

## **Pan India Tele CME programme through Multi point Video Conferencing**

In a first of its kind initiative the e Educational Services Wing of Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation made available the 2 day Educational Course conducted by the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies to neurosurgeons in Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Madurai who gathered at the auditoriums of the Apollo Hospitals in these cities. The programme consisting of 35 lectures by 20 speakers from 10 different countries included "How I do it Sessions". The conference was organized by Apollo Hospitals Bhubaneswar with Brig Sahoo Neurosurgeon as the Organizing Secretary and Subodh Singh as coordinator. Delivering the inaugural address thro Video conferencing, Dr. Pratap C. Reddy Founder Chairman of the Apollo Group stressed the necessity to keep up to date. Half life of medical knowledge is 4 – 5 years he remarked. Complementing Prof K. Ganapathy Neurosurgeon and President of ATNF and his team for this innovative effort of providing an international CME programme at various cities and even directly to the doctors laptops ( the program was also webcast making it available to 38,000 neurosurgeons representing 126 national societies <http://ustream.Tv/channel/wfns>). Apollo Hospitals has during the last three years carried out more than 200 tele grand rounds within the Group. This is in addition to the 260 lectures given to 39 countries in Africa as part of the Pan African eNetwork. About 50 public lectures also have been given to various factory townships thro video conferencing.