

Indian Medical Association forms national alliance of professionals on antimicrobial resistance

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The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has taken a significant step forward in the battle against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) by forming the National Alliance of Medical Professionals on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAMP-AMR).

This pioneering initiative brings together leaders and representatives of 52 medical specialty organisations/associations from across the nation, uniting on a common platform to strategize against this important health crisis.

The formation of National Alliance of Medical Professionals on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAMP-AMR) by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) marks the beginning of a concerted national effort to tackle the silent pandemic of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) that poses a significant threat to the health of our nation.

In 2019 alone, Antimicrobial Resistance was responsible for 297,000 deaths and associated with 1,042,500 deaths in our country. Led by Indian Medical Association (IMA), National Alliance of Medical Professionals on Antimicrobial Resistance aims to address this crisis head-on.

The government, represented by Dr VK Paul from NITI Aayog, has affirmed its commitment to addressing Antimicrobial Resistance. Dr. Paul expressed concern over the potential impact of AMR on Viksit Bharat, including prosperity, GDP, and

various health aspects.

Enhanced medical education and training are crucial in improving the quality of medical practice. Dr Atul Goel, Director General of Health Services, highlighted the critical need to understand when and how to use antibiotics effectively. By starting from the basics and strengthening medical education, healthcare professionals can contribute to better healthcare practices and combat AMR.