

India's Healthcare Expenditure Needs Urgent Boost, Says Former RBI Governor C Rangarajan



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Advocates Efficient Utilization and Increased Spending

Hyderabad: Speaking at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) in Hyderabad, former Reserve Bank of India Governor **C Rangarajan** highlighted the critical need for India to increase its healthcare spending, which currently stands at less than 2% of GDP.

Rangarajan emphasized the goal of raising healthcare expenditure to **at least 2.8% of GDP**, as consistently discussed in policy circles. However, he stressed that ensuring **efficient utilization of funds** must precede any increase in spending.

“Governments should focus on establishing hospitals that offer free services and ensure these funds are utilised efficiently,” Rangarajan stated.

Education vs. Health: A Resource Allocation Concern

The former chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council also pointed out disparities in India's social expenditure system, where **education receives more resources than healthcare**, a strategy he questioned as less than ideal for holistic progress.

Alternative Healthcare Models

Drawing comparisons with international systems, Rangarajan noted the **limited relevance of insurance-linked medical services** in the Indian context. Instead, he proposed **cross-subsidisation models**, which can cater to the needs of both affluent and economically weaker sections of society.

“Medical services in many Indian hospitals are comparable to those in developed countries,” he added, advocating for India to expand access to high-quality healthcare.

Memorial Lecture Highlights

The event also featured **Dr. Gullapalli N Rao**, founder and chairman of the LV Prasad Eye Institute, who delivered the **13th NJ Yaraswy Memorial Lecture**, emphasizing the intersection of innovation and accessibility in healthcare.

Rangarajan's address underscored the need for a strategic overhaul in healthcare funding and resource management, crucial for India's socio-economic progress.

Healthcare expenditure needs to be increased: Ex-RBI Gov

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India's healthcare expenditure is currently less than 2 per cent of its GDP, and the governments must urgently increase it, former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan said on Friday.

Speaking at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Rangarajan stressed on the importance of "ensuring efficient fund utilisation before increasing healthcare spending."

"In India, there is a consistent discussion on raising healthcare expenditure to at least 2.8 per cent of the GDP. However, current data indicates that we are spending only about 1.8 or 1.9 per cent of the GDP," he said. "Governments should increase healthcare spending, focus on establishing



hospitals that offer free services, and ensure these funds are utilised efficiently." The former chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council stated that education and health are crucial for accelerating the country's progress. "However, in India's social expenditure system, more resources are allocated to education than to health, which may not be the ideal approach."

Commenting on international practices, Rangarajan noted that insurance-linked medical services, common in

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developed nations, have limited relevance in India. Instead, he advocated for "cross-subsidisation principles to establish more institutions that can serve both the poor and the affluent."

"Medical services in many Indian hospitals are comparable to those in developed countries," he added. The event also featured Dr Gullapalli N Rao, founder and chairman of the LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, who delivered the 13th N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture.

The future model of eye care is 3 Ts: Dr Gullapalli

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The future of model eye care is three Ts- talent, technology and tenderness said Dr Gullapalli N Rao, Founder-Chair, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI). He was speaking at the 13th N J Yasaswy Memorial Lecture on "Possibility of Health Care for Everyone: Our Experience" at ICFAI, Hyderabad. N J Yasaswy was the founder of the ICFAI Group of Institutions.

Dr Rao traced the journey of LVPEI which was established in 1987 and how it developed the Eye care Pyramid Model. LVPEI also started mobile diagnostic vehicles carrying the latest equipment, which travel to remote locations.



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బంజారాహిల్స్: దేశంలోని విద్యారంగానికి ఇక్కాయ్ యూనివర్సిటీ దిక్కుచిగా నిలుస్తోందని ఎల్వీ ప్రసాద్ కంటి ఆస్పత్రి ఫౌండేషన్ చైర్మన్ డాక్టర్ గుళ్లపల్లి ఎన్.రావు అన్నారు. ఇక్కాయ్ ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ హయ్యర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయ ప్రాంగణంలో ఎన్జే యశశ్వీ స్వారకో పన్యాస కార్యక్రమం జరిగింది. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి డాక్టర్ గుళ్లపల్లి ఎన్.రావు ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా విచ్చేసి ప్రసంగించారు. ఇక్కాయ్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయ కులపతి, రిజర్వ్ బ్యాంక్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా మాజీ గవర్నర్ రంగరాజన్ వర్చువల్గా కార్యక్రమానికి అధ్యక్షత వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా గుళ్లపల్లి ఎన్.రావు మాట్లాడుతూ సాధారణ కుటుంబం నుంచి వచ్చి ఉన్నత విద్యలో ఆరితేరి ఎన్నో విద్యాసంస్థలు స్థాపించి ఎన్జే యశశ్వీ ఎంతోమందికి ఉపాధి కల్పించారన్నారు. పేద ప్రజలకు అవసరమైన కనీస వైద్య

