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Speech of Health Secretary, Shri. B.P. Singh 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.

Respected Health Minister, Director, AIIMS and Distinguished Faculty members,

I am delighted to be present on this occasion for the launch of the Clean and Green AIIMS campaign of the Institute as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. In my decadal association with Health Sector, the challenges in creating Patient Friendly Hospital have been quite formidable. The rise in patient loads, increased work-loads on doctors and nursing cadre, timely modernization of machinery and equipment have necessitated significant policy responses. These include expansion of posts, enhancement of budgets, innovative services like on-line registration systems, codified procurement guidelines have been an integral part of these efforts.

As Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee of AIIMS, I have been closely associated with the expansion plans of the Institute. I am delighted to note that work on the long standing Mother & Child Block, Out Patient Block have commenced and work for National Cancer Institute will soon be awarded. The completion of the Convergence Block and the soon to be completed Surgical Block will provide significant relief to crowded work spaces and operation theatres. Faculty/Non Faculty expansion through new recruitment on vacant posts and new creation of posts will ease work loads of doctors and nursing cadres.

AIIMS is amongst the first tertiary care hospitals to have adopted the Kaya Kalp Scheme (Clean Hospital Campaign). It has for long been a pioneer in a number of medical, research and surgical innovations. This Campaign that is being adopted today, should be sustained with considerable intensity and gusto for it to be successful. I would urge you all to be committed in this direction.

Once again let me thank Prof. M.C. Misra, Director, AIIMS for inviting me on this occasion and assure all of you of Government's continued policy support.

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