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# Editors' Voice

## *Transcending Generations and Transforming Healthcare in Guntur*

The city of Guntur stands at the threshold of a historic milestone as it prepares to host the Guntur Medical College Global Alumni Homecoming 3 on January 28-30, 2026. This gathering is not just a reunion of brilliant minds molded within the hallowed halls of Guntur Medical College, but a celebration of a global fraternity that has continually given back to its roots.

The highlight of this year's homecoming is the much-anticipated inauguration of the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center at the Government General Hospital, Guntur. This state-of-the-art, six-story facility, spanning an impressive 2,69,245 square feet, stands as a testament to the enduring commitment and collective vision of the college's alumni network. The honorable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandra Babu Naidu, will grace the occasion, underscoring the significance of this achievement for the region and beyond.

What makes this achievement truly remarkable is its genesis. The center is the product of years of planning, unwavering dedication, and generous contributions from alumni across the United States, India, Canada, and other corners of the globe. Their combined efforts have transformed what was once a dream into a concrete reality, demonstrating the extraordinary impact that a committed diaspora can have on their homeland.

The Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center is poised to revolutionize healthcare for mothers and children in Andhra Pradesh. With advanced facilities and a compassionate approach, it promises to improve outcomes for thousands of families, setting new benchmarks in patient care and medical education. This initiative also brings into focus the power of collaboration, bridging continents and generations to address critical health challenges.

As the alumni gather, they not only rekindle old friendships and relive cherished memories but also reaffirm their shared responsibility to society. Their contributions—far beyond financial—represent a living legacy of service, leadership, and innovation that continues to inspire current and future students of Guntur Medical College.

The inauguration of this center is more than an event; it is a beacon of hope, resilience, and progress. It stands as a shining example of how vision, unity, and philanthropy can transform communities. As Guntur Medical College's alumni celebrate this landmark occasion, they set a new standard for global engagement and social responsibility, reminding us of the profound difference we can make when we come together for a noble cause.

The Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center is, however not the destination, but another milestone, as were the GMCANA Auditorium and the Podila-GMCANA Super-speciality Centres earlier, in the continuing journey of the Guntur Medical College Alumni in their service to the alma mater and the people of Andhra Pradesh. We will continue to do our best through advocacy, endowments, sponsorships, scholarships, and support to help improve the infrastructure, provision of healthcare and an environment of active learning at GMC and GGH. We believe that these efforts will result in continued and sustained excellence in medical education and patient care.



Ramaraja Yalavarthi (67)



Chowdary Jampala (72)



V. Subbarao Uppuluri (63)



Siva kumar Muddana (02)

*Long live the legacy of GMC*

# Convener's Welcome



*Dr. Raman Damineni (83)*  
Convener & President Elect, GMCANA

*Dear Fellow Alumni,*

I am proud to be a part of the esteemed Guntur Medical college alumni. I was aware of great personalities coming from our college during my medical college education. But I realized the impact personally when I was looking for a job in a rural area in the United States. I met a Telugu doctor who went out of his way to help me. When I was thanking him for his hospitality towards a stranger, he just remarked, “when you said you are from Guntur Medical College, you are not a stranger anymore.” I had the opportunity to be the convener of the Biennial reunion in Atlanta in 2018.

Dr. Vasudeva Rao garu gave a great presentation of Guntur Medical College’s history followed by the heartening presentation of the Collector of Guntur district, Sri Sasidhar, on the need for a modernized hospital for maternal and child health. This prompted spontaneous response from the audience with a flow of donations. Over the years when I was skeptical of this project, the magnanimous donation from Dr. Uma Gavani garu and the tireless efforts from Dr. Ravi Tripurarneni inspired alumni from all over the world to make generous donations resulting in the beautiful structure Dr. Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center.