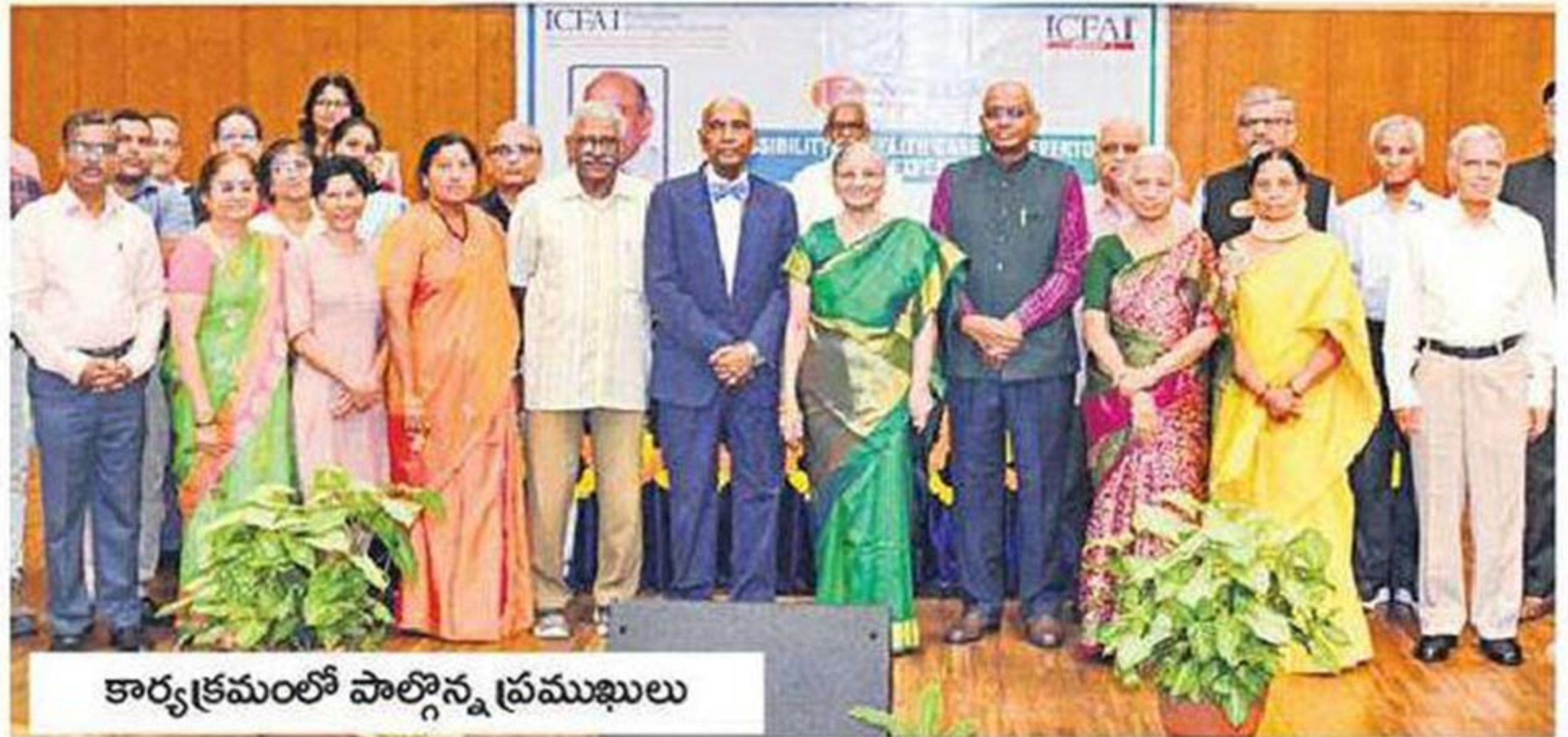
సేవలు అందించాలని కోరారు. అదే విధంగా ఎన్నో ఏళ్లుగా ఎల్వీప్రసాద్ పేదలకు విశేష సేవలు అందిస్తుందని, మారుమూల గ్రామాల్లో కూడా తమ సేవలు అందించి పేదలకు ఉచితంగా కంటి చికిత్సలు చేస్తున్నారని తెలిపారు. ప్రస్తుతం కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్లో వైద్య రంగానికి 2 శాతం కేటాయింపును 5 శాతానికి పెంచాల్సిన అవసరం ఉందని అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. డాక్టర్ సి.రంగరాజన్ మాట్లాడుతూ బడ్జెట్ కేటాయింపు చిన నిధులు సక్రమంగా అమలు జరిగి పేదవారికి సైతం అభివృద్ధి ఫలాలు అందించే దిశగా చర్యలు తీసుకోవడం చాలా ముఖ్యమన్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఇక్కాయ్ ఫౌండేషన్ సొసైటీ చైర్మన్ శోభారాణి యశశ్వీ, అధ్యక్షులు వీఆర్ శంకర, ఉపకులపతి ఎల్ఎస్ గణేష్, రిజిస్ట్రార్ విజయలక్ష్మి, అధ్యాపకులు, సిబ్బంది, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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ఇక్బాల్ సేవలు చిరస్థాయిగా నిలుస్తాయి

