

**Speech of H.E the Governor of Bihar Shri Ram Nath  
Kovind on Inauguration of CME-cum-Workshop at  
IGIMS, Patna dated 12-09-2015**

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Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all doctors and allied health professionals who are present in this CME-cum-Workshop Programme. I have been informed that in this workshop you all will share your knowledge, ideas and experiences about 'Complex Vessel Angioplasty' and 'Management of Acute Myocardial infarction.'

I am pleased to learn that the Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences was established by an Act of

Bihar State with the aim and objective to establish a centre of excellence to provide best Medicare to people of Bihar. The main object of this Institute to develop an apex centre for delivery of health and medical care of highest standard is very important.

To train specialists of high order in different branches of medical services and to improve the health services in the State through appropriate linkages and referral system with Medical Colleges and District and sub-divisional hospitals should be the real goal of IGIMS.

The Department of Cardiology in IGIMS was established in 1996 with one faculty with Dr B.P Singh who is currently Professor and Head of this Department. The department had a humble beginning with only OPD services initially. In early 1997, Colour Doppler Echo machine was installed for the first time in a Bihar government hospital set up. Subsequently 8 bedded coronary intensive care and 30 bedded cardiology ward were established for admitting serious patient With acquisition of Colour Doppler Echo Machine, TMT and Holter facilities, fully fledged non-invasive cardiac lab

was established in late 1997. Cath lab purchase was finalised in 1997 but unfortunately, it could not be materialised. However, with the hard work and dedication, clinical work load of department has been growing steadily over these years. The department has started recently the pace-maker implantation, and till now it has implanted more than 160 permanent pace-makers.

Now IGIMS is one of the major cardiac centres in the State and the patients from across the State of Bihar as well as from adjoining States and border countries are reaching here for proper heart treatment. Recently IGIMS has acquired the cardiac cath lab in January 2015 and full fledged interventional cardiology program is started. This is again the first centre in government set up to provide all interventional procedure under one roof.

I have been told that till date IGIMS has done around 900 Angiographies, more than 100 Angioplasties and one device closure in congenital heart disease. This is really not only satisfactory, but encouraging for all of us.

We all know that the advent of Cath Lab has revolutionised the treatment in the field of Cardiology.

The incidence of Coronary artery disease which is the number one killer of human mankind after the road traffic accidents, is increasing exponentially in our country and producing a big health problem. It continues to affect our population in epidemic proportion. We are concerned about the fate of our population when ten years later one among five persons will be suffering from this disease.

I have come to know that the Cath Lab has solved many aspects of treatment of this disease by doing Angiography, Angioplasty, Stent implantation etc but in my opinion we should focus ourselves to find out the ways to prevent this malignant disease so that the suffering humanity could be saved.

I have been told that this Cath Lab is helpful in treatment of various diseases found in children like Rheumatic heart disease, congenital heart disease etc. The various type of holes (ASD, VSD and PDA) can also be closed by putting devices across the holes. I have been told that, one such procedure has been performed in recent past in this Institute.

I am happy to note that this Institute is progressing in the right direction and hope that this Institute will be able to serve the ailing population of Bihar not only in the field of cardiology but in all the super speciality departments functioning here. The State Government should take all the efforts and measures to develop this Institute to national and international standard.

In this respect undoubtedly considerable efforts have been made but still we have to go a long way.

I wish you all for an excellent workshop ahead.

Thank you ! Jai Hind !!

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