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Update from Bangalore Baptist Hospital



Two Gold Medals for BBH



BBH has won two gold medals from the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS). The Hon'ble President of India was the Chief Guest at the 22nd Convocation of NBEMS and the award ceremony for gold medalists on May 10, 2024, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Dr. Fanceera (DNB Pediatrics) and Dr. Darshan (DrNB Critical Care Medicine) have been honored with gold medals. BBH congratulates them on their outstanding achievements.

New Linear Accelerator

"Technological advancements in healthcare, especially in cancer care, will significantly improve public health," said Shri Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister of Karnataka, during the inauguration of the state-of-the-art TrueBeam Linear Accelerator (LINAC) at Bangalore Baptist Hospital. He appreciated the hospital for its commendable service as a not-for-profit institution in the city for over 50 years. Shri Byrathi Suresh, Minister of Urban Development and Town Planning, also praised the installation of this cutting-edge technology in cancer care at the hospital.

Certain cancers and tumors are positioned in ways that make it difficult to obtain clear images and treat them with precision, complicating radiation therapy and potentially causing side effects. However, the

TrueBeam LINAC provides a superior solution.

"This technology can minimize damage to healthy tissues, resulting in fewer complications and significantly reducing treatment time compared to conventional radiation therapy," explained Dr. Saro Jacob, Radiation Oncologist. "It can effectively treat cancers in various parts of the body, including the brain, breast, head and neck, liver, lung, pancreas, and spine. Tumors once considered inoperable can now be effectively reached using the TrueBeam," added Dr. Spurgeon, Director.



With these awards, Bangalore Baptist Hospital has now earned a total of 12 Gold Medals.

Golden Jubilee Block

The proposed Golden Jubilee Block is set to commence construction soon. The first phase will feature an approximately 100,000 square foot area within an eight-story building. Currently, the initial stages of statutory approvals and various planning processes are underway.

In Memory of Shobha Olgavia Pereira



Shobha Olgavia Pereira, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, tragically passed away on January 20, 2024, due to a fatal road accident on Hebbal-Bellary Road while returning from duty.

Shobha was a dedicated nurse, highly respected for her professional capabilities and skills. Her excellence in nursing was recognized with the prestigious Nurses Nightingale Award, which she received in Karnataka in 2016. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and worked with her.

A life well served: Dr. Frederick V Job



Dr. Frederick V Job, a popular doctor retired from the surgery department, known for his dedication and expertise, peacefully passed away on May 28, 2024.

Dr. Job dedicated his talents and passion to the service of Bangalore Baptist Hospital for 30 years, leaving behind a legacy of compassionate care and professionalism. We cherish the fond memories of his contributions to our hospital and community. His presence will be deeply missed, but his impact will forever remain in our hearts.

BBH Receives Second Cath Lab



Shri. Krishna Byre Gowda
Honourable Minister of Revenue,
Government of Karnataka
Inaugurated Cath Lab 2



Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) has installed a second cath lab to meet the increasing demand for interventional radiology services. The interventional radiologists at BBH will utilize the cath lab's advanced imaging and catheterization capabilities to perform a wide range of image-guided procedures.

Introducing Our Latest Addition: Digital X-Ray System



Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao IPS
Director General of Police (DGP)
Chairman & Managing Director,
KSPH & IDC Ltd.
Inaugurated New Digital Xray



We're excited to announce the arrival of our new Digital X-Ray System! This cutting-edge technology revolutionizes traditional X-ray processes by employing digital sensors instead of photographic film. With digital radiography, images are captured and converted into digital data instantaneously, eliminating the need for film processing. Within seconds, the digital images are ready for review, providing quicker diagnosis and enhanced efficiency in patient care. We're proud to introduce this state-of-the-art system as part of our commitment to delivering advanced and timely healthcare services to our patients.

Nagaraju Can Walk Again

The BBH Janapriya team met Nagaraju during a one-day clinic in Kortagere, Tumkur. He came seeking painkillers, having suffered a snake bite a few years ago. Without nearby healthcare facilities, the bite area became gangrenous, leading to an above-knee amputation. This severely impacted his livelihood as a daily laborer, and his broken crutches only added to his challenges. His wife now works whenever possible to support the family.

