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Nurses Need to be Honoured All Days of the Year

A tribute to Florence Nightingale, **International Nurses Day (IND)** was celebrated the world over (theme: *A Voice to Lead, Health is a Human Right*) on **12 May** appropriately. Apart from the annual Candle Lamp service in the Westminster Abbey, London by International Council of Nurses, the IND Kit 2018 was released.

In a function held at Cultural Centre, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, on 12 May 2018, with the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind as Chief Guest, Shri JP Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare conferred the Florence Nightingale Awards to 35 outstanding nurses and also delivered the presidential address. Congratulating the award winners, President said that nursing plays a very vital role in keeping the country healthy, "Any nurse, in a remote village, who is helping a person fight a serious illness, is a nation builder." Shri JP Nadda said that we are proud of all the winners and wish that they will be an inspiration for all the nursing personnel in the country and motivate them to provide quality nursing services and standards. The same evening i.e. 12 May, TNAI felicitated the awardees at Eros Hotel, Nehru Place, New Delhi arranged by INC. The awardees were felicitated by Mrs Anita Deodhar, President, TNAI, Mrs Surekha Sama, Vice President North Region, TNAI, Dr (Mrs) Bhargavi CN, Treasurer TNAI, Dr Rathi Balachandran, ADG Nsg., MoHFW, Dr Asha Sharma, Vice President, INC and Mrs Ranjit Kaur, Secretary, INC.

The TNAI celebrated the International Nurses' Day this year at its Central Institute of Nursing premises, Greater Noida (UP) on 14 May 2018 with much enthusiasm. Those gracing the occasion were Dr (Mrs) Rathi Balachandran, Asst Director General (Nursing), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as Special Guest of Honour, Mrs Narender Nagpal, former Secretary General TNAI, as Guest of Honour, Mrs Anita A Deodhar, President and others. In later half of the day, a CEP workshop on Neonatal Skin Care was conducted.

At TNAI, the major past event was the inauguration of TNAI's International Training Centre (ITC) on 14 April 2018 in its Greater Noida premises in the presence of Executive members of TNAI, senior leaders of nursing profession and guests from clinical, teaching and administrative areas of nursing. Guest of honour at this occasion was Mr Yatendra Kumar Gupta, Vice-Chairman Sharda group of Institutions & Pro-Chancellor Sharda University and the chief guest was Mrs Satish Chawla, former President TNAI and Vice-President, CNMF.

Demise of nursing veteran Mr AB Kulkarni on 3 April 2018 in Mumbai has been a great loss to nursing community. A condolence meeting was held at TNAI HQ on 13 April 2018.

I am delighted to inform you that the programmes on (American Heart Association i.e. AHA-approved) Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) shall commence from June 2018 at CIN, Greater Noida premises.

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