

Joint stroke centre certification programme launches in India

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18 lakh cases of stroke every year, one of the leading causes of disability in India



National Stroke Summit was organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) on 1st November 2022. Dr Lorho Pfoze, a doctor himself, Member of Parliament from Manipur and also a member of Standing Committee of Parliament on Health and Family Welfare was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He launched the World Stroke Organization (WSO) and National Accreditation Board of Hospitals and Healthcare providers (NABH) joint stroke centre certification programme.

Assuring the audience at the National Stroke Summit 2022 at FICCI House in New Delhi to take up the issue with the central government, he suggested FICCI to prepare a detailed report on the learnings of this summit and make a representation to the government with the recommendations.

Speaking at the summit, Prof Sheila Martins, the President of WSO stated that the WSO's mission is to reduce the global burden of stroke through more effective prevention, better treatment, and long-term support. She shared the experience of Brazil and other South American countries in improving the stroke care services through WSO stroke centre certification programme. She also stated that implementation of WSO and NABH joint certification programme in India will promote high quality stroke care. Prof Martins aims to implement globally focusing on low- and middle-income countries.