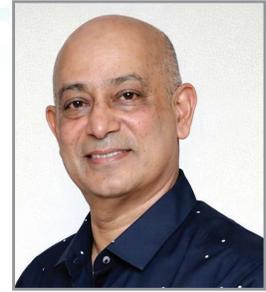
As a member of the Executive Committee, I witnessed the dedication and commitment from the committee, The Board of Trustees and the alumni. I am thankful to the team for the trust they placed in me as a President Elect and Convener for the inauguration of Dr. Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center and the 3rd Global Alumni Homecoming

I thank Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, for graciously agreeing to inaugurate the prestigious center. I also thank the Superintendent of Government General Hospital, Dr. Yasaswi Ramana and the Principal, Guntur Medical College, Dr. N.V. Sundarachary, and our coordinators in India Dr. Bala Bhaskara Rao, Dr. Hanumantha Rao, Dr. Amarnath, and Dr. Kanumuri for their tireless efforts.

I wish the inauguration of Dr. Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center a grand success and events of Guntur Medical College Global Alumni Homecoming a memorable event to cherish forever

*Raman Damineni*

# Convener's Welcome



*Dr. Amarnath Surath (72)*  
Convener

*Dear all,*

I am privileged to be the local convener for the 3rd Global Alumni Homecoming and inauguration of Dr. Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center. This magnum opus signifies the commitment of alumni of our parent institution, especially from North America, to bring global health care standards to GGH, Guntur. This is by far the most ambitious project that provides an unmatched level of professional services in a setting second to none. The 627-bed facility will have all maternal and child health care under one roof along with state-of-the-art operation suites supported by the latest array of diagnostics. It is a proud moment for every alumnus of GMC, that this advanced center has come up in our institute. I am grateful to all the donors who contributed very generously to make this a reality. Thank you all for your service.

We are planning several activities involving the students, postgraduates, faculty, alumni from across the globe, and especially the generous donors. Our team has worked very hard to make proper arrangements in the hope of making this a memorable event for all of us.

*Amarnath Surath*

# GMCANA President's Perspective



**Dr. Rama Koteswara Rao Koya (78)**

President, Guntur Medical College Alumni  
of North America (GMCANA)

*Dear Friends and Fellow Alumni,*

It is with immense pride that I welcome you to the inauguration of the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center by our Honorable Chief Minister, Sri Nara Chandra Babu Naidu Garu, and our esteemed Health Minister, Sri Satya Kumar Yadav Garu, on 30 January, 2026.

When we first became aware of the conditions at the Government General Hospital—mothers sharing beds and multiple newborns crowded into single warmers—the urgency of the need was unmistakable. While the Central Government's ₹20 crore allocation provided an important beginning, it was not sufficient. What initially emerged as a proposed partnership requiring State Government support soon evolved into a far more ambitious effort, as our alumni chose to assume complete responsibility. GMCANA made a commitment to the to a formidable task of raising over ₹100 crore to complete this 600-bed facility. Our members across North America, India, and around the world responded with extraordinary generosity. This contribution stands as the largest philanthropic initiatives undertaken by a medical college alumni association in India.

The facility we inaugurate today will transform maternal and child healthcare. It replaces overcrowded and inadequate infrastructure with modern, dignified care, serving as a premier training ground for medical students and postgraduates. This advances our shared goal of reducing infant mortality to levels comparable with the best-performing states in India.

This center adds to GMCANA's legacy of support, following the inauguration of the 850-seat airconditioned auditorium in 2005 and our ₹30-crore contribution to the Podila GMCANA Super Specialty and Trauma Center. Collectively, these projects underscore our long-term commitment to strengthening GMC and GGH as centers of excellence, true to our mission.

