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EXPANSION DRIVE BY KOLKATA HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

## Cancer institute ties up with US Clinic

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**Kolkata:** Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute (SGCCRI), also known as the Thakurpukur cancer hospital, is collaborating with Mayo Clinic, USA.

As part of the collaboration, Dr Kabir Mody from the US hospital has come down to the city to train doctors and interact with post-graduate students on medical oncology.

Other collaborative initiatives on research and patients care services are also likely to take up.

"In addition to the technical aspects of treatment, it's important to learn how to speak and behave with patients and their relatives," said the professor of medical oncology, Mayo Clinic, who held

sessions on soft skills for the city doctors.

The Thakurpukur cancer hospital, the oldest private cancer hospital in the city, was started by Dr Saroj Gupta in 1976 with only 25 beds for palliative and basic patient care. Today, the hospital has 311 beds, with state-of-the-art gadgets for treatment and a paediatric unit.

"In addition to the existing four machines, we are going to procure two more LINAC machines for radiotherapy. We will also improve our research and academic activities. A genetic lab is on the cards," said Dr Arnab Gupta, director SGCCRI.

Mody, who also spoke on the challenges faced by doctors to treat cancer patients, stressed the factors that can help in smarter treatment.



## Transplant units, 250 new beds for city hosp

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**Kolkata:** A leading private hospital off EM Bypass is set to ramp up its infrastructure as part of an expansion project. Increasing the number of beds, improving patient care services, introducing more academic courses, getting into research activities and helping out meritorious but needy students

beds in addition to other facilities. However, the construction work will start once the hospital gets nod from the authorities concerned.

"This is a Rs 75 crore project and we are targeting to complete the construction by October 2020," said Kamal K Dutta, chairman and managing director of the hospital.

As part of the silver jubilee celebrations, the hospital authorities have rolled out 'Dipti', a scholarship scheme, that will aid the secondary education of around 20 students every year.

Applications will be invited from the needy students after the publication of Class X board examination results. A panel will select the deserving students who will be awarded with Rs 75,000 each to assist their schooling for two years. "Starting with the scholarship scheme, we want to take more initiatives for social welfare in the future," said Dr Dutta.

### ₹75CR PROJECT

are part of the project to be taken up by Ruby General Hospital, which turned 25 on Thursday. Besides, the hospital is also planning to come up with an organ transplant unit and a bone marrow transplant facility.

Currently, the hospital has 278 beds, while 250 more beds will be added by the next year. The hospital authorities are planning to add 14 floors to the existing three-storey annexe building, which will have 25