



## Press Release

### Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya Takes Charge As President of All India Ophthalmological Society

**Kolkata, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015:** All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) announced that AIOS will be spearheaded by **Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya, Chairman & Managing Director of Disha Eye Hospitals as President for the year 2015 - 16.** He was appointed as President at the 73<sup>rd</sup> All India Ophthalmological Conference 2015 held at New Delhi recently. He took over the charge from Dr. Quresh Maskati. Dr. Jeetendra Singh, Hon. MoS Dept. of PMO & DOPT was present as the Chief Guest during his installation ceremony while Dr. M.C. Mishra, Director - AIIMS and Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director - ICMR were the Guest of Honor.

Dr. Bhattacharya's vision is to ensure that young ophthalmic surgeon's renders quality services in rural heartland of India and also enable access to best practice management knowledge in practice, education and training in the field of ophthalmology.

AIOS, formed in 1930, is the largest life member association of Eye doctors in the world with nearly 18,000 members. The objects of the Society are cultivation and promotion of the study and practice of ophthalmic sciences, research and man-power development with a view to render quality service to the community.

Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya is a renowned personality in the field of ophthalmology in India and commands respect internationally due to breakthrough surgeries in his chosen subspecialty - cataract. In recognition of his service and expertise, Dr Bhattacharya has been conferred a number of awards and recognitions over the years both at home and abroad. Dr. Bhattacharya is a much sought after faculty at major conferences across India and has been invited to demonstrate live Cataract surgeries in most Asian countries for the teaching and development of surgeons. He has trained and shared his skills and knowledge with multiple surgeons across India, Asia and Europe.

Dr. Bhattacharya is the Founder of Disha Eye Hospitals way back in 1997 and in less than two decades he has powered Disha Eye Hospitals to become the largest eye care provider in Eastern India. Presently Disha Eye Hospitals renders quality eye care with 9 hospitals, 60 full time Doctors and 500 employees. Disha caters eye-care to over 7 lakh patients and performs over 70,000 surgeries every year in all sub-specialties of Ophthalmology.

Disha today is a text book example of Group Practice and this is due to the pioneering vision of Dr. Bhattacharya who started Group Practice even before it became fashionable in medical fraternity.

This honor of leadership comes to West Bengal after a gap of 15 years when Dr. Ranabir Mukherji was the President in 2000. AIOS being the largest and the most proactive ophthalmic association of the country will benefit from the vast experience of Dr. Bhattacharya in the coming days.

#### **About Disha Eye Hospitals: □**

Disha Eye Hospitals, a venture of three Doctors from NRS Medical College was formed on 1st May, 1997 in Barrackpore. Starting from small town practice, Disha today has evolved as the largest state of the art Eye Hospital of the East. Disha has branched out and opened Hospitals in Sheoraphuli, Durgapur, Sinthi, Teghoria, Behala, Barasat, Gariahat and Mourigram, Disha is trying to ensure that people need to travel less to avail the renowned Disha services which has always been affordable than other hospitals. Behind all this, lies Disha's direction to provide quality state of the art health care to everybody, while respecting their ability to pay.

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