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Dr. Yashpal Sharma is a distinguished leader in the field of Health and Hospital Administration, bringing with him over three decades of extensive experience. He is currently serving as the Executive Director at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence, Kakryal (Jammu & Kashmir).

Over the course of his illustrious career, Dr. Sharma has held several high-profile administrative positions, including Director of Medical Education and Director of Government Medical, Nursing, and Paramedical Colleges in J&K. He was instrumental in the establishment of seven new Government Medical Colleges in Kathua, Rajouri, Doda, Anantnag, Baramulla, Handwara, and Udhampur, as well as fifteen Nursing Colleges across the Union Territory.

Dr. Sharma served as the first Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM), J&K, where he was pivotal in establishing Programme Management Units at the State, Divisional, District, and Block levels. He oversaw the implementation of various national health schemes, significantly strengthening the region's healthcare delivery system.

He also served two terms as the Managing Director of the Jammu & Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, where he ensured the uninterrupted supply of essential medical equipments and pharmaceuticals—particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. His exemplary leadership during this period was formally recognized and appreciated by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K.

His administrative expertise was further demonstrated during his tenures as Medical Superintendent at Shree Maharaja Gulab Singh Hospital. He also served as Deputy Medical Superintendent at Government Medical College, Jammu, and District Hospital, Udhampur.

Dr. Sharma earned his M.B.B.S. from Government Medical College, Jammu, followed by a Master's in Hospital Administration (MHA) from AIIMS, New Delhi. He further enhanced his expertise with a Fellowship in Health Economics from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. He is an Accredited Management Teacher (AMT) of the All India Management Association (AIMA), New Delhi, and a certified NABH Assessor.

Dr. Sharma has served as visiting faculty for training programs targeting Medical Superintendents and senior Medical Officers at institutions such as the Indian Institute of Coal Management, Ranchi, and the Administrative Training Institute, Nainital. He has authored numerous books, manuals, and scientific publications, contributing significantly to the academic landscape of hospital administration.

From 2020 to 2024, Dr. Sharma served as the President of the All India Association of Hospital Administrators (AHA) India. During his tenure, AHA India underwent significant transformation, including the renovation of the AHA House in Noida. Under his leadership, the organization successfully conducted multiple national

conferences: SASH 2021, SASH 2022, SASH 2023, and SASH 2024—hosted by the Kerala Chapter, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, and the Academy of Hospital Administration, Noida. He spearheaded the training of over 700 healthcare professionals through various short- and long-term programs, conducted 50 fortnightly virtual webinars, and greatly enhanced AHA India's digital presence and outreach.

Dr. Sharma has organized 25 Management Development Programs (MDPs) for doctors and nurses across both public and private healthcare institutions in J&K. He played a vital role in establishing academic affiliations between AHA India and institutions such as the Medical University (Uttarakhand), Sunrise University, and the National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC).

Dr. Sharma has awarded with High Achievement Award, Academy of Hospital Administration (2016), Appreciation Award for Outstanding Services during the COVID-19 pandemic, presented by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K. Certificate of Appreciation from the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences for conducting a communication workshop for 400 DNB students, faculty, and healthcare professionals

As of 2024, Dr. Sharma is serving on the Advisory Committee for the Health and Education Departments, further contributing his expertise to policy and strategic development at the highest levels.