చేవెళ్ల రూరల్, నవంబర్ 15 : శంకర్ పల్లి మండల పరిధి దొంతాన్ పల్లిలోని ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ హైయర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయ ప్రాంగణం (ఐబీఎస్)లో ఎన్ జే యశశ్రీ 13వ స్మారకోపన్యాస కార్యక్రమం శుక్రవారం నిర్వహించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా ఎల్ వీ ప్రసాద్ కంటి దవాఖాన చైర్మన్ గుల్లపల్లి ఎన్.రావు హాజరయ్యారు. ఇక్బాల్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయ కులపతి, రిజర్వ్ బ్యాంక్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా మాజీ గవర్నర్ డాక్టర్ సి.రంగరాజన్ ఆన్ లైన్ లో కార్యక్రమానికి అధ్యక్షత వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఏర్పాటు చేసిన కార్యక్రమంలో ఎన్.రావు మాట్లాడుతూ.. దేశంలోని విద్యారంగానికి ఇక్బాల్ విద్యార్థులు చేసే సేవలు చిరస్థాయిగా నిలుస్తాయని అన్నారు. ప్రస్తుతం కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్ లో వైద్యరంగానికి సుమారు 2 శాతం కేటాయింపును 5 శాతానికి పెంచాల్సిన అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉన్నదన్నారు. డాక్టర్ సి.రంగరాజన్ మాట్లాడుతూ.. బడ్జెట్ లో కేటాయించిన నిధులు సక్రమంగా అమలు జరిగి పేదవారికి సైతం ఫలాలు అందించే దిశగా చర్యలు తీసుకోవడం చాలా ముఖ్యమన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ సొసైటీ చైర్ పర్సన్ శోభారాణి యశశ్రీ, ఇక్బాల్ సొసైటీ అధ్యక్షుడు వీఆర్.శంకర్, ఇక్బాల్ ఉపకులపతి ప్రొఫెసర్ ఎల్.ఎస్.గణేశ్, రిజిస్ట్రార్ విజయలక్ష్మి, అధ్యాపకులు, సిబ్బంది, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



కార్యక్రమంలో పాల్గొన్న ప్రముఖులు

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కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్ లో వైద్య రంగానికి నిధులు పెంచాలి

