

## AIOS 2020 successfully commences 78th International conference

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### Advancement in technology can curb down the burden of preventable blindness



With an aim to boost the latest and advanced technologies available for the treatment of eye related ailments in India, the 78th Annual International Conference organized by All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) commenced successfully recently.

The event was inaugurated by Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog in presence of Sudhir Singla MLA Gurugram.

As expected, India's biggest scientific extravaganza was attended by over 8000 National and International delegates.

Dr. Mahipal S. Sachdev, Incoming President, AIOS said, "AIOC 2020 is one of the biggest platforms for the Indian Ophthalmologists providing an opportunity to share experiences of ophthalmologists, discuss pitfalls and design the path for the future of ophthalmology in India. Scientific deliberations and social interactions were discussed at the highest order. Deliberations in this conference shared by over 2000 renowned National and International faculty members are expected to be a genesis of a lot of ingenious and indigenous therapeutic protocols and ideas which will become gold standards of ophthalmic care the world over."

The 4 day-long conference which is scheduled to be held from 13th Feb to 16th Feb 2020 is one of the World's largest platforms for the Indian ophthalmologists to gain knowledge among the renowned International and National Faculties through exchange of ideas.

Dr. S. Natarajan, President, AIOS said, "Apart from the burden of blindness in India, around 15% of the Indian population suffers from preventable blindness and some kind of vision problem. With advancements in the field of ophthalmology, timely detection and treatment can prevent almost all types of vision problem thereby preventing addition of blindness burden in the country."

Dr. Namrata Sharma, General Secretary, AIOS said, "According to the recent data provided by WHO, India accounts for around 30% of the World's blind population attributing to a total of 12 million cases. With an addition of 2 million new cases

annually, is not only affecting the quality of life of the individual, but also dragging the holistic development of the nation. It is only adoption of the latest technological advances in the field of Ophthalmology, which can lead to a reduction in the blindness load of India”.

The highlights of the event included spirited debates, keynote presentations, Oral talks, Poster presentations, workshops and networking opportunities. Multiple international associations like the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Global Eye Genetics Consortium, Asia pacific Glaucoma Society and SAARC had also participated in the conference.