

TANCARE 2017

23rd June 2017, Chennai

FICCI TNSC organized its annual Flagship event TANCARE on 23rd June 2017 at Hotel Hilton, Chennai. The event was successful with about 100 participants comprising of eminent doctors, medical equipment manufacturers, educational institutions and industry members.

The conference had focused panel discussions which were centered on the following topics

- Recent Advancements in Reproductive Medicine
- Tamil Nadu as the Hub for Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Medical Technology
 - Changes in Medical Education System and Relevance in Today's Healthcare Models
 - Making Tamil Nadu a leading Global Medical Tourism Destination



Post the panel discussion the TANCARE Award Ceremony was held for which the TANCARE Awards were given to following organizations/ individuals

- Best Primary Health Center Award - **Sayalkudi PHC**, Kadaladi Block, Paramakudi, Ramnad District
- Best Government Hospital Award - **Government Headquarters Hospital**, Padmanabapuram, Kanyakumari District
- Best Private Hospital Award - **Kauvery Hospital**, Tamil Nadu
- Best Non Profit Hospital Award - **Sri Narayani Hospital & Research Centre**, Vellore
- Special Award For "Maximum Heart Transplants in India" - **Dr. K R Balakrishnan**, Director - Cardiac Sciences, Chief Cardiothoracic & Transplant Surgeon, Fortis Malar Hospital
- Lifetime Achievement Award - **Dr. G. Bakthavathsalam**, Chairman, K G Hospital, Coimbatore

During the Awards Ceremony

Dr. GSK Velu, Convener, Healthcare Panel, FICCI TNSC & Managing Director, Trivitron Healthcare gave the keynote address and said that with improved connectivity, availability of advanced indigenous medical technology and personalized services by experience doctors, Tamil Nadu has earned the distinct recognition of being a destination for affordable and equality healthcare. He mentioned that FICCI will foster innovative thinking in our healthcare entrepreneurs to set new benchmarks of excellence in the state's patient care, technology and research development.

Mr. Ar Rm Arun, Chairman, FICCI TNSC and Chairman Valingro Group of Companies said that India's competitive advantage lies in its large pool of well-trained medical professionals. India is also cost competitive compared to its peers in Asia and Western countries. The cost of surgery in India is about one-tenth of that in the US or Western Europe making India a favourable medical destination hub internationally. He also mentioned Healthcare Information Technology (IT) market which is valued at US\$ 1 billion currently is expected to grow 1.5 times by 2020.

Dr T N Ravisankar, President, Indian Medical Association, Tamil Nadu State Branch thanked the Health Secretary for his extensive support and practical orders that were helpful especially during the evacuation of patients in times of distress. Thus over 4000 hospitals registered in the state could only value the enormous help and support emanating from the government. He also added in the launch of GST the Government should come forward by lowering the incidence of tax on the various slabs relating to the healthcare industry.

Dr. J Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu said that the public-private partnership in healthcare can achieve very high levels of success. As regards new hubs for medical care, most government medical college campuses had excess lands, which can be converted to create new medical hubs. With growing involvement between the public health and private healthcare institutions, Tamil Nadu can build a very strong system to maintain their leadership status in healthcare.

Mr P Murari IAS (Retd.), Advisor to FICCI President & Former Secretary to the President of India hoped that both pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices will be available at affordable prices across the length and breadth of the country. He also commended the organ harvesting from cadavers in Tamil Nadu which should be replicated nationally.

Mr. Ruban Hobday, Head, FICCI TNSC gave the vote of thanks and said TANCARE pools together the right minds and ideas by acting as a one stop knowledge sharing platform for the health and related sectors in the state
