

**NAMS-NFI Symposium on MDG: Lessons Learnt and Way Forward to SDG
on 27th November, 2015 from 9.00 AM to 5.45 PM at Kamla Raheja Auditorium, J.S. Bajaj
Centre for Multi-professional Education, NAMS House, New Delhi – 110029.**

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It was on 18-19 March, 1994 that NAMS Annual Conference was held at Tata Memorial Hospital and the venue was Auditorium of the hospital. I had a vision to build a similar auditorium at the National Academy of Medical Sciences wherein we could develop validated educational programmes and disseminate these programmes to other medical institutions.

Thanks to Dr. B.S. Raheja's donation to NAMS that physical infrastructure is now available as Kamla Raheja auditorium and JS Bajaj Centre for multi professional Education.

With the establishment of new AIIMS and a collegium of NAMS-AIIMS has been established. In March 2010, the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) approved the establishment of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) at an outlay of Rs 5,990 Crore, to be implemented by NIC over a period of 10 years. Establishing NKN is a significant step towards ushering in a knowledge revolution in the country with connectivity to 1500+ institutions. NKN is intended to connect all the knowledge and research institutions in the country using high bandwidth / low latency network.

It is the blend of NKN and NAMS vision which reflect this programme which is being held today. It extends millennium development goals from 1990-2015 and projects milestones of sustainable development upto 2030.

There is complementarity between National Health Mission (NHM) and NKN. While aiming to enhance the quality and content of medical education, it also includes subjects like AYUSH, thus taking the message to allied health professionals upto ASHA. Connectivity of NKN with universities of health sciences and universities of agriculture is an example of how the programme on food and nutrition security can be effectively tackled.

Thanks to NKN connectivity and assistance from NIC MCU team using NIC Multi-Conferencing Unit resources, medical professionals from PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS Jodhpur and several other institutions including Pan African Country institutions will be able to watch the symposium live.

I wish to express my profound sense of gratitude to Dr. Mukund S. Joshi, President, NAMS ably supported by doctors, Sanjay Wadhwa, Prema Ramachandran and S.S. Deshmukh and not but the least, the present Honorary Secretary, NAMS, Dr. Deep N. Srivastava, for not only making my dream a reality but also enlarging its scope. Sh. A.K. Chanana and staff of the Academy had rendered assistance to make this possible.

I wish the NAMS NFI symposium a great success.

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