

Sankara Nethralaya conducts seminar on Supply Chain Management

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The Sankara Nethralaya Academy as part of its ongoing initiatives towards enhancing and streamlining operational efficiency of healthcare delivery joined hands with the Confederation of Indian Industry - Institute of Logistics a leader in the field to exchange ideas and explore the role of Supply Chain Management in the Health Care Sector. The two leaders in their respective areas organized a seminar on recently to enable healthcare professionals to gain a better understanding on the subject.

Welcoming the gathering, Akila Ganesan, Senior General Manager, Sankara Nethralaya & Registrar, the Sankara Nethralaya Academy observed that Health care sector was a "Sunrise" sector that provides evergreen pastures for growth, without stagnation.

K.V.Mahidhar, Head - CII Institute of Logistics, touched upon the key role of the institute played in training and imparting knowledge to professionals in logistics and supply chain management, the response for which was remarkable, all over India. The services included rating of warehouse excellence, based on HR operations, technology to re-

ways', to deploy multimodal logistics.

TQM guru and Advisor - CII Institute of Logistics, Dr.T.V.Subramanian, in his lecture, elaborated the guidelines, management of flows and management of interdependencies (linkages), and the base drivers that included facilities, transport and warehousing and information management and the importance of effective supply network management in health care sector.

He subtly pointed out that in Health care sector, the human value of the patient, happened to be very critical, at both ends, firstly as the one requiring utmost care when he enters as a sick man and as a happy, satisfied man upon his exit.

K.Nagappan, General Manager (Materials), Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd pointed that India was becoming the hub for medical tourists, and Chennai was chosen by 50% of them for treatment. The picture of Indian health care industry showed an upward growth and necessitated synchronization of supply chain management of both men and material.

After the question and an-

with a vote of thanks by A.Mahalingam, Assistant Registrar, the Sankara Nethralaya Academy.

Symposium on Nano Technology in Clinical care held

A high power symposium on the use of Nano Technology in clinical care was recently held at Sankara Nethralaya Main campus.

Welcoming the gathering, Advisor to Vision Research Foundation, Dr.Rama Rajagopal, gave an interesting genesis of the Vision Research Foundation and how its research activities had grown in scope and volume over the years.

She observed that Nano Technology applied clinically would play a critical role on precise targeting of cancer cells and would go a long way in cancer treatment visa-vis the ill effects of Chemo therapy adding that Nano Technology, when extended to patient care and infection control, had a key role to play.

Speaking on the occasion Dr.S.Krishnakumar, Deputy Director - Research, and Head of the Nano-Biotechnology department, Vision Research Foundation, elaborated on the current departmental research activities on targeting drug delivery to treat Retinoblastoma, Melanoma, usage of Gold Nano particles and SERS imaging and work on Aptamer conjugates for radio imaging, in association with IIT and Missouri University.

Inaugurating the Clinical Nano Medicine symposium over video conferencing from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore and delivering the Plenary lecture, distinguished scientist and Linus Pauling Professor, CNR Rao, commended Sankara Nethralaya's research work, particularly on Nano technology as a pioneering effort.