I am deeply grateful to every donor who made this vision a reality, to our local partners who navigated complex challenges with dedication, and to the government officials who secured an additional ₹25 crore for essential equipment. This project demanded persistence, cross-continental coordination, and an unwavering belief in what alumni can achieve together. To the mothers and children who will receive care here, to the medical students who will train within these walls, and to the communities that will benefit for generations, this center is built for you.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our donors especially Dr. Uma Gavani Garu, to our local coordinators in India Dr. V. Bala Bhaskara Rao, Dr. P. V. Hanumantha Rao, Dr. K. Srinivas, and Dr. O. Krishna Murthy, to the GMCANA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his team, building committee; Dr. Uma Gavani, Dr. Purushottama Babu Sagireddy and Dr Ravikumar Tripuraneni need special thanks for their meticulous and relentless work in the construction of the building. I am also thankful to the conveners: teams in USA represented by Dr Raman Damineni and in India represented by Drs Amarnath, Srinivas and to the leadership of our parent institutions, including Dr. Ramana Yashaswi, Superintendent of the Government General Hospital, and Dr. N. V. Sundarachary, Principal of Guntur Medical College. I am also thankful to the Souvenir team led by Drs Ramaraja Yalavarthi, Chowdary Jampala, Subbarao Uppuluri and Siva Kumar Muddana and CME team led by Dr. Lal Bahadur Srinivas Nagabhairu. Special thanks to Dr. Chennupati Nagesh of UK for helping me in all details including photography.

I extend my sincere thanks to all lawmakers who supported this project, including Dr. Kamineni Srinivas, Honorable Health Minister Sri Satya Kumar Yadav, Health Secretaries T. Krishna Babu and Saurabh Gaur, and APMSDIC Managing Directors Muralidhar Reddy and P. S. Girisha. Special thanks to Sri Girija Sankar, Former PS to CM, Sri Kona Sashidhar, former Collector of Guntur District, and to Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekar, and local MLAs for their dedicated efforts to improve the Government General Hospital, Guntur.

Special thanks to Drs. Mannam Gopichand and Nagarjuna Ponugoti for their invaluable support from the beginning of this project, our dedicated GMCANA office staff Mrs. Ruksana and Mr. Ramesh, and everyone involved in bringing this project to completion.

# BOT Chairperson's

## Communication



***Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni (71)***

Chairman, Board of Trustees, GMCANA  
Chairman, Fundraising Committee Kanuri-GMCANA MCHC

*Dear Esteemed Alumni and Friends,*

It is a moment of immense pride, gratitude, and deep satisfaction to welcome you to the inauguration of the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center (KGMCHC), celebrated in conjunction with the Global Alumni Home Coming 3. This occasion marks both the commissioning of a state-of-the-art healthcare facility and a heartfelt homecoming of our global alumni family to the institution that shaped our professional journeys and personal values.

For over 45 years, the Guntur Medical College Association of North America (GMCANA) has remained steadfast in its commitment to uplift Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital through sustained investments in infrastructure and meaningful transfer of knowledge. What began more than three decades ago with the donation of a modest Xerox machine has today culminated in the realization of a 100-crore, world-class KGMCHC, made possible by the extraordinary generosity of alumni from the United States, India and across the world who continue to give back to their alma mater with gratitude and pride.

Such progress would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of visionary leaders, committed volunteers, and, most importantly, the unwavering dedication of our coordinators in India, whose on-the-ground leadership, perseverance, and attention to detail form the very foundation of this success. Their continuous support, often behind the scenes, has been instrumental in translating vision into reality. I also gratefully acknowledge the invaluable cooperation of hospital and college administrators, along with the secretaries and government officials at various levels.

Encouraged by these successes, we are now moving forward with the completion of two additional floors of the Podila-GMCANA Superspeciality and Trauma Center. Through these collective efforts, the alumni of Guntur Medical College have contributed to more than 50% of the hospital beds and essential facilities, significantly enhancing patient care. In parallel, the Building Committee is working toward establishing a corpus fund to ensure the long-term maintenance and sustainability of these facilities, in addition to the government's primary role.

The 3rd Global Alumni Homecoming adds a special and emotional dimension to this celebration, strengthening bonds across generations and reaffirming our shared commitment to service. It is particularly heartening to see the enthusiastic participation of the younger generation, ready to carry this legacy forward. Guided by our enduring motto, "We Care," GMCANA continues to strive for excellence with compassion at its core.

