Text of the address by Dr Mukund S Joshi, President, NAMS on the Occasion of the 56th Annual Convocation of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (India), NAMSCON 2016 delivered at AIIMS, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 22nd October, 2016

Padmbhushan Dr. Nandu Laad, the vice president of the NAMS. Dr. Sanjay Wadhwa, Dr. Nitin Nagakar who is the brain behind this meeting, his colleague Dr. Dhaneria, Dr. Agrawal, & Dr. Neema, well! All I can tell you that the conference has been brilliant. There is no question that in a short time, I believe on the 2nd October, that Dr. Deep Srivastava came all the way here and I am told by Dr. Srivastava that this place is completely transformed in the last few days since he had come.

While I am going to complement them for the excellent conference that we have had, as the president of the NAMS, I need to thank a few of the member of Council & senior Fellows and I have few of them sitting in front of me Air Marshal M.S. Boparai, Dr. Saroj Chooramani, Dr. Hari Bhai Patel, you have been the giant of the Association at one time, Dr. Amit Mishra there & so many who have been here for so long long time. I cannot forget the name of Dr. J.S. Bajaj. Believe me, his vision, his thoughts process and the growth of academy that he had planned has come true to date and now it is for you fellows new members to reach to greater height and don't flinch from responsibility. Don't just say "Mere name ke samne FAMS, NAMS hai". No! That's not your goal, your goal has to be to improve the academics of the academy and I am sure all of you will continue to do that. Having been said that, I have thoroughly enjoyed being here, and enjoyed the hospitality to no extent. I do wish the AIIMS Raipur the very best. And in the near years to come when their 1st batch will be coming out in a years' time & all the best you'll have a wonderful post graduate program soon, all the best.

I would like to thank of clerical staff of NAMS making constant effort to difficult task free kind of academy.