The team invited him to the hospital for potential mobility support. Collaborating with the Janapriya, PMR, Artificial Limb Unit, and Mercy Drops teams, they devised a solution: a brand new artificial limb.

Today, Nagaraju can walk again with his new artificial limb, and he is deeply grateful for the support.



Salary Revision 2024



Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) has implemented a salary revision for its staff, effective from April 1st. This revision occurs once every four years, and we're grateful to our patients and the supportive community for enabling this initiative. At BBH, we recognize the dedication and hard work of our staff, and this revision reflects our commitment to ensuring fair and competitive compensation.

Mercy Drops: Celebrating 5 Years of Compassionate Service



As Mercy Drops marks its five-year milestone, we express our gratitude for God's faithfulness throughout this journey. Founded by Bangalore

Baptist Hospital (BBH), Mercy Drops is a non-profit initiative dedicated to assisting individuals in need of mobility equipment and essential support to enrich their lives. At the heart of Mercy Drops is a commitment to fostering a culture of sharing, where donated mobility support items such as crutches and wheelchairs are accepted at our center and provided free of charge to those in need.

The core philosophy guiding Mercy Drops is to mobilize community resources through volunteer efforts, ensuring that those in need within the community benefit from the reuse of these items. We believe that many drops of mercy create an ocean of love.

The Mercy Drops Centre, constructed from three shipping containers, opened its doors on June 7, 2019.

Objectives:

- 1. Bring Peace and Hope:** Enhance the quality of life for the disadvantaged by improving mobility and care.
- 2. Promote Sharing:** Optimize the use of community resources to foster a culture of generosity and support.
- 3. Community Engagement:** Encourage volunteerism within the community to address the needs of disadvantaged individuals.

As we celebrate five years of compassionate service, Mercy Drops remains committed to its mission of spreading hope, sharing resources, and empowering lives within our community.

Janapriya Clinic: Bridging Gaps in Healthcare Service

Janapriya Clinic at Bangalore Baptist Hospital stands as a beacon of specialized healthcare services tailored to meet the needs of the underprivileged and low-income population.

Purposefully designed, the clinic ensures affordability without compromising on quality, offering a spectrum of medical services including consultations, treatments, and preventive care at reduced costs.

Situated within the BBH campus, Janapriya Clinic is ingeniously housed within a container transformed into a clinically adept space adjacent to the emergency services. This strategic placement embodies our commitment to accessibility for individuals from

low-income groups. Consultation fees are kept at a nominal Rs. 30, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder access to essential healthcare.

Moreover, our compassionate clinical chaplains accompany patients, guiding them to specialty clinics when necessary. Our social service desk further extends support by offering appropriate concessions based on individual affordability.

While Janapriya Clinic operates daily within the hospital premises, our outreach extends beyond, with routine periodical clinics and

camps conducted in rural and peripheral areas of the city. This holistic approach underscores our mission to bridge healthcare disparities and serve the broader community with dignity and compassion.



Joined Back After Sponsorship



Several of our sponsored students have returned after completing their studies. Ms. Sharon Pearl Dennis has joined back after completing her B.Sc in Cath Lab Technician course at CMC Vellore. Dr. Gloria and Dr. George have also returned after completing their MBBS.



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bangalore Baptist Hospital. It is my joy to bring you good tidings of what the Lord is doing amidst us. We want to share the happenings at Bangalore Baptist Hospital as you partner with and pray for us. This small update of the growth of BBH is the result of the fervent dedication of the staff and students. The Lord has been faithful in sustaining the mission of BBH all these years.

“The Lord has done great things for us
and we are filled with joy” - Psalm 126:3

Dr. Spurgeon R
Director (CEO)
Bangalore Baptist Hospital

Well done, Team Surgery !



BBH achieved a record number of surgeries in May 2024, reaching a **remarkable 874 procedures**. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

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