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### **The Professional Protection Scheme : The Success Story**

It is matter of great pleasure for me, knowing that Professional Protection Scheme of IMA GSB will publish Souvenir on the occasion of shifting in the new premises.

Professional Protection Scheme GSB IMA of Indian Medical Association, Gujarat State Branch, came in to existence in the year 1994 with the strength of nearly 1000 doctors, as the founder members. This was a great venture by doctor and for the doctor. The idea behind the Scheme was to reduce the mental agony of doctor friends in case, if dispute arises between the doctor and his/her patient. It was also to protect the dignity of the noble professional and thereby the medical fraternity.

At the initial stage, the office of PPS started working at the premises of IMA Gujarat State Branch, which was later on shifted to 2nd floor, of Ahmedabad Medical Asso. Building in 1997. Today it is our pleasure to know that within short time PPS office will start working at a new premises of its own near Mithakhali Railway corssing. The strenght of the members has now increased to more than 8000. Its financial status is also sound and it has stopped taking premium from the old member since last few years. This scheme has provided a sympathetic support to its member doctor in case of litigation against them. In addition, it gives legal help and Medical expertise whenever there is an alleged negligency litigation.

Because of the general public awarness, the cases of litigation against doctors are on the rise. The office of PPS arranges various seminars for the help and education of doctor regarding legal matters. PPS has increased the coverage from 7 lacs to 15 lacs aggregate for its beneficiaries, and hopefully this will increase in future. It also wishes to improve the doctor patient relationship by implementing various measures and by arranging variour programmes.

I wish great success of P.P.S. G.S.B. I.M.A.

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