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PRESS RELEASE

AERB shuts down operation of some of the Medical Diagnostic X-Ray facilities in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has carried out on 3rd and 4th October 2017, surprise inspections of one Government hospital and six private Medical Diagnostic X-ray facilities in Kolhapur, Maharashtra. This is a part of the AERB campaign to bring about increased compliance to regulatory requirements for radiation safety in the medical diagnostic facilities across the country. The non-compliant institutions faced seal of equipment or warning depending on their severity. AERB sealed seven equipment in five hospitals and issued warning to two others.

The X-ray equipment that have been sealed by AERB officers were found to be operating without complying with the mandatory requirement of obtaining the requisite License and Registration from AERB, as per the provisions of the Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004.

Though the X-ray equipment are of low radiation hazard potential, it is important that they are installed and operated in accordance with the radiological safety requirements specified by AERB. The requisite Licence / Registration is granted after ensuring that they conform to regulatory requirements, which ensure radiation safety of X-ray technologists, radiological medical practitioners, patients and general public.

AERB is therefore advising all the x-ray medical diagnostic facilities that are presently operating in the State of Maharashtra and the country, without valid Licence /Registration from AERB to immediately obtain the same, by filing an application through AERB's internet based e-licensing system (e-LORA).

AERB also advises the public not to patronize the medical diagnostic X-ray facilities which are not having valid safety Licence / Registration issued by AERB.


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