May the KGMCHC serve mothers and children with dignity and care for generations to come.

*Long live GMCANA*

# GGH Superintendent's

## Message



***Dr. S.S.V. Ramana (Yashaswi)***

Addl Director of Medical education &  
Superintendent, GGH, Guntur

*Dear Esteemed Members of GMCANA,*

It is my pride and privilege to bid you a warm welcome to Guntur on the occasion of inaugural ceremony of The Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center through the Golden hands of our Visionary leader Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

I invite you all to this colourful Homecoming extravaganza which will forge new and fruitful friendships. Working together as partners, disseminating information and sharing knowledge is the fundamental ethos of GMCANA.

The Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center stands tall before us as an icon of the ideology of the leaders of GMCANA: 'Craft a vision and Champion execution'. Emulate from GMCANA this artistic immaculate lesson.

I consider this as the most advanced step in the history of GGH/GMC and I hope the departments moving into this Kanuri GMCANA Center for Maternal and Child Health Center will make good use of this facility for not only imparting knowledge to the medical students and post-graduates, and also to alleviate the suffering of mothers and children.

I wish tremendous success for the Homecoming event of our GMC Global alumni.

I hope they will remember this momentous occasion for a long time to come.

*S.S.V. Ramana (Yashaswi)*

# Principal's Message



***Dr. N.V. Sudarachary (81)***  
Principal, Guntur Medical College

Every day, in a government hospital, a quiet but powerful story unfolds. A young mother arrives with hope and anxiety in equal measure. A newborn takes its first breath. In those moments, the presence of timely care, skilled hands, and a safe environment decides not just an outcome but a future. When such moments are protected, families grow stronger and society moves forward.

It is this understanding that has guided the vision behind the MCH Center being inaugurated today. Maternal and child health is not merely a medical priority; it is a commitment to continuity where care given at the beginning of life shapes everything that follows.

This commitment has found extraordinary expression in Dr. Gavani Umadevi, an alumna of Guntur Medical College, whose journey began within these very corridors. Her decision to extend major financial support for the development of this MCH Center is not simply an act of generosity. It is the return of a gratitude to her institution, carrying with her a sense of responsibility shaped by education and experience. Through her support, she has enabled this institution to expand its capacity to care, to train, and to serve.

Equally important is the collective effort that has shaped this facility. The realization of this MCH Unit has been made possible by the support of several other donors, particularly our GMCOSA and GMCANA alumni, whose contributions - financial, advisory, and moral - have strengthened this project at every stage. Together, these efforts reflect a shared belief that institutions thrive when those who pass through them continue to stand by them.

The inauguration of this MCH Center, therefore, marks more than the opening of a new structure. It marks a continuation of care - where an institution, its alumni, and its supporters come together for a common purpose: safeguarding mothers and children at the most critical moments of life.

As the Principal of this esteemed institution, and as an alumnus myself, it is a moment of deep pride and sincere gratitude to witness this collective endeavour. This medical college has always been a place where service and learning walk hand in hand. Today, through the generosity of its alumni and benefactors, that tradition gains renewed strength and meaning.

May this MCH Center stand as a place where lives begin safely, where families find reassurance, and where future generations of doctors learn the true value of service. Its impact will not be measured merely by statistics, but by the countless lives it touches, supports, and strengthens - year after year.

I extend a hearty welcome to all the alumni that are assembling for the 3rd Global Alumni Homecoming at GMC.

