

**National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) 56 Annual conference organized successfully at AIIMS Raipur.**

NAMSCON 2016 The annual conference of National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) was successfully organized at AIIMS Raipur from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. The information about the details of conference was given by Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar, Director, AIIMS Raipur and Dr. S.P. Dhaneria, Dean, AIIMS Raipur in a press release.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 a symposium was organised on Tobacco or Health: Make Better Choice Dr. Krishnadutt Chavali discussed in detail about tobacco plant and its harmful chemicals present in it. Dr. Krishnan Anand from AIIMS New Delhi discussed harmful effects of Tobacco consumption. Dr. Ravi Mehrotra from the National Cancer Institute Noida discussed about the illnesses caused by tobacco consumption. Honorary Secretary of National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) Dr. Deep Narayan Srivastava informed the house about how Xray, CT Scan, and MRI will help in the diagnosis of tobacco related illnesses. Dr. Prasanta Raghav Mohapatra, Professor from AIIMS Bhubaneswar discussed the harmful effects and misuse of e cigarettes. Professor Dr. Alok C Agrawal HoD, Orthopaedics highlighted that how tobacco use adversely affect the bone health by predisposing to fractures and delay in its healing. Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director AIIMS Jodhpur informed the house about the health dangers of smoking and to what extent its surgical treatment is effective.

Professor Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Director AIIMS informed about the increased risk of oral, head & neck cancer due to nonsmoke tobacco consumption and the surgical treatment available for it. Dr. S.P. Dhaneria, HoD Pharmacology and Dean AIIMS Raipur discussed about the various medications available for management of tobacco dependence. Dr. Lokesh Singh from Department of Psychiatry informed about the importance of counselling and behaviour therapy in the management of tobacco dependence.

During the inauguration ceremony Dr. Mukund Joshi, President National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) expressed his deep concern over the wide spread and excessive consumption of tobacco all over the world leading to increased morbidity and mortality. He emphasized about the need of public awareness to tackle this problem and reduce consumption in young population. Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar in inaugural function welcomed learned speakers and delegates who have come from all over the country in AIIMS Raipur and informed about the objective of symposium and various scientific deliberation to be covered in next three days.

On the second day started with orations on various development in the field of medical science. A symposium on Ayush was also organized to highlight the importance of traditional medicines in the management of diseases and find out the possibility of integrated approach. The participants in symposium on Ayush were : Dr Radhey Shyam Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan

Ayurved University, Jodhpur, Dr. Shirley Telles, Director, Patanjali Yogpeeth Haridwar, Dr. G.G. Gangadharan, Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Director AIIMS Jodhpur, Dr. Surekha Kishore, AIIMS Rishikesh.

In afternoon the convocation was held to confer 20 FAMS, 70 MAMS degrees to medical scientist from all over the country for their outstanding contribution in the field of medicine. In the convocation Air Marshal (Retd.) Dr. M.S. Boparai was honoured with lifetime achievement award by Chief Guest Padmbhushan Dr. N.S. Laud. Dr. N.S. Laud is an eminent Orthopaedic Surgeon from Mumbai. In his address Dr. Laud discussed about the importance of need based research in medical science and emphasized that in addition to Government, the private organization should also support this activity for public welfare. He visited the Raipur 3<sup>rd</sup> time and highly impressed with the infrastructure and development of Chhattisgarh.

On the last day of meeting various speakers presented the orations and an award winning papers. The important larned speakers who shared their views in conference were : Dr. Aleyamma Mathew, Dr. Debabrata Dash, Dr. Visweswar Bhattacharya, Dr. Sanjeev V. Thomas, Dr. O.P. Kalra, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Kashi Nath Prasad, Dr. Sheffali Gulati and Dr. Jugal Kishore. The important dignitaries who chaired the session were: Dr. Kamal Bakshi, Dr. Mukund S. Joshi, Dr. Saroj Chooramani, Dr. Deep Narayan Srivastava, Dr. Sanjay Wadhwa, Dr. K.K. Sharma, Dr. M.S. Boparai and Dr. Kuldeep Singh.

Professor Dr. Alok C. Agrawal Joint Organizing Secretary of conference informed that this 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of NAMS is first time organized in Chhattisgarh. At present there are about 5 MAMS in state but no FAMS. Such type of meet in Chhattisgarh will promote the excellence in health services and create the atmosphere for quality research.