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Government is committed to ensuring that the new AIIMS will meet the same standards of service as AIIMS, New Delhi. No effort will be spared to make them the very best, he added. Minister stated that AIIMS has created a benchmark in the field of healthcare not only at the national level but internationally also. It has a great testimony and we must try to replicate it in the new 15 AIIMS. This was stated by Mr J P Nadda, union minister for health and family welfare recently at New Delhi. The minister has made it clear that the new institutes will be "AIIMS" and not "AIIMS-like".

He was speaking at the 60th Institute Day Celebrations of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), in New Delhi on September 24, 2015. He also inaugurated a public health exhibition dedicated to the theme "Be Clean-Be Healthy" and launched the logo for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of AIIMS on this occasion.

Mr Nadda said that the Government has extended all support for the major expansion programs of AIIMS with a new Mother and Child Block, an OPD Block and a National Cancer Institute. Proposals for expansion of the Trauma Centre and Development of Western Campus of AIIMS are also underway, he informed. These expansion plans would fulfil the long felt needs of the apex medical institution in the country, he stated.

The minister congratulated all the former directors who have made AIIMS what it is today. AIIMS has discharged its roles as clinical provider, research institute and teaching institution with considerable accolades over the past six decades. AIIMS, Delhi has always maintained the highest standards of meritocracy and learning and it has attracted the best talents across the country, he added.

Mr Nadda appreciated the theme of the exhibition "Be Clean, Be Healthy" and stated that the theme explained the salient features of "Kayakalp", a scheme which was recently launched by the health ministry for promoting and encouraging sanitation and cleanliness in hospitals. He informed that the institute has done considerable progress under the "Clean and Green AIIMS" campaign launched in July this year.

The health minister also gave away the AIIMS Excellence and Research Awards, 2014-15 for basic and clinical sciences and congratulated the awardees.

Prof M C Misra, director AIIMS, Prof S K Acharya, dean-Research, Prof Balram Airan dean-Academic, Prof O P Kharbanda, chief CMET, chiefs of centres, faculty members, and senior residents of the institute. Also present was Prof S Rajasabapathy of Ganga Medical Centre and Hospitals, Coimbatore who delivered the 21st AIIMS Silver Jubilee Oration speech.