*N.V. Sundarachary*

*Congratulations!*

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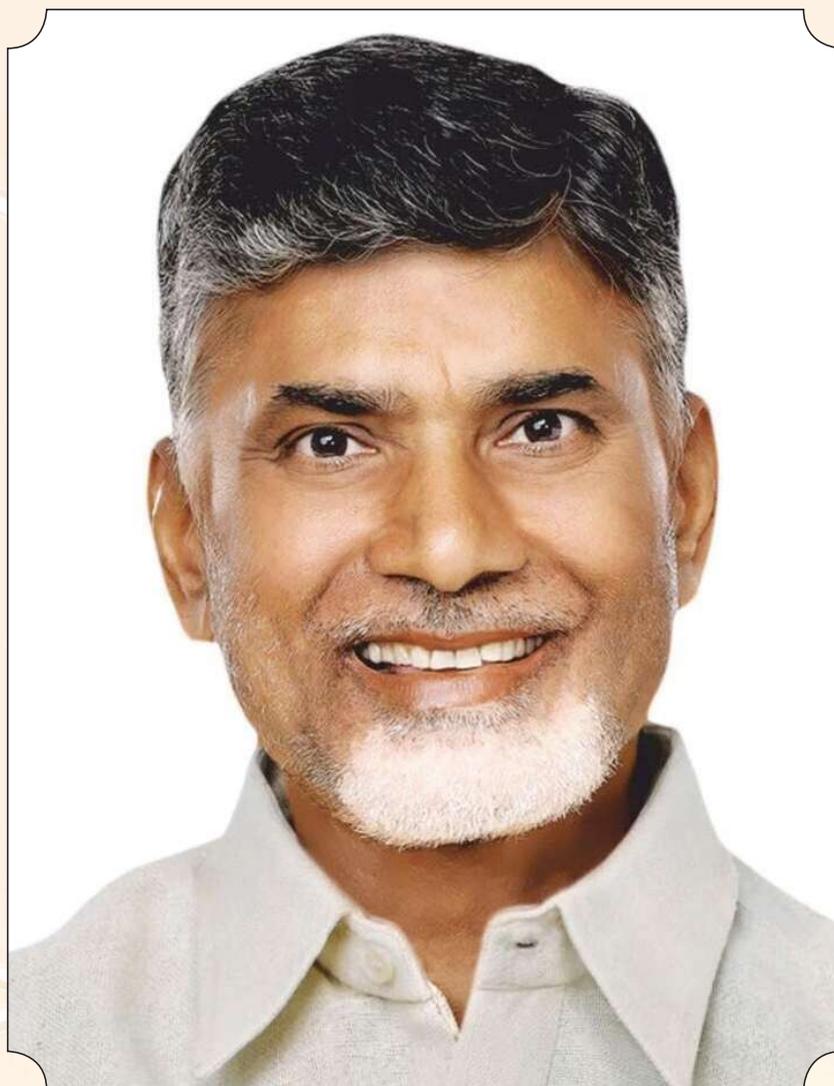
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Honorable Chief Minister  
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Honorable Deputy Chief Minister

Andhra Pradesh

**Sri Satya Kumar Yadav**



**SATYA KUMAR YADAV**

Minister for Health, Family  
Welfare & Medical Education  
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh



**AMARAVATI**

### **Spirit of GMCANA**

When one comes up in life, one needs to think of the institutions and individuals that shaped one's successful journey of life. That is the spirit being best exemplified by the Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (**GMCANA**).

Yet another manifestation of such noble spirit of GMCANA is the inauguration of **Kanuri GMCANA MCH Centre** at Guntur General Hospital. This Centre with 500 beds has been made possible at a cost of over Rs.100 crores by the generous contributions of the members of GMCANA out of their gratitude towards GMC and GGH, two pioneering institutions that played a critical role in making the members what they are today. Other philanthropists in USA too extended their support.

GMCANA's other commendable contributions being facilitation of Podili Prasad & GMCANA Super Specialty and Trauma Centre at GGH over a decade ago. GMCANA Auditorium at Guntur Medical College has emerged as a multi-purpose utility centre effectively serving the cause of medical education and exchange of views on a range of issues related to medicine.

Inspired by this spirit of GMCANA, alumni of other Government Medical Colleges in Andhra Pradesh are also following suit strengthening the much required infrastructure facilities.

