

HOSPICE, STAY FACILITIES PLANNED

Ruby hospital to add 9 floors for cancer care

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Calcutta: Ruby General Hospital plans to expand vertically by adding nine floors to its new eight-storey building.

The expansion will include a hospice and accommodation for cancer patients and their relatives who come from outside Calcutta and need to stay for extended periods during treatment.

The nine additional floors will take the building's total height to 17 storeys.

"We will add nine floors to the existing eight floors of the new building. It will become a 17-floor building," Kamal Kumar Dutta, chairman and managing director of Ruby General Hospital, said on Wednesday.

"The project will cost around ₹40 crore and we are planning to complete it in two years," he said.

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A model of Ruby hospital's expansion project

cer patients and their relatives who come from outside Calcutta and need to stay for a long time for treatment," Dutta said.

Hospice care focuses on providing palliative care to terminally ill patients, including relief from pain and other symptoms.

Dutta said Ruby General Hospital had spent ₹50 crore over the past 16 months to upgrade its facilities.

The upgrades include six

new operation theatres, new critical care units, a digital PET-CT scanner and a radioablation treatment facility in the nuclear medicine department.

"The six new modular operation theatres include two optimised for complex organ transplant procedures and two designed to have advanced robotic arms and consoles," Dutta said.

The six new OTs are in addition to the hospital's existing five. The hospital has also recently installed advanced robotic systems for surgeries.

"The hospital has a comprehensive cancer care facility, including a radioablation treatment facility and a digital PET-CT scan. Radioablation is essential for treating patients suffering from thyroid cancer. This type of cancer is curable, but patients need radioablation after surgery," said Gautam Mukhopadhyay, surgical oncologist and director, Ruby Cancer Centre.