

## Doctors pledge to end discrimination against girl child

Members of the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Societies of India (FOGSI) Tuesday pledged to end discrimination against the girl child to mark Doctor's Day.

FOGSI national president Narendra Malhotra said the alarming sex ratio is a major social problem.

Malhotra said: 'Gender discrimination is deep-rooted in our society and unless we actually implement long-term measures with sincerity towards solving womens' problems, we will not make a headway. Only a social change, education and awareness can solve the problem of gender bias.'

FOGSI has announced it would debar any member proven to be indulging in female foeticide. 'We have initiated a drive to promote adoption of the girl child and already 1,000 members have come forward to adopt girls,' said Malhotra.

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