

Meeting with Sh.Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh

Dr.Arun Gupta and Dr.Shoba Suri met with Sh.Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh with regard to protecting the IMS Act, his brainchild, now a huge health protection for India's children for years to come. We introduced ourselves and highlighted BPNI's 20 years of work and how IMS Act was brought in as a private member bill by him when he was an MP way back in 1992. We showed him how the violations are still happening and there is need to strengthen the enforcement of the IMS Act. Also the latest news of UP joining the SUN movement was shared. Then the IYCF status for UP as compared to National figures was shown which was alarming for him as UP rates were very low. As immediate action he fixed up a meeting with Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh to apprise him of the SUN movement and how it could harm the IMS Act. We requested him to write to the PMO , he suggested us to send a memorandum/submission on what is BPNI & its work and our concerns on IMS Act being repealed due to vested interest and need to strengthen enforcement. He would then take appropriate steps by sending it to Health Minister and if he doesn't respond then write to Prime Minister.