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72nd Republic Day Celebrations at AIIMS, Bhopal

AIIMS, Bhopal observed Republic Day function this morning with great pride and vigour. Even though vaccination drive against Coronavirus is going on at full swing in AIIMS Bhopal, the gathering was kept restricted and social distancing norms were adhered to. Representative members from various cadres of services as well as students were present to celebrate the 72nd Republic Day. Dr. Sunita Athavale, Additional Professor, Dept. of Anatomy co-ordinated the event from Dais. An arrangement was also made to host the program at the AIIMS, Bhopal website so that all the staff and employees could watch the same, and be a part of the program.

The function started with unfurling of the National Flag by Director, AIIMS, Bhopal, Prof. Sarman Singh and observing the National song. The senior officials of AIIMS namely Dr. Manisha Shrivastava, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Debasis Biswas, Dean (Research) & Dr. Rajesh Malik, Dean (Academics) listed out the achievements of AIIMS Bhopal during the previous year in the fields of clinical care, research and academics. Mr Dhirendra Pratap Singh, the Deputy Director and other dignitaries graced the occasion.

In his address to the gathering, Prof. Sarman Singh, began by remembering the supreme sacrifice of the Healthcare workers while managing the Coronavirus pandemic. He reminded everyone of the ethos of Buddhism ingrained in our Constitution and reiterated the commitment of the Institute and its members in upholding those. He expressed his confidence in the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, in managing the country during this time of world-wide crisis. He also thanked the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for extending all the help required to manage the Coronavirus pandemic. He also acknowledged the role of local media during the pandemic and thanked them wholeheartedly for supporting the Institution during this period.

He expressed his gratitude towards all cadres of Healthcare workers and administrative staff of the Institute in managing and overcoming the crisis imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. He acknowledged the effectivity with which the various Institutional COVID related committees rose to the challenges imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic and acknowledged the team spirit shown by the various cadres of Healthcare workers. Notably, he acknowledged the work of Critical care team led by Dr. Saurabh Saigal and Hospital Infection Control Committee led by Dr. Shashank Purwar.

He mentioned that during this period, AIIMS Bhopal has emerged as a leader in Central India in various aspects of patient care, teaching and research. Notably, the “Center of Excellence for COVID-19 Management” under the leadership of Dr. Rajneesh Joshi and Role played by “Regional Virology Laboratory” under the leadership of Dr. Debasis Biswas for upscaling the COVID-19 related diagnostic facilities throughout state of Madhya Pradesh were mentioned. Amongst achievements in research, he proudly shared that AIIMS, Bhopal was the first amongst country to start Clinical trial on Mycobacterium as an adjunct to treatment of COVID-19. Furthermore, he informed that the sero-surveillance for COVID-19 conducted by the Institute for Ujjain District helped the State government in formulating the policies for managing the Coronavirus pandemic.

Prof. Sarman Singh shared that despite all the odds faced by the Institute, various silver linings also presented in the form of upgradation of clinical and diagnostic facilities of the Institute, of which notable were availability of 140 new ICU beds, 120 new ventilators, 6 new Haemodialysis machines, 3 portable X-ray machines, 1 portable Ultrasound, 8 real time-PCR and 1 high throughput automated nucleic acid extractor. These infrastructural enhancements will further help and motivate the healthcare workers at AIIMS, Bhopal to serve the common people of state of Madhya Pradesh. Furthermore, he listed some of the future projects which will be operationalized soon notably, Translational medicine centre, ART centre for management of HIV patients and De-addiction facility.

Furthermore, he acknowledged the work done by the healthcare workers of the Institute which was unrelated to COVID management. Notably, the surgeons continued to perform critical and complex surgeries despite reduction in number of cases and Institute upgraded the facilities in the Dept. of Urology & Paediatric Surgery after the new faculties joined during the lockdown. The Institute also kept celebrating important national and academic events such Blood donation day, Swachhta Pakhwada, Vigilance awareness week, Antibiotic awareness week, to name a few. In the end, Prof. Sarman Singh, once again thanked all the members of AIIMS family for continuing the support extended to him and to work for the betterment of the Institute in future.

The event concluded with inauguration of a newly renovated state-of-the-art Lecture Theatre at the Medical College Building of AIIMS, Bhopal which was constructed with the help of NHM, MP.

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Enclosures: Photographs of the Event