

Inauguration of NAMS Telemedicine / Teleconference Facility

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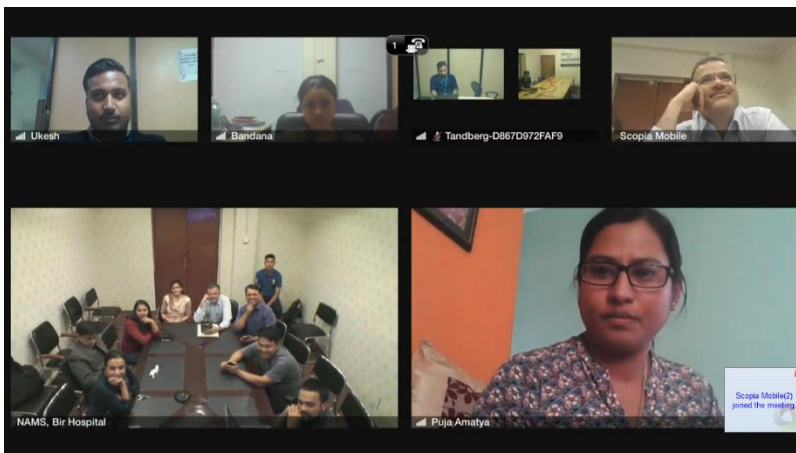
ANMF/Bir Hospital/NAMS Telemedicine and Teleconferencing Center was inaugurated on June 23rd, 2018. Dr. Prakash Thapalia, Dr. Gaury Adhikari, Mrs. Anita Adhikari, Mr. Marvin Brustin, Mrs. Allison Brustin, and Dr. Sangita Basnet represented ANMF US. Nepal ANMF Board member Dr. Bhupendra Basnet, who organized the excellent ceremony, and coordinators Shaswat Acharya and Bikrant were also present at the occasion.



Sastra Network Solution Inc. Pvt. Ltd. was the vendor that was identified. ANMF funded \$11,750 for the AVAYA Scopia XT 5000 (Camera, mic, remote, and codec and other accessories) with 1 year maintenance. The package also includes 1 plus 8 multiparty licenses. The furniture, LCD TV, room upgrade and all other cost was borne by NAMS/Bir Hospital.

As long as one of the licenses is being utilized at the base (the telemedicine facility in Bir Hospital), 8 sites all over the world or various parts of Nepal can be connected for conferencing and/or consultation. A software can be added to any laptop/tablet to be used for communication. Sastra provided a document with detailed instructions on the set up and use of the equipment and software.

Several trial sessions were set up and the last demo was successfully conducted within Nepal at 2 different sites on a day before the inauguration.



Final successful tele-meeting trial within Nepal between Dr. Puja Amatya at her home, Sastra office, and Bir telemedicine facility

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A final demo session was also accomplished successfully with ANMF US president, Dr. Santosh Sapkota at his home in Arizona, US, on the day of inauguration. In fact, Dr. Sapkota was present via teleconference throughout the inauguration ceremony held on June 23rd, 2018.



On the day of inauguration the following points were discussed:

1. Sastra Network Solution Inc. will provide support for the Video conferencing session to Bir Hospital.
2. Bir Hospital must pre-inform (24 hours early) Sastra Network Solution if any session is going to be held.
3. All handovers and functionality of the Video Conferencing device and Scopia XT desktop will be provided to the technical staff of Bir Hospital.
4. Bandwidth for the functionality of the system for video conference should be managed accordingly.

NAMS plans to utilize the technology in two ways initially. To consult and conference with experts in the United States and other developed nations, and to connect central educators and experts in Bir Hospital to its peripheral facilities outside of Kathmandu for conferences, lectures, and case discussions. The South Korean government has already requested doctors in Bir Hospital to help manage Nepali patients in South Korea who cannot speak the language there. Additionally, Bir Hospital is in the process of identifying experts within (and outside of) ANMF in the US to educate and consult residents, fellows and other doctors in a recurring, consistent basis.

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