

Speech of Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, at Dr B.L.KAPUR HOSPITAL
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Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to be here in the premises of Dr. B.L. Kapoor Memorial Hospital, which provides world class quality health care. I would like to thank chairperson, vice chairperson and CEO of the hospital for giving me the opportunity to visit this wonderful and historic institution. It is heartening to note that this re-developed hospital stands on very solid foundation laid by the architect of modern India our first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru carrying the legacy of an eminent Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Dr. B. L. Kapur. What started as a Mother and Child Hospital in late 1950's is today a thriving Multi-Super Speciality Hospital providing the most advanced health care of international standard.

I am very impressed with the infrastructure of the hospital – whether it is the Bone marrow transplant unit, inpatient wards, Operation Theatres, intensive care units, laboratories or the OPD's every area is well planned, well equipped and most importantly manned by very experienced doctors and helpful staff. What gives me greater pleasure as health minister is that Dr B L Kapur Memorial Hospital provides the advanced medical care at very affordable prices. In line with meeting the social obligations towards the community the hospital conducts a free General OPD every day for the underprivileged section of the society. I am also told that ten percent of the beds are earmarked for economically weaker sections of the society and the hospital does not charge for the services that are given to these patients. It is heartening that at Dr B L Kapur Memorial Hospital all aspects of healthcare including comfort and safety for all stakeholders is of topmost priority. The hospital follows robust infection control practices, a very efficient and effective biomedical and other waste disposal mechanism to ensure a safe and clean environment. I must congratulate the management of Dr B L Kapur Memorial Hospital for providing dedicated team of administrators, who work round the clock to ensure that highest level of transparency is maintained at all times. **I am also happy to note that this hospital has a team of very experienced and dedicated doctors, at-least I know one such doctor Dr. J M Hans, who brought revolution in Cochler Implants and Auditory Brain Stem implant.**

There are many equally capable and efficient doctors in other streams, in this hospital, all of us should be proud of them. Another note worthy thing is the number of foreign patients this hospital is treating, thereby, setting up India as a healthcare destination for the rest of the world.

I am sure, that in future the hospital will achieve greater heights and will be the preferred choice of the inbound healthcare tourists.

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It is only the continuous efforts of the management and people associated with this hospital that this is now a world class facility with 500 beds and providing comprehensive care across all specialities. The award of accreditation from NABH & NABL is an ample proof that the hospital has focussed relentlessly on quality and established the processes and systems to ensure highest standards of medical care. India, being home to a large population, has a great responsibility to provide adequate health care facilities to all those living in the country. The responsibility takes a greater shape due to the fact that we are a developing nation with limited financial resources. But this would not be an exaggeration to say that despite all these constraints India has done a remarkable job in the field of health & medicine.

We have facilities like Dr B.L.Kapur Hospital which are making great strides in providing effective health care to the people. At the same time, Government of India is entrusted with the important tasks of implementing various programmes at the national level in the areas of health and family welfare, prevention & control of major communicable and non-communicable diseases and promotion of traditional and indigenous systems of medicine. To achieve our objectives, Government of India is assisting the State Governments for prevention and control of spread of seasonal diseases and epidemics. However in our pursuit, we are confronted with problems relating to acute shortage and uneven distribution of human resources in public health delivery system. In order to bridge the gap between demand & supply of human resources in the field of medicine, we have initiated process of bringing about tangible changes in the existing scheme of things. While we are rationalizing the