I heartily commend GMCANA for their path breaking initiatives for the benefit of succeeding generations of doctors coming out of GMC and GGH. This spirit shall continue to fly high.

**(Satya Kumar Yadav)**

20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

## Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar



डॉ. पेम्मासानी चंद्र शेखर  
Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar



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भारत सरकार  
Minister of State for Communications  
and Rural Development  
Government of India

### Message

I am pleased to extend my hearty congratulations to the members of the **Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (GMCANA)** on the inauguration of the **Kanuri GMCANA Maternity and Children's Center** at the Government General Hospital, Guntur.

**GMCANA** is a strong and vibrant **nonprofit alumni organization** that continues to strengthen the bond between alumni and their alma mater. Through active alumni involvement, institutional support, and meaningful contributions to developmental initiatives, GMCANA has played a vital role in advancing Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital.

This landmark initiative reflects **GMCANA's vision** of fostering lasting connections with its alma mater and its mission to develop Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital, Guntur, into premier modern medical education and healthcare institutions. Guided by the core values of integrity, transparency, inclusivity, accountability, and compassionate service, GMCANA works in the best interests of the medical fraternity and the nation.

The **dedication** and **tireless efforts** of the **GMCANA members** in establishing this center are truly commendable. This facility addresses a critical healthcare need and will provide state-of-the-art medical services to mothers and children.

I sincerely appreciate the invaluable contribution of every member associated with this **noble initiative** and extend **my best wishes for the continued success of GMCANA** in serving the public and strengthening healthcare delivery in the region.

(Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar)

**Sri Saurabh Gaur**



**SAURABH GAUR, IAS**

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**MESSAGE**

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It is my pride and privilege to extend a warm welcome to you all to Guntur on the auspicious occasion of the inauguration of the Kanuri GMCANA Maternity & Child Health Centre, through the golden hands of our visionary leader, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

I cordially invite you to this colourful home-coming extravaganza, an occasion that will forge new and fruitful friendships. Working together as partners, disseminating information, and sharing knowledge form the fundamental ethos of GMCANA.

The Kanuri MCH Facility stands tall before us as a true icon of the ideology upheld by the leaders of GMCANA — “Craft a vision and champion execution.” The contributions of GMCANA members serve as a poetic and immaculate lesson for all of us to emulate.

I consider this facility a landmark and the most advanced step in the history of Guntur Government General Hospital and Guntur Medical College. I am confident that the departments shifting into the Kanuri Block will make optimal use of this state-of-the-art infrastructure—not only for imparting quality medical education to students but also for alleviating the suffering of mothers and children.

I wish tremendous success to this memorable home-coming event of our GMCANA leaders and members. May this momentous occasion be cherished and remembered for years to come.

*Saurabh Gaur*  
**(SAURABH GAUR)**  
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**  
**HM&FW DEPARTMENT**

