

PRESS NOTE

ON THE OCCASION OF
INAUGURATION OF COMPUTERISATION
OF
GOA MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
BY
HONORABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH
SHRI DAYANAND NARVEKAR
ON 18TH DEC 2006
AT BAMBOLIM – GOA



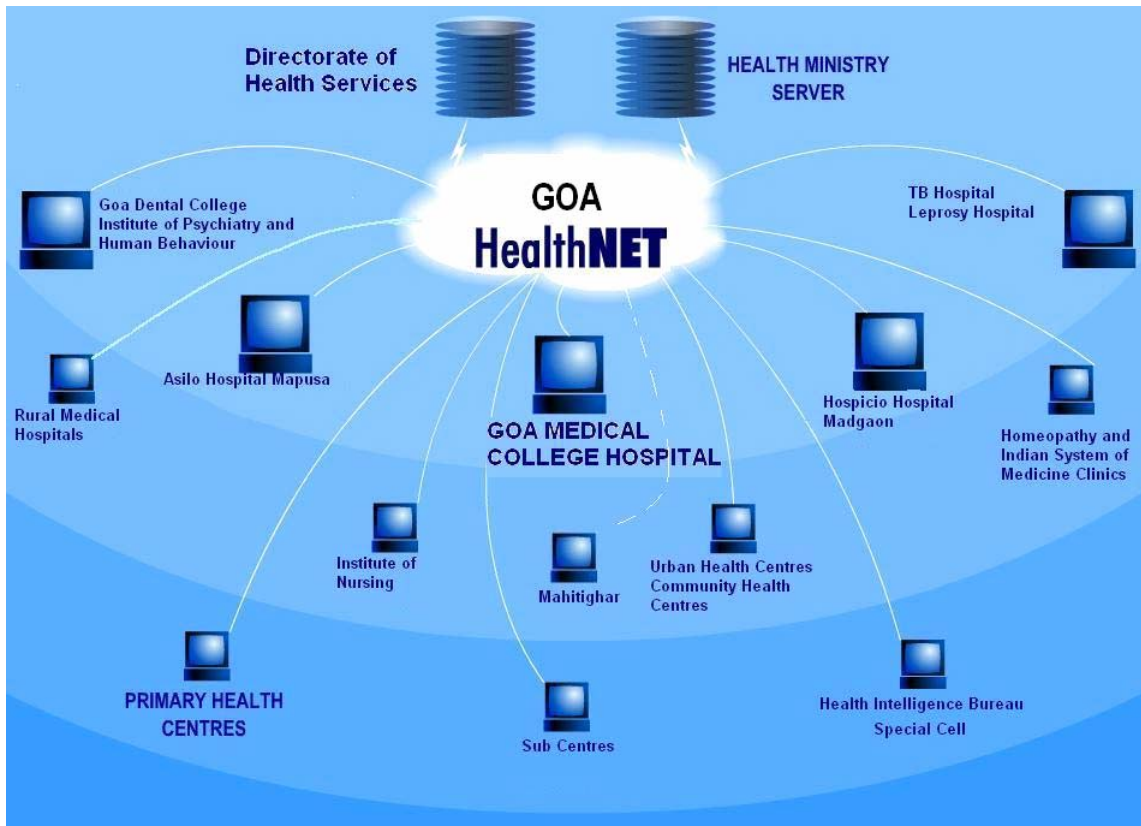
The Health Ministry of Goa, under the dynamic leadership of Honorable Minister Shri Dayanand Narvekar, had taken the major initiative earlier this year to kick-start the Implementation of a state wide HealthNET for the State of Goa starting with the Hospital Information Management System (HIMS) at Goa Medical College & Hospital.

The Goa Medical College Hospital is synonymous with the best doctors and best Medical treatment in Goa. It is planned that by implementing a state-of-the-art HIMS, GMC Hospital will also become one of the most modern and finest Govt Hospitals in India.

While similar HIMS projects in Govt Hospitals in India have not been completed even after 2-3 years , GMC Hospital working closely with Infotech Corporation of Goa (ITG) and Mumbai-based Novella Hospital Systems of 21st Century Health Group have completed the Implementation in a record time of less than 8 months.

21st Century HIMS at GMC Hospital marks the completion of the first phase of a comprehensive Goa HealthNET plan covering other Govt Medical Institutes in Goa, two District Hospitals, 36 Rural & Urban Hospitals and 19 Primary Health centres across Goa which will make Goa the first state in India to boast of such a state-of-the-art health information management network.

SCHEMATIC OVERVIEW OF GOA HEALTHNET



Effective 19th Dec 2006 , marking the 46th year of liberation of Goa, an estimated 3-3.5 lacs OPD patients and 30-35000 Indoor patients who come to GMC Hospital annually will experience the benefits of a streamlined computerised HIMS. The 21st Century HIMS at GMC Hospital is a comprehensive system covering all niche areas of Hospital systems such as Patient Administration and Accounting modules, Hospital Management modules, and clinical modules for Lab mngmt (LIS) , Blood Bank Mngmt (BBMS) Radiology Information systems and Picture Archival & Communication Systems (RIS/PACS) and Electronic Medical Record (EMR) modules.

In layman terms it facilitates computerized patient registration & revisits , admissions, discharges, computerized billings & reports from dispensary, pharmacy, pathology labs , X ray dept and other imaging centres like CT, MRI, 2D echo and endoscopy . It also has modules which helps RMOs and nurses to manage wards, ICUs and Operation Theatres . When all these modules are fully ONLINE , it will reduce the waiting time and significantly improve the quality of treatment and services to patients and information to their relatives.

The great success of the GMCH project has been very much due to the active encouragement and support by Shri D Narvekar, Health Minister to Dr Seth, Managing Director of ITG & to Dr Jindal , Dean and Dr Rajan Kunalaienkar ,

Med Supdt of GMC Hospital & Mr Satish Kini , Chief Mentor & Principal Consultant of the 21st Century Health Group.

The successful implementation in less than 8 months is mainly the result of the total involvement of the Dr Jindal & Dr Rajan Kunkalienkar of GMC Hospital who provided clear direction to the 21st Century Health Consultants and ensured clarity of policies, and prompt availability of infrastructure and motivated hospital doctors, paramedical staff , technicians and staff.

In the last 3-4 months, more than 200 supervisors & staff, doctors & technicians of the GMC Hospital in OPD and IP Depts, pharmacy , stores , accounts and administration , Path Labs and Radiology have been involved and trained to work comfortably with the very user friendly system so that they can provide prompt and accurate services to patients and management information to doctors and hospital management from the 21st Century HIMS.

Even the Medical Records Dept of GMC will be able to provide prompt information & statistics to the Dean and concerned dept heads about the patient diagnosis on the basis of ICD-10 coding built into the advanced & highly innovative 21st Century EMR (Electronic Medical Records) module. It is expected that this EMR system will be very critical when in the next phase over 2 years , Goa State implements the statewide Goa HealthNET with Telemedicine and Tele-radiology.