

TANCARE Coimbatore
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TANCARE is the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) Tamil Nadu State Council's Flagship Event. TANCARE was birthed in Chennai with support from the Government of Tamil and has completed 8 successful editions so far. TANCARE (Tamil Nadu Healthcare) focuses to bring the health fraternity and the health sector on a common platform for the growth of this sector. TANCARE is attended by eminent doctors and participants from the medical sector to discuss on various issues in the healthcare sector from Medical Tourism to Disease management to health policies of the state. TANCARE acts as a one stop knowledge sharing platform for the health and related sectors in Tami Nadu.

FICCI TNSC for the first time hosted the 9th Edition of TANCARE at Coimbatore which is the second largest city in the State having the potential to see its annual turnover zoom to Rs. 5,000 crore from the current level of around Rs. 750 crore in two or three years through support from the Government with the industry in promoting the city where the quality of health care matches international standards even while the cost is a fraction of what one pays in the US and much less than what it would cost in hospitals in major metros within India.

Dr. GSK Velu, Convener, Healthcare Panel, FICCI TNSC and Founder & MD, Triviron Group gave the welcome address. He mentioned that TANCARE as a brand of Tamil Nadu Health Care has completed 8 successful years in Chennai and this was the first TANCARE conducted outside of Chennai with eminent doctors and institutions in the healthcare sector. He mentioned that TANCARE has grown to be a common platform for discussions on the Healthcare Sector. He mentioned that TANCARE would now focus more on Tier II and Tier III cities. He added that the sector has to be given more importance in healthcare device manufacturing in India which can drive accessibility factor providing low cost treatment facilities and equipment.

Dr. Nalla G Palaniswami, Chairman, KMCH gave the theme address he mentioned how Coimbatore has a unique importance when it came to healthcare. He said that there are 6 good hospitals providing excellent healthcare in Coimbatore and the focus now has shifted to improving the healthcare facilities in the city. He also said that Coimbatore was strong technically in healthcare and there needs to be air connectivity to facilitate and improve medical tourism in Coimbatore apart from other infrastructural requirements. He also stressed upon health insurance necessity.

Dr. G. Bakthavathsalam, Chairman, KG Hospital in his felicitation address mentioned that about 15000 persons dies every year in Highway accidents and quoted that the life style has to change so that we can become a healthy nation. He said that Coimbatore has leading hospitals with the community service oriented mind-set which has helped the sector prosper there. He also mentioned about the P M Swatch Bharat movement and said that there is a strong link in hygiene and wellness, he mentioned that has to be addressed seriously to promote healthcare.

Dr L P Thangavelu, Chairman – Ashwin Hospital, & Member, MCA , Former President IMA said that the medical industry expected to grow by \$ 280 billion USD by 2020 and that the government of India is spending only 4% of the GDP on healthcare which has to be

addressed. He also said that very few doctors work in the rural health areas which has to be improved to promote healthcare in the country. He also added that the domestic medical equipment industry should be encouraged. He also said that some healthcare providers in Coimbatore are more competitive than those in Chennai making Coimbatore a leading healthcare city.

Dr. Edwin Joe, Dean, Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital said that insurance coverage and reimbursements are low so there is only a few come to government hospital for treatment. He said that only 70% of the public come for treatment to government hospitals and the rest go to private hospitals for treatment. He said that there needs to be strengthening on the three tier in healthcare starting from PHCs and then secondary and then the tertiary healthcare.

Mr. Ruban Hoday, Head, FICCI TNSC gave the vote of thanks and thanked the sponsors. He also mentioned that the proceeding and suggestions would be taken up with the government for necessary action to strengthen the healthcare industry.

The other eminent speakers who were part of the other session were

Dr S Raja Sabapathi, Chairman of the Dept of Plastic Surgery, Hand and Reconstructive Surgery and Burns at Ganga Hospital

Dr R Balamurugan, Chief Diabetologist, Kovai Diabetes Specialty Centre & Hospital

Dr R V Ramani, Founder & Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Care Institution

Mr R Vijayakumhar, Managing Trustee, Ramakrishna Hospital & SNR Sons Charitable Trust

Dr Edwin Joe, Dean, Coimbatore Medical College & Hospital

Dr C Palanivelu, Chairman, GEM Hospital and Research Centre

Dr Ragupathy Veluswamy, CEO, GKNM Hospital

Mr M Mani, Founder & Director, Microbiological Laboratory

Dr. Mirudhubashini Govindarajan, Director, Women Center, Cbe

Dr S Dhanabagyam, Infertility Specialist, Senior Obstetrician & Gynecologist & Founder, Sudha Hospitals

Dr Suma Natarajan, Head of the Department, Dept of Obgyn, Ganga Women and Child Centre

Times of India was the event partner for TANCARE – COIMBATORE based on the relationship and the support being rendered for TANCARE Chennai for many years. “The Beacons of Care” Coffee Table Book felicitating eminent professions in the healthcare sector from Coimbatore were prominently featured in the book. The event was attended by more than 120 participants which was covered well in the press/media.