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Dear all,

06.04.2017

Is a long time since you received our news letter!

We are enclosing two letters issued by the department of Health & Family welfare. These are important and were issued in 2015. But we are sure it has not been implemented.

These orders ensure that Collector and District SP are aware of GO 48/2008 and 220/2008 which are useful for enforcing action when there are crisis in hospital. It also ensures that FIR is not filed as they wish by the police.

Please take a print out of the direction issued by the health secretary and give it to the District Collector, SPs and nearby Police Station. The District Collector will also have to review with the JD / Dean and send a report to the higher authorities, which is not happening.

Please enclose a copy to your JD/DD and enforce them to act upon this order.

A paper clipping which is already making rounds in whatsapp is also enclosed, to give us all a morale booster to work for our medical community. Every little effort by you will safeguard not only us but the next generation of medical practitioners.

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1st order - 29/04/15



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**Health and Family Welfare Department**  
**Letter (Ms) No.134 /Z1/2015, Dated: 29.04.2015**

From  
**Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, I.A.S.,**  
Secretary to Government.

To  
All the District Collectors. (w.e)  
The Director General of Police, Chennai-4.(w.e)  
The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10 (w.e)  
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6. (w.e)  
The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6. (w.a)

Sir / Madam,

**Sub:** Hospital and Dispensaries - complaint - Death in Hospitals and Death due to treatment failures - Aggrieved patients relatives, friends - instructions on police and District Administration to implement Supreme Court Guidelines - Government of Tamil Nadu Orders and Acts - instructions - Issued.

**Ref:** 1. From the Indian Medical Association, letter dated 12.02.2015.  
2. From the Director of Medical Education, letter Ref.No 18771/H&D11/3/2015, dated 20.03.2015.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the following and to instruct the officers and staff working under your control to strictly follow the Acts and guidelines at times of impending attack on doctor and hospitals -

- i. JACOB Mathew v.State of PUNJAB 2005 CRI.LJ.3710(SUPREME COURT) (From: Punjab and Haryana) R.C.LAHOTI., C.J.I.G.P. Mathur and P.K.Balasubramaniyan, JJ Judgment guidelines.
- ii. Government of Tamil Nadu Act, No.3 of 2008 - (Health care institution protection Act which makes attacking medical and paramedical professionals and damaging the property - a Cognizable offence punishable - with - imprisonment and fine.

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# Doctors let fingerprints do the talking

Work of art was created by 20,000 professionals as a gesture of solidarity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
KANNUR

An artistic expression of solidarity among doctors across the country in the face of increasing incidents of violence against their colleagues made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest finger-painting.

The project, started by Naveen Koval, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Kannur Medical College and also an artist, was conceived in October 2015. He, with students of the college, created an outline of the painting on a 29-metre long and 16-metre high canvas. Called 'Ray of Hope,' it shows doctors, their hands bound with stethoscopes.

They divided the canvas into hundreds of pieces and sent them to around 100 medical colleges (with help



**Strength in numbers:** The painting, conceived by Kannur doctor Naveen Koval, on display in Thiruvananthapuram.

from the Indian Medical Association) across the country, with instructions on filling up their pieces with the prescribed colours. Around 20,000 doctors and medical students in different parts of the country contributed over 15 lakh

finger impressions and sent the pieces back to Dr. Koval. A tailor then helped stitch the canvas back together to make the finished painting. This took until January 2016. The work was first displayed in Kannur Medical College on February 1, 2016.

In January this year, Dr. Koval was notified that the painting had made it into the Guinness Book of World Records.

"It is not just a painting but a symbolic representation of our fight to end violence against doctors," said Dr. Koval at a press conference here on Tuesday. He said that the painting's entry into the record book would amplify its message at a time when incidents of attacks on doctors are on the increase.

An IMA official said that the painting wanted to highlight the ray of hope about a future where doctors, the public, media and the government would be much more sensitive to the issue. It was for the first time, they said, that so many doctors had come together for a single cause.