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## HTA Will Lead India To Have A Robust Universal Health Coverage Programme

Faggan Singh Kulaste

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**USPA NEWS** - The Ministers of State for Health & Family Welfare, Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste addressing at the inauguration of the DHR-ICMR- iDSI International Workshop on “Health Technology Assessment-Awareness and Topic Selection”, in New Delhi on July 25, 2016.

HTA Essential To Achieving Sustainable Development

Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste and Smt Anupriya Patel, Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the international workshop on “Health Technology Assessment (HTA)”, on July 25. The three-day workshop is being jointly organized by the Department of Health Research (DHR), ICMR, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)-UK and Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HTAP)-Thailand.

Speaking on the inauguration, Minister of State (HFW) Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste stated that Health Technology Assessment is very essential and needed for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and goals set under the Five Years Plans of the Government. He also added that this will aid in fulfilling commitment of the Government and will help in bringing people of the country under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The Minister stressed the need for developing high quality delivery health systems for the development of the country. He said that HTA will guide us towards strengthening the Health Systems further. Mr. Kulaste said that the Ministry is looking forward to the learning from the experiences of UK and Thailand in delivery of affordable healthcare to all citizens.

Also present on this occasion were Dr. Phusit Prakongsai, Director, Bureau of International Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand; Dr. Anthony Culyer, iDSI; Dr. Jagdish Prasad, DGHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Sr. DG, ICMR and other senior officers of the Health Ministry, and representatives of the development partners.

Picture: The Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Mrs. Anupriya Patel, the DG (ICMR), Dr. Soumya Swaminathan and other dignitaries are also seen.

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