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Tough times don't last; this too shall pass

Beginning in Wuhan city of China in December last year, the pandemic Covid-19 spread its tentacles insidiously across all the countries. Sporadic cases were noticed in India in March 2020. Because the virus grows in arithmetic progression, as a modality to arrest its proliferation, alongside social distancing, a series of lockdowns have been in place in the country.

Owing to the inadequate understanding of the mechanism of this deadly virus and its implications, management of persons affected with Covid-19 remains elusive to policy makers as well as medical & health experts. The calamity has caught the world unawares, and no experts, nor soothsayers, nor visionaries had an inkling of the havoc this tiny would wreak. Insufficient medical personnel to deal with massive cases, limited lab facilities and essential logistics made the position miserable, particularly in Mumbai and Delhi. Further, lockdown has impacted all sectors of life: economy, social life, relationships, mental sickness of populations, and the very ethos. Bereft of employment, many hundred thousands of labourers were compelled to migrate to their home places for the very survival. Industrial production dipped, economic activities came to standstill and thousands were deprived of employment. Without earnings, many organisations resorted to salary cuts, while some failed to pay at all. Wards of parents are scared to send students to schools, if opened in conditions of relaxation in lockdown. Studies have been hit with apprehensions of loss of one academic year. The continuing threat from Coronavirus and associated problems are here to stay. We have only to learn how best we can adjust to the reality so as to lead a safe, healthy, and meaningful life.

In line with its mandate to support the socio-economic interest of nurses, and some nurses being adversely hit due to lockdown, TNAI has set up a Grievance Cell. The nurses with problems in relation to work-place situations, remuneration, etc. due to Covid-19 crisis may write to us. We shall try to resolve their issues at appropriate levels.

Membership fee concession: A special concession of Rs 600 was granted for becoming Life Member in 2020, the Year of Nurse & Midwife when the motivator enrolled a minimum of 10 members at a time. Considering the request of many motivators that due to Covid-19 crisis, having difficulty in contacting potential members and enrolling a minimum of 10 members, the TNAI EC & Council decided to extend the same benefit of Rs 600 for enrolling a single member. The concessional rate (Rs 3000 instead of Rs 3600) shall be applicable from 16 June 2020 to 31 January 2021.

Tough times don't last; this too shall pass. In these trying times, we urge each of you to bear with the conditions, contribute in your own way to bring relief to the affected populations as far as possible, and wish and pray with us to the Almighty that the pandemic subsides and we are soon enabled to lead a normal life.

Evelyn P Kannan
Chief Editor & Secretary General

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