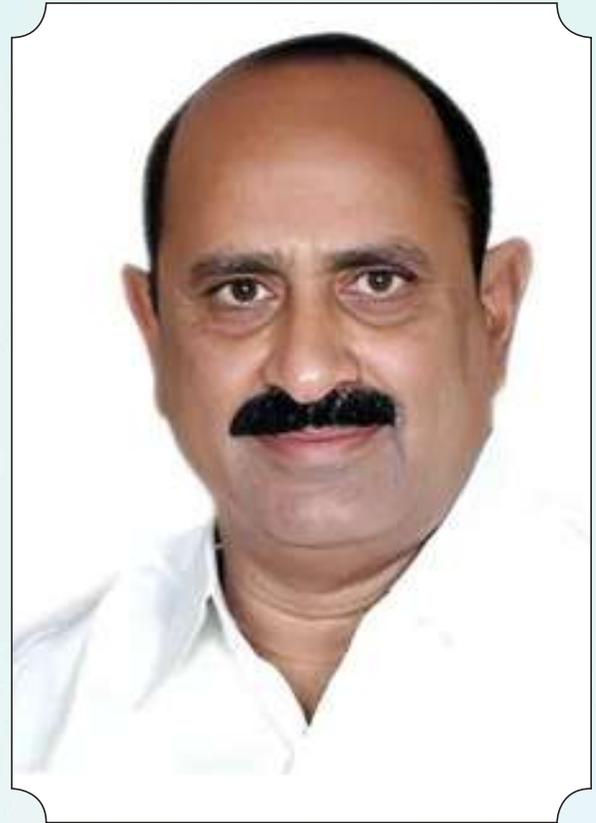
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*Sri Kamineni Srinivas*  
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Member of Legislative Assembly  
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Superintendent of Police  
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***Smt. Tameem Ansariya*** IAS  
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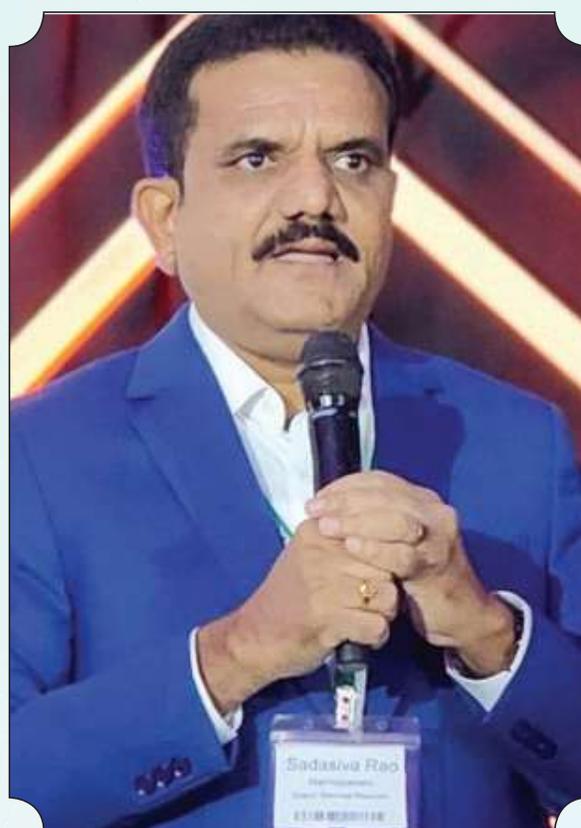
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## **Global Alumni Home Coming 3 and KANURI - GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center Inauguration**

### **Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026: GMC Students Day**

5:00 PM-10 PM : Endowments Awards presentation, Dinner and entertainment  
GMCANA Auditorium, GMC, Guntur

### **Thursday, Jan 29, 2026: Donor Appreciation Day**

8:30 AM : Registration for donors and their designees  
KANURI-MCH Centre, GGH, Guntur.

9:00 - 12 Noon : Open House KANURI - GMCANA Maternal And  
Child Health Center, Govt. General Hospital, Guntur  
(Exclusive to Donors and their families and  
guests for security reasons)  
Group photo

12:00 PM : Lunch

1 PM – 4.30 PM : CME – Continuing Medical Education  
Dr. Kadiyala Vasudeva Rao Conference Center,  
KGMCH Center (5th floor)

6:00 PM : Dinner and Entertainment at  
Welcome Hotel, ITC, Vidyanagar, Ring Road, Guntur.

### **Friday, Jan 30, 2026: Inauguration Day**

9AM to 10 AM : Registration and Breakfast at GMCANA Auditorium, GMC, Guntur.

11:00 AM : Inauguration of Dr.Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal  
& Child Health center by

**Honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh**

**Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu**

Guests of Honour

**Sri Y. Satya Kumar Yadav**

Minister for Health, Family Welfare, and Medical Education, Govt. of A.P

**Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar**

Minister for Rural Development and Communications, Govt. of India and

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**Sri Lavu Sri Krishna Deva Rayalu**

Member of Lok Sabha, Narasaraopet

**Dr. Kamineni Srinivas**

Ex Health Minister, M.L.A of Andhra Pradesh.

