Union Health Secretary inaugurates 3rd National Conference on ERMED

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Rajesh Bhushan, Union Secretary for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the 3rd National Conference "ERMED Consortium: Digital Health Resources: A reality" in the presence of Dr (Professor) Atul Goel, DGHS at National Medical Library, in New Delhi.

National Medical Library's Electronic Resources in Medicine (NML-ERMED) Consortium is the flagship electronic resources consortium by the Directorate General of Health Services(DGHS) & Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, wherein access to 228 eJournals is being provided round the clock to 71 states and centrally funded Government Institutions including all All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS).

Bhushan congratulated the NML for their expansion efforts and pointed out that the overall library scenario has changed nationally and globally post-pandemic.

The prime focus of ERMED is helping medical colleges to comply with NMC guidelines, standardise care across all clinicians, reduce variability in care, enable safe patient care, drive appropriate drug use and prescribing behaviour, decrease medical errors, stop unnecessary diagnostic testing, shorten length-of-stay, lower mortality rates, exposure to the latest research, information development, scientific and technological progress. ERMED consortium would expand the research output and the ranking of the member institutions in this process.

The Government of India has provided the financial support required for access to electronic journals under the NML-ERMED consortium project. ERMED members have access to advanced clinical tools and resources published by well-known publishers for benefit of faculty members and students.

The official website of NML-ERMED(http://www.ermed.in/) and booklet were also launched at the event.