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## Health Minister Inaugurates Diamond Jubilee Celebrations At AIIMS

### AIIMS Has Set Benchmarks In Healthcare

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**USPA NEWS** - The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Mr. J.P. Nadda addressing on the occasion of 60th Institute Day of AIIMS, in New Delhi on September 24, 2015. The Director, AIIMS, New Delhi, Prof. M.C. Mishra is also seen.

Mr. JP Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the 60th Institute Day Celebrations of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on September 24. He also inaugurated a public health exhibition dedicated to the theme "Be Clean""Be Healthy" and launched the logo for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of AIIMS on this occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Health Minister assured that the Government is committed to ensuring that the new AIIMS will meet the same standards of service as AIIMS, New Delhi. No effort will be spared to make them the very best, he added. He said that AIIMS has created a benchmark in the field of healthcare not only at the national level but internationally also. It has a great testimony and we must try to replicate it in the new 15 AIIMS, he added. He noted that the new Institutes will be "AIIMS" and not "AIIMS-like".

The Health Minister said that the Government has extended all support for the major expansion programs of AIIMS with a new Mother and Child Block, an OPD Block and a National Cancer Institute. Proposals for expansion of the Trauma Centre and Development of Western Campus of AIIMS are also underway, he informed. These expansion plans would fulfil the long felt needs of the apex medical institution in the country, he stated.

Mr. Nadda said the foundation day of any institute always gives an opportunity to introspect and analyze the strengths and weakness of the organization. It is the occasion where we can collectively think about the roadmap for future growth and excellence. The Minister congratulated all the former Directors who have made AIIMS what it is today. AIIMS has discharged its roles as clinical provider, research institute and teaching institution with considerable accolades over the past six decades. AIIMS, Delhi has always maintained the highest standards of meritocracy and learning and it has attracted the best talents across the country, he added.

The Health Minister appreciated the theme of the exhibition "Be Clean, Be Healthy" and said that the theme explained the salient features of "Kayakalp", a scheme which was recently launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for promoting and encouraging sanitation and cleanliness in hospitals. He informed that the institute has done considerable progress under the "Clean and Green AIIMS" campaign launched in July this year.

The Health Minister also gave away the AIIMS Excellence and Research Awards, 2014-15 for basic and clinical sciences and congratulated the awardees.

Also present on the occasion were, Prof M. C. Misra, Director AIIMS, Prof S. K. Acharya, Dean Research, Prof Balram Airan Dean Academic, Prof O. P. Kharbanda, Chief CMET, Chiefs of Centres, Faculty Members, and Senior Residents of the institute. Also present was Prof. S. Rajasabapathy of Ganga Medical Centre and Hospitals Pvt. Ltd, Coimbatore who delivered the 21st AIIMS Silver Jubilee Oration speech.

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