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By email

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To Director General of Health Services Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

Respected Sir,

Sub.: Counselling and Admissions avoidable delays for Master in Dental Sciences Admission Process

"Education is the backbone of a nation! Education is not preparation for life, Education is life itself. "

This letter is being written to you regarding the 'not so recently' conducted <u>NEET PG 2020 exam</u> for <u>MDS</u>. I would like to bring to your kind attention that the results of the NEET PG 2020 exam have been declared almost <u>6 months back</u>. If the <u>Counselling and admissions</u> do not take place in the next one month, then the students will lose this year of their life as a zero year as the academic year end by March 2022. This is happening when we as a Nation are in dire need for health care personnel in management of the massive number of COVID cases and now Mucormycosis cases.

When enquiries are sent to the Dental Council of India – the apex governing body of Dentistry, they claim that the permission to conduct counselling is under process but nothing official has come forth. Some other reasons for the delay cited are inability to De-link software, need for Central Govt. permission and the fact that NEET PG exam for MD/MS/Diploma has not been conducted, which actually is in no way connected to the MDS counselling or admissions.

We request your kind self to understand the psychological impact on the young minds who are beginning a new milestone in their life. Let the ones in responsible positions take the right decisions which will not disillusion the youth of our country! These are the opportunities where our actions will impact and make a mental imprint on a generation! Let's not lose out by our inaction or delayed action. Both are equally damaging! It's time to do the needful before it's too late.

We cannot always build the future of our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. Franklin D Roosevelt Hoping to continue to believe in HOPE!

Yours respectfully, For Indian Dental Association

Dr. Ashok Dhoble Hon. Secretary General

cc : Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Ravindar Singh, President – IDA Dr. Ashok Khandelwal, Acting President - DCI

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