బి.శ. శంకర్ పల్లి : కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్ లో వైద్య రంగానికి ప్రస్తుతం ఉన్న 2 శాతం నిధులను 5 శాతానికి పెంచాల్సిన అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉందని ఎల్ వీ ప్రసాద్ కంటి ఆసుపత్రి ఫౌండేషన్ చైర్ డాక్టర్ గుల్లపల్లి ఎన్ రావు పేర్కొన్నారు. రంగారెడ్డి జిల్లా శంకర్ పల్లి మండలం దొంతాన్ పల్లి వద్దగల ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ హైయర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం ప్రాంగణంలో శుక్రవారం 13వ యశశ్రీ స్మారకోపన్యాసం కార్యక్రమం నిర్వహించారు. ఇక్బాల్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం కులపతి, రిజర్వ్ బ్యాంక్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా మాజీ గవర్నర్ డాక్టర్ సి రంగరాజన్ అధ్యక్షతన కార్యక్రమం నిర్వహించారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ముఖ్య అతిథిగా పాల్గొన్న ఎల్ వీ ప్రసాద్ కంటి



కార్యక్రమానికి హాజరైన ప్రముఖులు

ఆసుపత్రి చైర్ గుల్లపల్లి ఎన్ రావు మాట్లాడుతూ.. దేశంలోనే ఇక్బాల్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం విద్యార్థులు చేసే సేవలు చిరస్థాయిగా నిలుపుకున్నారని ప్రశంసించారు. సాధారణ కుటుంబం నుంచి వచ్చి ఉన్నత విద్యలో ఆరితేరి ఎన్నో

విద్యా సంస్థలు స్థాపించి ఎంతోమందికి ఉపాధి కల్పిస్తున్నారని కొనియాడారు. యశశ్రీ మహానీయులు పేదలకు అవసరమైన కనీస వైద్య సేవలు ఎలా అందించాలో ఆ రంగంలో తాము స్థాపించిన ఎల్ వీ ప్రసాద్ ఆందిస్తున్న

సేవలను గురించి వివరించారు. మారుమూల గ్రామాల్లోనూ తమ సేవలు అందించి పేదలకు ఉచిత కంటి వైద్య పరీక్షలు చేస్తున్నారని తెలిపారు. విశ్వవిద్యాలయం ఉపకులపతి డాక్టర్ రంగరాజన్ మాట్లాడుతూ.. బడ్జెట్ లో కేటాయించిన నిధులు సక్రమంగా అమలు జరిగి పేదవారికి సైతం ఫలాలు అందించే దిశగా చర్యలు తీసుకోవడం చాలా ముఖ్యమని పేర్కొన్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ సొసైటీ చైర్ పర్సన్ శోభారాణి యశశ్రీ, ఇక్బాల్ సొసైటీ అధ్యక్షుడు వీఆర్ శంకర్, ఉపకులపతి ప్రొఫెసర్ ఎల్.ఎస్.గణేశ్, రిజిస్ట్రార్ డాక్టర్ విజయలక్ష్మి, అధ్యాపకులు, సిబ్బంది, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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పేదలకు ఉచిత కంటి సేవలు

నవతెలంగాణ-శంకర్ పల్లి



మారుమూల గ్రామాల్లో పేద ప్రజలకు ఉచితంగా కంటి సేవలు చేస్తున్నట్టు ఎల్.వి కంటి ఆస్పత్రి ఫౌండేషన్ డాక్టర్ గుర్రపల్లి ఎస్ రావు అన్నారు. రంగారెడ్డి జిల్లా శంకర్ పల్లి మండలంలోని దొంతంపల్లి వద్ద గల ఉన్న ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ అయ్యర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ విశ్వవిద్యాలయం ప్రాంగణంలో శుక్రవారం 13వ ఎన్ ఎస్ జె యశస్వి స్మారక్ ఉపన్యాసం జరిగింది. విశ్వవిద్యాలయ కులపతి మాజీ రిజర్వ్ బ్యాంక్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా గవర్నర్

