

Press Release

**Union Minister for Health and Family welfare Shri . J.P. Nadda to present National Oral Healthcare Sushruta Award in Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Hon”ble Union Minister for Health and Family welfare Shri. J.P. Nadda** to present the **National Oral Healthcare Sushruta Awards**, to honour individuals in respective fields for their outstanding achievement in the oral healthcare sector on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Hotel Sahara Star, Vile Parle Mumbai. Organized by IDA Foundation, a philanthropic organization to address the educational and humanitarian commitments of the Indian Dental Association (IDA).

**Dr. Ashok Dhoble, Hon. Secretary General, IDA, said,** “With the introduction of The National Oral Healthcare Sushruta Awards, IDA recognizes and honors the highest standards of excellence in the field of oral healthcare. This would be instrumental in motivating other professionals to strive for greater heights and to contribute more actively towards promoting the profession’s intellectual, creative and ethical value systems. Last year our maiden “**National Oral Healthcare Sushruta Awards**” were presented by **Bharat Ratna Late Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam** to the achievers from the field of Oral Healthcare. ”

Founded in 1946 IDA is the largest recognized body of dental professionals in India. IDA has a national presence and works with 29 state and 7 union territories and over 450 local branches spread across the country. Its mission is to lead the country to optimal oral health while promoting professional advancement of its own members. IDA is affiliated with distinguished global associations such as the Federation of Dentaire Internationale (FDI or World Dental Federation), Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) and the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), to name only a few. IDA believes in the importance of oral health and is consistently working towards its aim of optimal oral health for every Indian by 2020.

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