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Speech of Health Minister Shri. J.P. Nadda ji at the launch of Clean and Green AIIMS Campaign dated July 15, 2015 at 1230 hrs at Dr. Ramalingaswami Board Room, AIIMS, New Delhi.

At the outset let me congratulate Director AIIMS Prof. M.C. Misra and his team of dedicated officials for their commitment for the Clean and Green AIIMS Campaign as part of the award scheme of Kaya Kalp – the clean hospital campaign. The Clean Hospital Campaign has been launched as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission and currently covers the 12 major tertiary care hospitals of India to instil a sense of urgency and seriousness of purpose for the cleanliness issues in Hospitals.

The release of the Clean and Green AIIMS logo, the Clean and Green AIIMS poster series and the Clean and Green AIIMS Guidelines Booklet are all commendable steps for a Hospital that is vastly overstretched for most of its services. With nearly 30 lac patients for OPD services and nearly 50,000 footfalls per day and 17000 vehicles, the Clean and Green AIIMS campaign is expected to be a forward looking step in the direction of a patient friendly hospital. AIIMS faculty has always been torch bearer for excellence and deep commitment for the public service and patient care. They do require a friendly and comfortable working environment for providing optimum patient care services. The Clean and Green AIIMS campaign will provide the enabling framework wherein both patients and faculty can best respond and work in a most congenial working environment.

I am also delighted to know that steps are being taken for energy conservation in collaboration with NEDO and Hitachi India. I look forward to early finalization of the collaboration in this regard. Looking forward, I would urge Prof. M.C. Misra to formulate the Guidelines Booklet for Disinfection & Sterilization of Operation Theatres, Infection Control Programs and other measures outlined by him expeditiously.

I attended the inaugural function of the Digital India Week wherein the Online Registration Services of 4 major hospitals were launched under the E-Hospital Project of the National Informatics Centre. The On-line Registration Services along with the collaborative initiatives in public private partnership with the Tata Consultancy Services would reduce patient wait times in the coming weeks. The linking of Blood Bank and Laboratory Tests to Out-Patient service on a digital network with an Aadhar based platform provides an ideal and securitized launch pad for enhanced use of digital services in health sector. The draft National Health Policy envisages linkages between Tertiary Care Institutions and Secondary Care Institutions. The inter-linkage of large number of public hospitals connected to On-line Registration

Services would facilitate a free flow of digital data on various patient referrals in a secure environment.

Government has supported the major expansion of AIIMS with a new Mother & Child Block at a cost of Rs. 202 crores, an OPD Block with a cost of Rs. 275 crores, a National Cancer Institute with a cost of Rs. 2035 crores. Proposals for expansion of the Trauma Centre and Development of Western Campus of AIIMS are also underway. I have also been briefed by Director AIIMS on the proposed Emergency & Diagnostics Block and the Centre for Digestive Diseases. These expansion plans would fulfil long felt needs of apex medical institution in the country.

I have also agreed to the creation of the new Department of Rheumatology and for the setting up of the Burns and Plastic Surgery Unit. I have also agreed to a significant expansion of Senior Residents and Junior Residents in various departments to keep up with the rising patient loads. The Establishment of an AIIMS Endowment Fund will provide significant resources to high-end Research and Collaborations in the coming years.

Government is actively considering a major expansion in faculty and non-faculty positions to cope with the rising patient loads. As a major step in this direction, 96 new faculty appointments have been approved and Director AIIMS has informed me that a large number of new faculty have joined the Institute. The induction of young blood with high merit will only strengthen the Institute's quest for excellence.

The National Cancer Institute remains a pre-eminent Institute to be established by AIIMS. Proposed to be located at AIIMS second campus at Jhajjar, Government has decided to extend all necessary financial and policy support for expeditious establishment of the National Cancer Institute. I have been in touch with my colleague, the distinguished Chief Minister of Haryana and my colleague, the Minister of Environment & Forest to expedite necessary approvals for early commencement of civil works.

Looking to the acute shortages in Housing for faculty and non-faculty members, AIIMS the NBCC has been requested to formulate a plan for redevelopment of the AIIMS Western Campus. The cost of the project is likely to be Rs. 2000 crores and will be developed through a public private partnership model.

AIIMS as the mentor Institute for the 6 new AIIMS in the country has also done commendable work in reframing of rules and regulations for all AIIMS under AIIMS Act, 1956. The work done in this direction will be taken forward through appropriate amendments in AIIMS Regulations in the coming months.

Let me congratulate all of you once again on this occasion and I convey my good wishes for continued success in your challenging policy endeavours.

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