As a fraternity, the medical profession is miles ahead in overcoming the barriers of caste, religion, and politics. There is no discrimination on any ground within the fraternity or with the patients. However individual bias and behavior can be at variance to this unwritten code of conduct. IMA does not condone any discriminatory behavior.”

IMA further pointed out that the poor working conditions of doctors, in particular, the Residents in Government hospitals, the abnormal overload of work they are expected to carry as a matter of routine and the ever-present ridicule for deficiency of clinical skills cannot be pushed under the carpet either.

IMA fact-finding team will study comprehensively the complex issue and is expected to submit its report to IMA National President in a week's time.

The following are the members of IMA Fact finding team

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Dr Ravi Wankhedkar, IMA Past National President, Dhule

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Dr Chandrakanth Mhaske, Dean GMC Nanded

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Remedial measures for the prevailing situation will be contemplated as per the study report.