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Working towards Bright Future of Nurses

Among some of the pro-nurses decision taken at the last Executive/ EC meeting in Guntur was the institution of Life Time Achievement Awards to be conferred by TNAI to Nurses having made outstanding contribution in furthering of the profession and/ or TNAI. We invite applications from deserving candidates on the prescribed format. The details in this regard can be obtained from our website (www.tnaionline.org). Another decision in same meet was regarding financial grant to such TNAI members who find it difficult to meet the heavy cost of treatment on major medical illness; this head has three sub categories viz. Medical Assistance, Critical Assistance and Nurses Welfare Grant and the applicant can apply only under one of the sub categories in the prescribed form (details available in TNAI website, www.tnaionline.org).

As you are aware, the forthcoming XXVII TNAI Biennial Conference scheduled for 11-16 December 2018 in Goa; simultaneously TNAI Elections for various offices shall also be conducted. We believe you have planned your participation in this mega event. As we gather from past experience, many participants do not make advance planning, and go for registration for Paper Presentation and Poster Competition activities at belated stage. We urge all of you to please do all spade-work well in advance to avert last minute hassle. We foresee your active and enthusiastic involvement in this professional meet in the picturesque setting of Goa.

After having conducted a course on Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider in June at its International Training Centre (ITC), Greater Noida ((TNAI's ITC is a recently approved centre of American Heart Association to conduct training on BLS), a Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on Neonatal Skincare Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guide was organised by TNAI during 26-27 June 2018 at its Greater Noida premises. This was in line with the TNAI-AWHONN (Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses) collaboration towards development and adoption of India-specific guidelines of the AWHONN on the guidelines on neonatal skincare. Participants from eight States/ UTs attended this programme.

There is good news about TNAI's role as recruitment agency for nursing personnel at various levels. After screening along well set parameters, the first candidate is selected. Details regarding UK's NHS Hospital Trust recruitment are available on the TNAI website (www.tnai-recruitment.org). Candidates interested in seeking overseas employment are advised to register themselves in the TNAI's recruitment Registration Portal. TNAI is conducting group recruitment for UK's NHS Trust Hospital on 8 & 9 October 2018; candidates with valid IELTS/OET score or those appearing for these tests can appear in the interview.

A major global health event in August (of particular concern to TNAI) is the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) during 1-7 August every year. It is a UNICEF initiative to promote the time-tested practice of breastfeeding and honour the right of each infant to be breastfed. The WBW theme for 2018 is, Breastfeeding: Foundation of Life. In India, besides TNAI, Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) promotes breastfeeding at national level. TNAI urges all nurses, hospitals and healthcare organisations to bring awareness about the importance of breast milk.

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