రంగరాజన్ ఆన్ లైన్ అధ్యక్షతన వహించాడు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ దేశంలోని విద్యాలయానికి ఇక్బాల్ విద్యార్థులు చేసిన సేవలు చిరస్థాయిగా నిలుపుకున్నారని అన్నారు. సాధారణ కుటుంబం నుంచి వచ్చి ఉన్నత విద్యలో ఆరితేరి ఎన్నో విద్యాసంస్థలు స్థాపించి ఎంతోమందికి ఉపాధి కల్పించారని అన్నారు. యశస్వి మహనీయులు పేద ప్రజలకు అవసరమైన కనీస వైద్య సేవలు ఎలా అందించారో ఆ రంగంలో తాము స్థాపించిన ఎల్వీ ప్రసాద్ కంటి ఆస్పత్రి సేవల గురించి వివరించారు. మారుమూల గ్రామాల్లో పేద ప్రజలకు ఉచితంగా కంటి చికిత్సలు చేస్తున్నారని తెలిపారు. ప్రస్తుతం కేంద్ర బడ్జెట్ లో వైద్యానికి రెండు శాతం కేటాయింపు ఐదు శాతం కేటాయించవలసిన అవసరం ఎంతైనా ఉందని అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. రంగరాజన్ మాట్లాడుతూ బడ్జెట్ కేటాయించిన నిధులు సక్రమంగా అమలు జరిగే పేదవారికి సైతం ఫలాలు అందించే దిశగా చర్యలు తీసుకోవడం చాలా ముఖ్యమని అన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఇక్బాల్ ఫౌండేషన్ సొసైటీ చైర్మన్ శోభారాణి యశస్వి, అధ్యక్షులు వీఆర్ శంకర, ఉపకులపతి ఎల్ ఎస్ గణేష్, రిజిస్ట్రార్ డాక్టర్ విజయలక్ష్మి, అధ్యాపకులు సిబ్బంది తదితరులు ఉన్నారు.

नेत्र देखभाल का भविष्य मॉडल प्रतिभा, प्रौद्योगिकी और कोमलता का संयोजन: डॉ. गुल्लापल्ली एन राव



नई दिल्ली। एलवी प्रसाद नेत्र संस्थान के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष डॉ. गुल्लापल्ली एन राव ने आईसीएफएआई में 13वां एनजे यशस्वी स्मारक व्याख्यान दिया। गुल्लापल्ली एन राव ने कहा कि मानव कल्याण के उद्देश्य से नवाचार एक बड़ी आवश्यकता है और यह दूरदर्शी नेताओं के माध्यम से संभव है जो महान शिक्षण संस्थानों का निर्माण करते हैं। वे आईसीएफएआई हैदराबाद में 'सभी के लिए स्वास्थ्य देखभाल की संभावना : हमारा अनुभव' पर 13वां एनजे यशस्वी स्मारक व्याख्यान दे रहे थे। एनजे यशस्वी आईसीएफएआई शैक्षिक संस्थानों के समूह के संस्थापक थे और देश में निजी क्षेत्र में उच्च शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने में उनकी अग्रणी भूमिका थी।

राव ने कहा कि देश आर्थिक रूप से प्रगति कर रहा है, लेकिन शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य सेवा के दो महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में असमानताएं जारी हैं। हालांकि भारत में कुछ बेहतरीन स्वास्थ्य सेवाएं हैं, लेकिन स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं की उच्च लागत हर साल लाखों लोगों को गरीबी में धकेलती है। राव ने एलवी प्रसाद आई इंस्टीट्यूट के माध्यम से दूरदराज के इलाकों में भी रोगियों के लिए नेत्र देखभाल सुलभ बनाकर स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्र में अंतर को दूर करने के अपने अनुभव को साझा किया।

13वां एन.जे. यशस्वी स्मारक व्याख्यान आयोजित



आईसीएफएआई विश्वविद्यालय के 13वें एन.जे. यशस्वी स्मारक व्याख्यान में उपस्थित एलवीपीईआई के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष डॉ. गुल्लापल्ली एन. राव, आईसीएफएआई विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डॉ. सी. रंगराजन एवं अन्य।

