



## National M.Sc Medical Teachers' Association<sup>®</sup> (NMMTA)'s protest event at Delhi

### Delhi Chalo – II protest event

NMMTA organized its second protest at New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The previous protest (Delhi Chalo -I) was against the unjust exclusion of biomedical scientists from the signatory role under the guidelines of the Clinical Establishment Act. The circumstances of the present protest were different. Under relentless pressure from the doctors over competition for the teaching jobs, MCI proposed to halve the limit of non-teaching faculty from the current 30% (50% in Biochemistry) and then to stop recruiting them after three years. It has made a subcommittee of three professors from AIIMS Delhi and sought its feedback. It is all but natural to protest against this proposal. In the unlikely event this proposal is accepted, in colleges that have 50-100 MBBS admissions, the 15% non-medical staff translates to zero. Not only those who are seeking teaching jobs would be affected, even those already in employment would be affected as there is a hideous tendency to apply rules retrospectively.

Around 100 teachers, students and scientists participated in this event, which began at 8 am and lasted till 10.30 am. The protest was supported by the Society of Young Scientists, AIIMS Delhi. The protesting members sat at the Parliament Street and raised slogans against the MCI. Many members including the President (NMMTA) addressed the gathering. After the protest, a memorandum along with signatures of protesting members were submitted to the Health Minister. The event was covered by the press.

