## Report of IMA Elections for the years 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

The Elections to various posts of office-bearers of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 have been carried out in accordance with the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-Laws of the IMA, and the results of the Elections have been declared on 31.08.2024. The chronology of the Election Process carried out by the Election Commission of the IMA is as under:-

- 1. The Election Notification, notifying the elections for various posts of office-bearers of IMA, for the years 2024-2025 & 2025-2026, was issued by the Election Commission of the IMA on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. The notifications were issued to the electoral college (comprising of 4119 members of IMA members of Central Council (Regular Members, Ex-officio members, Office Bearers and Members of the Central Working Committee)— inviting nomination forms, duly filled as per the proforma enclosed with the election notification. The notification was issued for election to a total of 60 posts for different length of terms (1 year or 2 year term, as applicable) for the years 2024-25 & 2025-26. The Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was also uploaded on the website of the IMA as well as the dedicated website of the IMA Election Commission, at https://www.imaec.org/.
- 2. The Nomination and Application Fee received by the IMA HQs for these elections, was as per the decision taken by the Central Council on 28.12.2020 held at Chennai, similar to the decision taken for the previous elections which were held in the year 2022 for office bearers of 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- 3. Pursuant to the Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 a total of 211 nomination forms were received by the IMA Election Commission till the last date which was 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. Further, the total Nomination Application Fee received by the IMA Election Commission alongwith the nomination forms were Rs. 8,83,000/-.
- 4. Upon scrutiny and examination of the Nomination Forms, in accordance with the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-Laws of the IMA and the Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, the total nomination found to be valid were 130. The remaining 81 nominations were found to be invalid.
- 5. The nominations found to be valid had been conveyed to the respective candidates and those nominations found to be invalid had been conveyed to the concerned proposer. In this regard, Letters were issued to the candidates with Valid Nominations, conveying that their nomination forms have been provisionally accepted, on 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. Similarly, Letters were sent to the Proposer with invalid nominations, conveying that their nomination forms have been found to be invalid, on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.
- 6. 6 out of the 81 candidates whose nominations were found to be invalid submitted representations to the IMA Election Commission, for reconsideration of their nomination forms. Upon consideration of the said representations, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-Laws of the IMA and the Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, the said representations

- were considered by the Election Commission and the decision of the Election Commission was conveyed to the all 6 candidates on 31st August 2024.
- 7. Out of the 130 valid nominations, the IMA Election Commission received the requisite documents such as Consent Forms, Demand Drafts (DDs), Declaration and other details / documentary proof, from a total of 62 candidates till the last date i.e. till 31.08.2024.
- 8. The total Nomination Fee received alongwith the consent letters from the 62 candidates by the IMA Election Commission was Rs. 40,50,000/-.
- 9. Out of these 62 candidates, the documents in the case of 57 candidates were found to be proper, valid and in conformity with the provisions of the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-Laws of the IMA and the Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.
- 10. In relation to the remaining 5 candidates, the documents submitted by them were found to be improper / invalid / unacceptable on account of reasons such as non-compliance with provisions of the Memorandum or Rules or Bye-Laws of the IMA or the Election Notification dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 or the documents being unsigned / invalid / non-submission of requisite fees in the form of DD or the declaration being incorrect etc. Thus, the applications of the said 5 candidates were not found to be in conformity with the applicable provisions and were rejected.
- 11. Further, out of the aforesaid 57 candidates whose documents were found to be valid, 7 candidates had submitted their request for withdrawal. Thereby, only 50 valid candidates had remained.
- 12. As mentioned above, the total number of posts for which the election notification had been issued by the IMA Election Commission for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 were: 60. The total number of candidates whose candidature was found to be valid were: 50. These 50 candidates were the only candidates on the respective posts for which their candidature had been submitted. Thus, the said 50 candidates stood elected unopposed to the respective posts pursuant to the elections. The result of the elections has been uploaded on the website of the IMA as well as the dedicated website of the IMA Election Commission, at <a href="https://www.imaec.org/">https://www.imaec.org/</a> on 31.08.2024.
- 13. Any candidate whose nomination had been submitted for the elections, and who is desirous of making a representation in relation to the election result can do so through IMA Election Dispute redressal mechanism by addressing an appropriate representation under Clause 40 of the Rules of Indian Medical Association(HQ) to the National President of the IMA(HQ).

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