हैदराबाद, 16 नवंबर-(मिलाप ब्यूरो) आईसीएफएआई विश्वविद्यालय में 13वां एन.जे. यशस्वी स्मारक व्याख्यान आयोजित किया गया। अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में शिशु टीम के प्रति आभार व्यक्त करते हुए अपने दिल को छू लेने वाले अनुभव साझा किए। विशेष वेलकम बैंक समारोह का आयोजन किया गया, जहाँ परिवारों ने उनके बच्चे की अविश्वसनीय उपलब्धियों और लचीलेपन को याद किया। कार्यक्रम में आनंददायक स्पर्श जोड़ते हुए इंस्टेंट फोटो प्रेम कॉर्नर की सुविधा दी गई, जहाँ परिवारों ने अपने नन्हे-मुन्नों और मेडिकल टीम के साथ यादगार पलों को कैद किया। प्रीमैच्योरिटी डे 2024 ने न केवल छोटे बच्चों के पालन-पोषण में अस्पताल की सफलता को उजागर किया, बल्कि समय से पहले जन्म और उन्नत चिकित्सा सहायता के महत्व के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए इसके समर्पण को भी उजागर किया।

एल.वी. प्रसाद नेत्र संस्थान के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष डॉ. गुल्लापल्ली एन. राव ने भाग लिया। आज यहाँ जारी प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार, डॉ. गुल्लापल्ली एन. राव ने 'आईसीएफएआई, हैदराबाद में सभी के लिए स्वास्थ्य देखभाल की संभावना : हमारा अनुभव' विषय पर व्याख्यान दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि नेत्र देखभाल का भावी मॉडल तीन टी का संयोजन है - प्रतिभा, प्रौद्योगिकी और कोमलता। उन्होंने बताया कि मानव कल्याण के उद्देश्य से नवाचार एक बड़ी आवश्यकता है। यह दूरदर्शी नेताओं के माध्यम से संभव है, जो महान शिक्षण संस्थानों का निर्माण करते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि 1987 में उत्कृष्ट और न्यायसंगत नेत्र देखभाल प्रणाली बनाने के दृष्टिकोण के साथ स्थापित एल.वी.पी.ई.आई. ने लगातार किसी भी नेत्र समस्या वाले व्यक्ति का इलाज करने का प्रयास किया, चाहे वह भुगतान करने में सक्षम हो या नहीं। केंद्रों के डॉक्टर सेवाएँ देने के लिए माध्यमिक नेत्र देखभाल केंद्रों पर जाते हैं। जटिल नेत्र रोगों का उपचार करने वाले उत्कृष्टता केंद्र पिरामिड

के शीर्ष पर हैं। सेवाओं को सुलभ बनाने के लिए एलवीपीईआई ने नवीनतम उपकरणों से लैस मोबाइल डायग्नोस्टिक वाहन शुरू किए, जो दूरदराज के स्थानों तक जाते हैं। डॉ. राव ने कहा कि इस पिरामिड प्रणाली के माध्यम से 38 मिलियन रोगियों का इलाज किया गया और 2.3 मिलियन सर्जरी की गई। इसमें 50,000 से अधिक कॉर्निमिल प्रत्यारोपण किए गए, जो दुनिया में सबसे अधिक हैं। डॉ. राव ने कहा कि संस्थान देश में अधिक लोगों के लिए प्राथमिक नेत्र देखभाल को सुलभ बनाना चाहता है। विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डॉ. सी. रंगराजन ने समारोह की अध्यक्षता की। उन्होंने बताया कि शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य महत्वपूर्ण हैं, लेकिन शिक्षा पर सामाजिक व्यवस्था पर व्यय से अधिक है। उन्होंने सार्वभौमिक स्वास्थ्य देखभाल के महत्व पर जोर देते हुए कहा कि ऐसी व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए, जिसके माध्यम से गरीब लोगों के लिए स्वास्थ्य देखभाल सेवाएँ सस्ती हों। उन्होंने कहा कि देश को एलवीपीईआई जैसे और अधिक संस्थानों की

