

In one year, Vedanta's Balco Medical Centre treats over 4,000 cancer patients

- *The centre tends to more than 230 radiation patients, performs over 250 surgeries, administers 1000+ chemotherapies*
- *Bollywood actress Manisha Koirala visits facility, interacts with cancer patients*

Raipur, March 26, 2019: Since receiving its first patient a year ago, Balco Medical Centre (BMC), a subsidiary of Vedanta Medical Research Foundation, has travelled a long way in serving the people of Chhattisgarh by making world-class treatment of cancer an affordable and attainable proposition. As the first super-specialty hospital with the capability to treat cancer, Balco Medical Centre's genuinely colossal impact is validated by the reception it received from the people and the milestones achieved – over 4,000 people afflicted with cancer were served, more than 230 patients underwent radiation, 250 plus surgeries were performed and well past 1000 chemotherapies were carried out.

Mrs. Jyoti Agarwal, Chairperson of Balco Medical Centre, reiterated the facility's commitment to make treatment of cancer affordable for the people with 'compassion, care and cure.' Recollecting the year gone by, she said, "We treasure every effort we make in our fight against cancer. We strive to bring smile back on the face of each and every individual who walks into our facility. But it is the joy of a young daughter that I witnessed when she heard of her father's recovery from stomach cancer that will remain permanently etched in my heart."

Renowned Indian actress Ms. Manisha Koirala, a cancer survivor herself, paid a visit to the medical facility on its 1st anniversary where she interacted with the patients and shared her experience with them. Ms. Koirala spoke about the critical role that advanced healthcare technologies and specialist doctors played in her fight with cancer, and instilled faith and confidence among the patients.

Balco Medical Centre, the 170-bed, state-of-the-art tertiary care oncology facility with 40 specialist doctors, set up in Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh, is the largest such facility in the entire central India. But more importantly, it provides affordable yet world-class treatment of the most critical disease known to mankind. Currently, it is fast emerging as a national leader in India's oncology space including medical, surgical, radiation and palliative care.

Further extending the efforts on the practice of 'preventive and curative' healthcare delivery, Vedanta went beyond the medical facility to take BMC's capability as closer to the people as possible with several on-ground initiatives like free cancer screening camps and spreading awareness and education through digital and social media.



About Vedanta Medical Research Foundation:

Vedanta Medical Research Foundation (VMRF) is a non-profit organisation initiated by Vedanta Resources and Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd. (BALCO) to contribute to the prevention of cancer and its related illnesses through a Centre of Excellence in medical, surgical and radiation oncology. More than 2.5 million Indians currently live with cancer and the country sees over 5,50,000 cancer-related deaths each year. With these statistics in mind, VMRF aims to bring ultra-modern, multi-modality diagnostic and therapeutic facilities within easy reach of India's population at a reasonable and affordable cost.

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