

SAARC Telemedicine Center Launched in Nepal

A South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) telemedicine centre has been launched in Nepal and will link with institutes in Lucknow and Chandigarh.

The center is part of the pledge made by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during the 13th SAARC Summit in Dhaka in 2005. India has invested Rs 4.8 crore in the center at the Patan Hospital in Lalitpur.

Indian Ambassador in Nepal Rakesh Sood was present on the occasion when Nepal's caretaker Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal declared the center open.

Mr Sood expressed happiness over the establishment of the center, "The Government of India is happy to establish the SAARC telemedicine centre that extends the geographic reach of medical care and provide people in remote and rural areas access to medical specialists," he said.

Prime Minister Nepal said the center would provide access to quality healthcare for people living in remote mountainous areas in the country.