

## AMRI-ASIAN Cancer Institute inaugurated at AMRI Hospitals Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar, 28th May, 2016:** AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, today, launched the AMRI-ASIAN Cancer Institute in collaboration with Asian Cancer Institute (ACI) of Mumbai in a bid to offer world class cancer treatment to the people of Odisha and East India. The announcement was done in the presence of **Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak**, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, I&PR, Govt. Of Odisha, noted oncologist **Dr Suresh H Advani**, internationally known Medical Oncologist and Chairman of Asian Institute of Oncology Pvt. Ltd- promoter of Asian Cancer Institute, Medical Oncology, ACI, **Mr. Rupak Barua, CEO**, AMRI Hospitals Ltd, **Smt. Arti Ahuja**, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, **Prof. P.C. Mohapatra**, DMET, **Dr. Ramakant Deshpande**, Senior Onco-Surgeon and Vice Chairman at Asian Cancer Institute and **Dr. Salil Kumar Mohanty**, Unit Head, VP, AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar.

Under this collaborative initiative, AMRI Hospitals & Asian Cancer Institute (ACI) is all set to provide a holistic oncology care to the cancer patients getting treated at AMRI, Bhubaneswar by conforming to the high standards of protocol and treatment that is offered at ACI, Mumbai.

**Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak**, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, I&PR, said, “The current Cancer Patient Population in India is around 45 lakhs, to which, around 11 lakhs of new cancer patients are added every year. While men in India get afflicted commonly with cancer of head and neck, lungs and prostate, women suffer from Breast, Cervix and Ovarian Cancers more frequently. From Odisha, many patients travel in search of better treatment to other states. The AMRI-ASIAN Cancer Institute in Bhubaneswar is poised to fulfil the needs of the people to provide a Cancer free life.”

**Dr Suresh H Advani**, MD, Medical Oncology, ACI, said, “We are bringing home the top of the line treatment facility to the people of Odisha and Eastern Indian.”

In its initiative of extending its expertise in comprehensive cancer care across the country, Asian Cancer Institute (ACI) is supported by the local cancer specialists whose expertise is reinforced by continuing professional supervision and help from the Mumbai Centre either in person or through the internet consults. The specialised quality services at all the centres are offered at an affordable cost. “The collaboration between AMRI Bhubaneswar and ACI is going to open a new horizon of cancer treatment not only for the people of Odisha but will cater to the entire eastern part of the country. Patients from these regions would no more be required to travel as far as to Mumbai/Hyderabad/Nagpur or Kolkata to avail cancer treatment of global standards from institutions like ACI. AMRI Hospitals has brought excellence in Cancer Care to the Odisha Homes.” Said, **Mr. Rupak Barua**, Group CEO, AMRI Hospitals Ltd. **Dr. Ramakant Deshpande**, Onco- surgeon (Thoracic & Breast Cancer), ACI added, “This is the continuing endeavor of the Asian Cancer Institute to regenerate hope by offering affordable excellence in cancer care to people of Orissa in specific and Eastern India in general.”

**Smt. Arti Ahuja**, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare said, “This Venture will augment the Governments effort to provide quality Cancer treatment to the people of Odisha.”

Speaking on the occasion **Dr. Salil Kumar Mohanty**, VP, Unit Head, AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar said “It is a historic event for AMRI Hospitals Bhubaneswar. Association of Asian Cancer Institute Mumbai, which provides world class treatment for cancer patients, will be available to the people of Odisha now. This initiative by AMRI Group of Hospital will add new dimension to the patient care. Moreover, through this collaboration, medical students of Odisha will also be benefitted through their exposure to the best interventions in cancer care Further, the collaboration will be much more cost effect in view of reduction in outstation travel & stay cost..”

AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, a Super Speciality tertiary care hospital is a part of the AMRI Hospitals Ltd, which is one of the largest and fastest growing chain of private hospitals in Eastern India.

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#### **About AMRI Hospitals Ltd**

AMRI Hospitals, a multi-specialty healthcare facility in Eastern India with specialization in Oncology, Neuro Sciences, Cardiac Sciences, Orthopedics, Emergency & Trauma care, Gynecology & Childcare is the largest player in private sector with its existing strength of around 1000 beds. With its state-of-the-art equipment and modern facilities, AMRI is ensuring that people from Eastern India are provided affordable high quality medical care in the region, so that patients need not travel to other parts of the country for medical treatment. Capacity expansion is also underway at AMRI for additional beds in its existing facilities in Kolkata. A 400 bedded state-of-the art super-specialty hospital has recently become operational in Bhubaneswar. AMRI Hospitals will soon be setting up a new 400 bedded facility in West Bengal with an investment of Rs.500 crs. The Group is committed to serve the people of Eastern India and has plans to add another 600-700 beds in the next 3-4 years.

#### **About Asian Cancer Institute**

Is the dream project of the best known names in Oncology in the country and internationally, who, after their long association with the Tata Memorial Hospital [where they established new standards of care] decided to offer continuing cancer care by establishing a center of excellence at Mumbai. The current center at Somaiya Ayurvihar is a vibrant comprehensive care catering to all aspects of cancer management from Cancer Education, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation apart from Research. The department of precision medicine is well known to offer state of art care comparable to the best in the world and now the group is started reaching out to other parts of the country in collaboration with established medical establishments with an aim to minimize/ eliminate the troubles of cancer patients in other states.

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