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As Head of Medical Electronics & Telemedicine Division, he promoted development of Telemedicine/eHealth Soft Ware platforms and launched a number of e-Health & Tele-health schemes covering many states in India including West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and other Northeastern states, Punjab, H.P., etc. Some of the Telemedicine project implemented have established effective role of Information Technology and Communication infrastructure in providing quality medical care to patients in remote areas and also CME at remote locations. Among these, ONCONET, Kerala, the telemedicine network established for cancer patients in Kerala was being rolled out to cover almost whole country by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

He was also instrumental in visualizing development and deployment of advanced Hospital and Health Management Information Systems through major R&D Organizations like Centre of Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) which also became test beds of incorporating accepted proposed standards evolved through his earlier initiatives. Major role is being played in promoting and empowering grass root level village health workers by use of hand held mobile devices for information access.

He was part of National Task Force for Telemedicine of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Govt. of India and headed Group on Standards. He was a Member of National Knowledge Commission's Working Group on India-Health Information Network Development and its follow up actions. He is member of the National Committee on EMR Standardization set up by MoH&FW and headed its Interoperability Task Group and the Sub-Committee at Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for finalization of Recommendations for notifying these at MoH&FW Website. He is member of the current MoH&FW Legal Sub-Committee for EHR and also EHR Review Committee. He is Chairman FICCI's India Health Information Network (IHIN) Working Group on EHR and Standards. He is actively involved in policy, development programs of IT in Health initiatives of MoH&FW. He is Past President; Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) and till very recently was Executive Member of Indian Association for Medical Informatics (IAMI) and Adviser, Health Informatics to Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), MCIT, GoI.