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The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) is now well recognized for its capacity and has the facilities like Gamma knife, fMRI, PET – MRI, MEG, proteomics laboratory besides initiating a comprehensive centre for rehabilitation, centres for addiction medicine, well-being, public health, legal aid, brain bank being the trendsetters.

This fact received due recognition from the Union Health Minister Mr J P Nadda who while speaking at the 20th Convocation ceremony on February 13, 2016, stated that the institution has always been a leader in the country and its work is recognized globally as well. “NIMHANS does not just rest on its laurels but strives to continuously improve and innovate. Apart from being recognized as an Institute of national importance, its list of recent achievements makes all of us proud,” Mr Nadda said.

The Minister lauded NIMHANS for taking steps to host the genetic and cellular repository of patients with mental health problems which is the first of its kind in India. “This futuristic vision heralds the utilization of existing and emerging cutting edge technologies, and this will go a long way in understanding the biology of mental disorders,” he pointed out.

“The repository is being built under the prestigious and aspirational mission of the Prime Minister under the program ‘Accelerating the application of Stem cell technology in Human Disease,” Mr Nadda informed. This is a giant collaborative effort that involves eminent and premier Indian institutions including NIMHANS, NCBS, Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, among others.