

My dear faculty, staff and students of NIMHANS

Today, as I finish my five year term as the Director & Vice Chancellor of this prestigious institute, I want to wish all of you good luck and thank each one of you for your support during this period. The last five years have been a marvelous journey of learning for me personally and it has been my privilege to head this institute, which is known the world over for its compassionate care to patients and its academic excellence.

We have accomplished a lot together. The Government of India declared NIMHANS as an Institute of National Importance (INI) by act of parliament in September 2012 and the process was set in motion by end of November 2013, which is a unique distinction for any organization. This was possible only because of the reputation that NIMHANS holds in the country and indeed in the world. We are known for our work ethics, our discipline and our respect for our profession.

In the last five years, we have been able to select the best brains in the country in the field of Behavioural Science, Neuroscience and Basic sciences as faculty members. Through our countrywide multi-centric online entrance exams we have been able to get the brightest of the students to study with us. I have complete faith that this younger generation will ensure that the legacy of NIMHANS and its principles continue in the coming decades.

No Director can achieve anything alone. Each of our nearly 2200 employees including support staff, security, technicians, nurses, residents,, administrative staff and faculty along with 800 students have walked along with me and often ahead of me to help retain our place in the country. I have worked under three wonderful and extremely capable Hon. Health Ministers as president and two ministers from government of Karnataka as Vice presidents and had the valuable guidance of several administrators at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare both at GOI and GOK at every stage. The Institute statutory bodies have advised and encouraged me as we took our first steps as an Institute of National Importance (INI). For this support from each one of you, I will be eternally grateful.

The legacy left by all the previous Directors served as a blueprint for my role in NIMHANS and I pay my respects to each and every one of them. The transparency and accountability that we have developed at NIMHANS should serve as an example.

During my stint I have tried to do my best for the institution and for all of you. However, there may have been times that I appeared tough or unreasonable. I assure you that it was only keeping the institution's reputation and our work ethos in mind.

Any success that we achieved during these five years was all yours and any failure is totally mine.

I am confident that future Directors will take NIMHANS to even greater heights and it will be my pleasure and joy to watch this institute soar higher and higher in its new role, much like a father watching his child grow .

I wish everyone more new beginnings, greater success and pray that each one of you have a happy, peaceful and productive life ahead.

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With best regards

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