आवश्यकता है, जो स्वास्थ्य देखभाल को क्रॉस सब्सिडी देते हैं। स्वास्थ्य देखभाल के लिए अधिक आवंटन की माँग करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि व्यय बढ़ाने से पहले यह सुनिश्चित करना महत्वपूर्ण है कि इसे अच्छी तरह से खर्च किया जाए। आईसीएफएआई फाउंडेशन फॉर हायर एजुकेशन के कुलपति डॉ. एल.एस. गणेश ने स्वागत भाषण में महान संस्थानों के निर्माण और उन्हें उत्कृष्टता के मार्ग पर स्थापित करने में यशस्वी द्वारा दिए गए योगदान को याद किया। गौरतलब है कि एन.जे. यशस्वी आईसीएफएआई समूह के शैक्षिक संस्थानों के संस्थापक और देश में निजी क्षेत्र में उच्च शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने में अग्रणी थे। अवसर पर आईसीएफएआई सोसाइटी की अध्यक्ष शोभा रानी यशस्वी, आईसीएफएआई सोसाइटी के अध्यक्ष वी.आर. शंकर, आईसीएफएआई फाउंडेशन फॉर हायर एजुकेशन के विशिष्ट सलाहकार डॉ. जे. महेंद्र रेड्डी, रजिस्ट्रार प्रोफेसर विजयलक्ष्मी, अन्य गणमान्य, छात्र और संकाय सदस्य उपस्थित थे।

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Contrary to claims, India's healthcare spend less than 2% of its GDP

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India's healthcare expenditure is currently less than 2 per cent of its GDP, and the governments must urgently increase it, former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan said on Friday. Speaking at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Rangarajan stressed on the importance of "ensuring efficient fund utilisation before increasing healthcare spending."

"In India, there is a consistent discussion on raising healthcare expenditure to at least 2.8 per cent of the GDP. However, current data indicates that we are spending only about 1.8 or 1.9 per cent of the GDP," he said. "Governments should increase healthcare spending, focus on establishing hospitals that offer free services, and ensure these funds are utilised efficiently."

The former chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council stated that education and health are crucial for accelerating the country's progress. "However, in India's social expenditure system, more resources are allocated to education than to health, which may not be the ideal approach."

Commenting on international practices, Rangarajan noted that insurance-linked medical services, common in developed nations, have limited relevance in India. Instead, he advocated for "cross-subsidisation principles to establish more institutions that can serve both the poor and the affluent."

"Medical services in many Indian hospitals are comparable to those in developed countries," he added.

The event also featured Dr Gullapalli N Rao, founder and chairman of the LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, who delivered the 13th NJ Yasaswy Memorial Lecture. *PTI*



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India Needs to Spend More on Healthcare Says Ex-RBI Gov

Innovation aimed at welfare is great necessity: LVPEI founder-chair

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Even as India progress economically, disparities in the two critical sectors of education and healthcare continue, with lakhs being pushed into poverty every year by high healthcare cost. Innovation aimed at human welfare is a great necessity, and it is possible through visionary leaders who build great institutes of learning, said founder-chair of LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) Gullapalli N. Rao on Friday (November 15).

Delivering the 13th N.J. Yasaswy Memorial Lecture here at ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Dr. Rao said LVPEI made a difference to lakhs of poor people by making eye care accessible, even in remote locations through a pyramid model.

“The aim was to treat anyone with any eye problem, irrespective of their ability to pay. In the pyramid model, at the bottom are the vision guardians who monitor eye health in a community of 5,000 people, from where issues are referred to vision centres. These centres cater to primary eye health needs of a village cluster staffed by local personnel. The next level is secondary eye care centres, which also perform cataract surgeries. Tertiary care hospitals provide comprehensive services and doctors from here also visit the secondary eye care centres to offer services. And the ‘Centres of Excellence’ that treat complex eye diseases are at the top of the pyramid. Accessibility is also achieved through mobile diagnostic vehicles,” he explained.

Dr. Rao credited the the pyramid model in enabling treatment to 38 million patients and 2.3 million surgeries and over 50,000 corneal transplants, the highest in the world. The same model was also replicated in Liberia.

The goal was to make primary eye care accessible to more people in the country while also offering services to economically disadvantaged groups for free. Over 90% of all LVPEI expenses are met from charges paid by patients who could afford to pay, he added.

Former Reserve Bank of India governor and chancellor of ICFAI University C. Rangarajan pointed out that social expenditure on education is more than expenditure on health. He stressed the importance of universal health care and said that the mechanism through which health care services are affordable for the not-well-to-do needs to be in place. He observed that the country needed more institutions like LVPEI that cross-subsidise health care. While demanding higher allocation for health care, he said that it is important to ensure that it is well spent before increasing expenditure.

Vice-chancellor L.S. Ganesh, on the occasion, recalled the contributions made by N.J. Yasaswy, founder of ICFAI Group, in promoting higher education in the private sector in the country.

