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74th Independence Day Celebrations at AIIMS, Bhopal

The Independence Day function and Flag hoisting ceremony was held with pride and enthusiasm at AIIMS, Bhopal this morning. The COVID pandemic could not dampen the nationalist spirit of staff and employees of the institute. However, the gathering was kept restricted in view of safety and social distancing norms, and included representative members from various cadres of services and students. 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 Director of AIIMS, Bhopal, Prof. Sarman Singh hoisted the national Flag and greeted everyone on the occasion of 74th Independence Day. On this occasion, he also inaugurated and launched the new website of AIIMS, Bhopal, which presents the information and facilities at the institute in a more user-friendly manner.

In his address to the gathering, he recalled the great sacrifices made for freedom of our nation, and the power of non-violence. He reminded everyone of the remarkable achievements of the nation in several fields over the last 73 years including defence, space technology, agriculture, IT, women empowerment, health and medicine, etc., He expressed his confidence in the leadership of our beloved honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji , and the new beginnings that the nation is making guided by his vision.

He also shared some of the milestone achievements of AIIMS, Bhopal over the past year, such as new facility for OPD, enhanced bed capacity including additional ICU facility, infrastructure enhancement for cancer care, radiotherapy, poison centre, medical equipment such as ventilators, recruitment of faculty and staff, etc. He noted that AIIMS continues to mentor the medical colleges of the region, and is a part of many national and international registries, and collaborative clinical trials. The Centre for Translation Medicine at AIIMS, Bhopal is the new facility that holds the promise of taking Research and academic excellence to new heights.

Prof. Sarman Singh expressed a deep sense of satisfaction at the mutual cooperation and hand-in-hand working of AIIMS, Bhopal with the M.P. State Government, for health of people of the region. On behalf of

AIIMS, Bhopal, he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Dr. Harsha Vardhan Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of M.P., Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan Ji, and the Senior Officials of the state who provide continued guidance, support and encouragement so that AIIMS, Bhopal stays steadfast on the path of serving the humanity through its vision and mission.

Prof. Sarman Singh expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of healthcare workers, police personnel, and others who lost their lives to COVID in the line of duty. He reminded everyone that regular work and business cannot be kept in abeyance indefinitely on account of COVID-19, and that at the same time one must not get complacent with regards to safe healthy behaviour.

He expressed his concerns at the recent misleading propaganda by some people regarding the outsourced employees. He clarified once again that the outsourced employees by the concerned agency are temporarily hired against the sanctioned posts, till these are filled by regular employees recruited as per rules. He also informed that only 20 of the said outsourced 102 Nursing Officers had been serving on COVID duty, and that he had, with immediate effect asked the concerned agency for extending service contracts of these 20 NOs for next 3 months or till the CORONA epidemic continues, provided they continue to do COVID duties.

Prof. Sarman Singh reminded everyone to be aware of the evil and cruelty that discrimination brings, be it in the name of caste, creed, gender or geographical origins. He closed his address with a quote by Babasaheb Ji Ambedkar, that is most pertinent on this day under these circumstances: "So long as you do not achieve social liberty, whatever freedom is provided by the law is of no avail to you".

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Enclosures : Photographs of the Event