



Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda Virtually Inaugurates the Liver Transplant Unit & Robotic Surgery System at AIIMS Bhubaneswar

With the commissioning of the state of the art surgical robotic system, AIIMS Bhubaneswar becomes the first government institution in Odisha with a comprehensive robotic surgery program

The new liver transplant facility is a step forward for a noble cause, fully in sync with the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister on organ donation: Shri Nadda

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In a landmark development transforming the healthcare landscape of Odisha and Eastern India, AIIMS Bhubaneswar has successfully established a comprehensive Liver Transplant Programme and commissioned a state-of-the-art Surgical Robotic System. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, virtually inaugurated the Liver Transplant Unit and formally launched the Advanced Robotic Surgery System at the Institute, today. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, Member of Parliament, Odisha and Union Health Secretary Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava were also present at the occasion.



Inaugurating the facilities, Shri Nadda stated that “it is a momentous and historic occasion, marking a proud milestone in the journey of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, which has rapidly developed into a centre of excellence in tertiary healthcare, pioneering medical research and delivering high-quality academic programmes.” He further stated that “these additions would significantly strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and elevate the quality of healthcare delivery, enabling access to advanced, world-class, life-saving treatments for patients across Odisha and neighbouring states.” Congratulating the entire team of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, the Minister noted that while the Institute has already been successfully performing kidney and bone marrow transplants, the commencement of the Liver Transplant Programme marks an important new chapter and a major milestone in strengthening advanced tertiary healthcare services in the region.



Highlighting the national priority attached to organ donation, Shri Nadda recalled the Prime Minister's call to sensitize citizens and transform organ donation into a mass movement. He stated that the launch of the liver transplant facility immediately after this national appeal reflects the Institute's commitment to aligning its efforts with the vision and direction of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and represents a significant step forward in advancing the noble cause of organ donation.

Underlining the significance of the initiative, Shri Nadda stated that "the liver transplant facility will bring advanced treatment for end-stage liver disease within the reach of patients in Odisha and Eastern India, including those from West Bengal, Assam, and other neighbouring states, while enabling economically weaker and disadvantaged patients to undergo transplantation and comprehensive follow-up care without financial hardship, thereby sparing them the burden of long-distance travel and representing a major milestone in strengthening public healthcare delivery."



The Minister further noted that the Institute has established a state-of-the-art Liver Transplant Operation Theatre and a highly advanced Intensive Care Unit equipped with modern medical technology, along with a dedicated Liver Transplant Specialty Clinic for structured post-transplant follow-up and continuity of care. He stated that the comprehensive ecosystem developed for liver transplantation ensures seamless treatment, recovery, and long-term monitoring. As a promising beginning, two successful liver transplants have already been performed, with both patients recovering well and leading normal lives, reflecting the growing clinical capabilities of the Institute.

Highlighting the collective effort behind this achievement, Shri Nadda stated that it is the result of the tireless dedication and perseverance of the surgical gastroenterologists, clinicians, nurses, technicians, and support staff, whose coordinated teamwork made the successful conduct of these complex procedures possible. He congratulated the entire medical and non-medical workforce for their unwavering commitment and professionalism.

Referring to the commissioning of the Surgical Robotic System, the Minister said that AIIMS Bhubaneswar has become the first Government Medical Institution in Odisha to operationalize a comprehensive robotic surgery programme, marking a significant leap in public sector healthcare innovation. He stated that the robotic platform will enable delivery of affordable, technology-driven, and minimally invasive surgical care, setting a new benchmark for public healthcare systems. Shri Nadda further added that the robotic surgery programme will initially cover Urology, Gynaecology, Paediatric

Surgery, and other specialties, and will improve surgical precision, reduce blood loss, shorten hospital stays, promote faster recovery, and minimize the need for patients to travel outside the state for advanced procedures. He noted that the installation of the robotic system reflects a broader vision to integrate advanced medical technologies into public healthcare and democratize access to high-end surgical care.

Concluding his address, Shri Nadda expressed confidence in the Institute's future trajectory and called upon all faculty and staff to continue their dedicated service, uphold the highest standards of patient-centric, compassionate, and quality healthcare, and sustain the momentum of excellence built over the past decade. He once again congratulated the entire team for this historic achievement and wished them continued success.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Aparajita Sarangi emphasized that AIIMS Bhubaneswar has emerged as a role model for other AIIMS institutions, consistently achieving new milestones in healthcare delivery, medical education, and research. He stated that the inauguration of advanced transplant and robotic surgery facilities reflects a decisive shift towards innovation-driven, technology-enabled, and patient-centric public healthcare, aligned with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of world-class healthcare for all.

Addressing the gathering, Union Health Secretary highlighted that the life-saving transplant services are being provided under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, ensuring that economically disadvantaged patients receive comprehensive transplant care without financial hardship. She stated that under the leadership of the Hon'ble Union Health Minister, this year is being observed as "*Angdaan Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyaan*", and emphasized that the new transplant unit would serve as a true "*Jeevan Sanjeevani*" for countless patients. Recalling the Hon'ble Prime Minister's repeated emphasis on organ donation, including his encouragement of donors through *Mann Ki Baat*, she expressed confidence that this inspiration would motivate citizens to come forward for organ donation and strengthen India's organ transplant ecosystem.



Dr. Anita Saxena, President, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, Smt. Ankita Mishra Bundela, Joint Secretary, MoHFW and senior officers of the Ministry were also present on the occasion. Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar and the team of AIIMS Bhubaneswar joined the event online from the institute.

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