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MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate the AIDS Society of India on organising the 12th National Conference. This platform gives an opportunity for the Medical Doctors, Researchers, experts in the field of HIV and stakeholders of other infectious diseases to meet and deliberate on the recent policy changes and advances in the field of HIV.

The National programme has kept pace with international guidelines and scaled in phased manner. With the launch of 'Test and Treat' and paradigm shift in the program, currently more than 13.4 lakh PLHIVs are availing free ART services through 548 ART centres under National AIDS Control Program (NACP). In the light of newer evidences, NACP has initiated various new initiatives towards patient management like Differentiated Care, Viral load monitoring and focused approach towards patients presenting with advance disease.

In addition to the above, NACO has strengthened Private Sector engagement to standardize services being offered across the country. I take this opportunity to appreciate and recognize the role of the private sector working in the field of HIV/AIDS. Together we can streamline our involvement for provision of better services and improve the healthcare for PLHIV.

Organizing such conferences and events provides an opportunity to all Public health experts clinicians from public & Private Health sector, community members and other stakeholders to share a common platform and deliberate on achievements, issues and way forward to achieve the Goal of ending AIDS by 2030.

NACO looks forward to a long association with ASI and congratulates the whole team of ASICON once again for organising such a platform enabling cross-learnings from different sectors.

Best wishes for the success of the conference.


(Sanjeeva Kumar)