

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF AOPMEF**

All Odisha Private Medical Establishment Forum is supposed to be the apex body of Clinical Establishments registered under Odisha Clinical Establishment Act. It was registered at IGR, Odisha, Cuttack bearing Registration No. 2862/16 of 2016-17. The Forum is conglomeration of Bhubaneswar Private Hospital Nursing Home Owners' Association, Private Hospital Association of Odisha, Western Odisha Private Hospital Owners' Association, all District Level Associations and all Diagnostic centers of Odisha coming under the purview of registration under CE Act of Odisha.

### **AIMS OF AOPMEF:**

- ❖ To raise a unified voice for any unlawful and reprehensive action against any of the Clinical Establishment in Odisha.
- ❖ It seeks remedy for any unjustified and impractical new regulation in the matter of regulatory authorities like Pollution Control Board, Fire Services, Trade or Drug Controller, Municipal Corporations, Urban Development Authorities and District Administrations etc.
- ❖ It is the Agency to ventilate and represent the inconveniences, issues and concerns of the Clinical Establishments participating in various Government Health Schemes.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- It was constituted at a time when Registration of Clinical Establishments was standstill since 2014 due to lack of Fire NOC. A few of the private hospitals were raided and locked up and when each and every Clinical Establishment was feeling insecure and uncertain about their future. The Forum effectively engaged itself with various departments of Government for redressal of this situation.
- AOPMEF served ultimatum to strike a 24-hour Cease-work on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. The then Secretary of Health, Ms. Arti Ahuja, I.A.S. was forced to call a meeting with the Forum and gave a written assurance to address the issues on registration within framework of law just a day before the proposed cease work. AOPMEF in getting a written notification of 'Deemed Registration' till the registration of the CEs could be granted. No coercive action by the District Collectors were also assured by the Government through another notification. This was the beginning of our unity bearing fruits of successful engagement with the Government.
- Soon the authority of registration of Clinical Establishments was restored to the Directorate from the Collectorate.
- At least 5 General Body Meetings, dozens of Executive and Action Committee Meetings, Number of interviews with Health Minister, Secretaries of Health, Home, Urban & Housing, BDA, DG Fire did not yield much result during the next 18 months, for which AOPMEF was forced to launch CEASE WORK on 25 MAY 2018 throughout Odisha which was a Grand Success.

- The achievements came in form of Amended Clinical Establishment Acts and Rules, New Odisha Fire Act and Rules, Amended Odisha Building and Planning Rules, General Amnesty for irregularities in construction of existing buildings with special provision for Clinical Establishments.
- Abolition of requirement of fire NOC for CEs within 12 meters height and 30 beds and reduced set-back and parking requirements was possible resulting in grant of registration to CEs followed.
- AOPMEF raised voice on atrocity against Clinical Establishments and personnel engaged in CEs by public which was acceded by the Home Department subsequently.
- In the latest engagement of AOPMEF with the Health Department and SHAS authorities, an assurance has been given to address the issues within 15 days of the meeting.

**It is therefore imminent that the Forum increases its membership strength so that it is in a stronger position to implement changes necessary for Clinical Establishments of our State.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND INFORMATION:**

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**Membership Fees:** Rs. 2000/+ Corpus Fund Dues: Rs. 5000/-

**NAME OF ACCOUNT IN BANK** – All Odisha Private Medical Establishment Forum

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