



Doctors for Daughters

IMA Resolution to Fight against Sex Selection

**81st meeting of the Central Council of IMA held on 27th December, 2006
at S.R.K Memorial Hall, Dr. AKN Sinha Nagar, Patna**

IMA expresses its concern over the declining male to female child sex ratio in the country and its adverse consequences on the society. Prenatal sex determination needs to be strongly condemned. Members of the Association are advised to desist from such illegal, unethical and unsocial practice of prenatal sex determination. IMA is committed to work on this issue proactively, for reversal of declining child sex ratio and ensuring a gender balanced and healthy society.

IMA resolves that National, State and District branches:

- Will constitute Monitoring Cell for curbing Sex Selection at all levels of IMA with representative of ultrasonologists, gynaecologists and other related specialities or their organisations.
- Will continue to sensitise doctors at different forums on this issue especially on gender, legal, ethical and rights dimensions being compromised by perpetuation of this heinous crime.
- Will initiate voluntary monitoring on legitimate use of sonography techniques by registered centres in preventing misuse of technology.
- Will collaborate and co-operate with Appropriate Authorities for effective implementation of PCPNDT Act.
- Will engage with civil society group/members by constitution of "Doctors Forum against Sex Selection" (DASS) to create awareness regarding PCPNDT Act and dwindling & decreasing female child ratio.
- National IMA will provide necessary guidance to branches to act on the implementation of this resolution.

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