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Synopsis

Former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan emphasized the urgent need for India to increase its healthcare expenditure, currently below 2% of GDP. He advocated for efficient fund utilization, establishment of hospitals with free services, and a balanced approach to social spending, prioritizing both healthcare and education.



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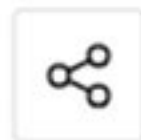
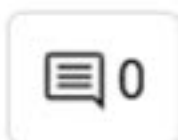
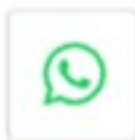
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Rao said that even as the country progressed economically, disparities continued in the two critical sectors of education and healthcare. Though India boasts of some of the best healthcare facilities, the high cost of healthcare pushes lakhs of people into poverty every year. Rao shared his experience of addressing the gap in the healthcare sector by making eye care accessible to patients even in remote locations through L V Prasad Eye Institute.

Established in 1987 with the vision 'To create excellent and equitable Eye care systems that reach all those in need,' LVPEI continuously strived to treat anyone with any eye problem irrespective of their ability to pay. Rao traced the journey of LVPEI and how it developed the Eye care Pyramid Model. Under this model, at the bottom are the Vision Guardians, who monitor eye health in a community of 5,000 people. Any issues are referred to Vision Centers, which cater to the primary eye health needs of a village cluster staffed by local personnel. Next on the pyramid are secondary eye care centers, which also perform cataract surgeries. The tertiary care hospitals provide comprehensive services. The doctors from these centers visit the secondary eye care centers to offer their services. The Centers of Excellence that treat complex eye diseases are at the top of the pyramid. To make the services accessible, LVPEI started mobile diagnostic vehicles carrying the latest equipment, which travel to remote locations.

Rao said that through this pyramid system, 38 million patients were treated, and 2.3 million surgeries were performed, with over 50,000 corneal transplants, the highest in the world. LVPEI replicated this model in Liberia at the request of its President. Rao explained how LVPEI catered to the economically disadvantaged and provided them with free eye care while charging those who could afford it, thus meeting 91 per cent of all the expenses. Rao said that the institute was looking to make primary eye care accessible to more people in the country.

C Rangarajan, Chancellor of the University, presided over the function. He pointed out that while education and health are crucial, social expenditure on education is more than expenditure on health. He stressed the importance of universal health care and said that the mechanism through which health care services are affordable for the not-well-to-do needs to be in place. He said the country needs more institutions like LVPEI that cross-subsidise health care. While demanding higher allocation for health care, he said that it is important to ensure that it is well spent before increasing expenditure.

In his welcome address, L S Ganesh, Vice Chancellor, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, recalled the contribution made by Sri Yasaswy in building great institutions and setting them on the path of excellence.

Sobha Rani Yasaswy, Chair Person, ICFAI Society, V R Shankara, President ICFAI Society, J Mahender Reddy, Distinguished Advisor, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, other dignitaries, students and faculty attended the lecture.

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Urgent Call for Increased Healthcare Expenditure in India

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India's healthcare spending, currently less than 2% of GDP, needs urgent augmentation, according to former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan. Addressing the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, he emphasized enhancing fund efficiency before increasing the budgetary allocation.

Rangarajan noted India's ongoing discourse about raising healthcare expenditure to at least 2.8% of GDP, compared to the present 1.8 to 1.9%. He urged governments to prioritize the creation of hospitals providing free services and ensure efficient use of funds.

The former Chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council highlighted the disparity in social spending, favoring education over health in India. He suggested cross-subsidization as a model to build institutions serving diverse socio-economic groups. Rangarajan remarked on the high quality of medical services available in India, comparing them to those in developed nations.

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India's healthcare expenditure less than 2 percent of GDP, needs to be increased: Ex-RBI Gov

HYDERABAD: India's healthcare expenditure is currently less than 2 per cent of its GDP, and the governments must urgently increase it, former Reserve Bank governor C Rangarajan said on Friday.

Speaking at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Rangarajan stressed on the importance of "ensuring efficient fund utilisation before increasing healthcare spending."

"In India, there is a consistent discussion on raising healthcare expenditure to at least 2.8 per cent of the GDP. However, current data indicates that we are spending only about 1.8 or 1.9 per cent of the GDP," he said.

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