Lunch : GMCANA Auditorium, GMC, Guntur.

4:00 PM : Photo session, Tea and snacks

6:00 PM : Grand Finale Celebration

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## ***Continuing Medical Education Program***

**1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Thursday, January 29, 2026**

**Dr. Kadiyala Vasudeva Rao Conference Center,  
5th floor, Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center**

### ***1. The New World of Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorders***

**Dr Padmalatha Gurram**

Ob/ Gyn Residency Research Director,  
Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, NY

### ***2. The First Thousand Days Matter in Nurturing a Future Holistic Einstein***

**Dr Meenakshi Chintapalli**

Retired Pediatrician, San Antonio, Texas

### ***3. Women's Health Comparisons***

**Dr Padmavathi Pagadala**

MAA Women's Health, Cumming, GA,  
Attending Physician, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Newnan, GA

### ***4. Caring for Mothers at Their Strongest Moment and : The Vital Role of Obstetric Anesthesia***

**Dr Padmavathi Patel, MD,FASA**

Chief of Anesthesiology  
John D. Dingell VA Medical Center,  
Detroit, Michigan and Detroit Medical Center

### ***5. Neonatal Sepsis***

**Dr Kevin Gottlieb Couloures**

Stanford University School of Medicine

### ***6. Recognition and Management of Common Renal Disorders In Pediatrics***

**Dr Olivera Marsenic Couloures**

Stanford University School of Medicine



# The Rise of Dr. Kanuri Ramachandra Rao GMCANA MCH Center

In 2013, National Health Mission (NHM), took an initiative to improve the maternal and child mortality rates in India. As part of this mission, the Central Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 12 crores to build a Maternal and Child Health facility at GGH with an additional funding of Rs. 8 crores from the government of A.P. The A.P. government initially approved the construction of a building with G+1 floor. Medical staff in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pediatrics at GGH identified that a G+1 facility will not meet the increasing demand for clinical services. Recognizing the importance of this project, GM-



CANA leadership discussed alternative options with multiple authorities in the administration of then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu. Both GMCANA and the government agreed that there was a need for a much bigger, modern building with a cellar and G+5 floor facility that would provide a well-designed functional space and state of the art technology to meet the needs of maternal and child health care at GGH. The now completed Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal Health Center building boasts of a 2,69,245 sq feet of space, that will house 300 OB & Gynecology, 200 Pediatrics, 27 PICU, 30



SICU and 40 NICU beds and a 300-seat conference hall on the fifth floor, named in honor of our alumna Dr. Vasudeva Rao Kadiyala. Sri. Kona Sasidhar, IAS, then Guntur district collector, was instrumental in finalizing the MOU following our reunion in Atlanta, 2018. A Public Private

**Dr. Babureddy Sagireddy (83)**

Chairman, Building Committee

**Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni (71)**

Chairman, Fund Raising Committee

Partnership was established in February 2019 to start the project with an estimated total cost of Rs 65 crores. APM-SIDC would construct cellar, ground and first floors with a contribution of Rs. 35 crores from government of AP, while GMCANA committed to contributing Rs. 30 crores for construction of remaining four floors. The architectural Plan was developed by Bhargav Buildpro Technologies PVT, LTD with interior designs provided by M/S Ajith Sunny Architects



The construction of the project started with great enthusiasm and hope in August 2019 and progressed well until the Global COVID-19 Pandemic hit in March 2020, when the construction came to a halt. As things were returning to normal in spring of 2021, the contractor was not able to resume the construction due to the lack of funds from the government of AP. Knowing the imminent need for the care of mothers and children, GMCANA made a courageous decision, counting on the generosity of our alumni, to resume the MCH Center construction as a privately funded project without any financial contribution from AP Govt. It was unconscionable to ignore the plight of pregnant and post-partum women sharing beds with



newborn babies. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our building committee members, notably Dr. Gopichand Mannam (75) and our president Srinivasa Reddy Alla (83), we were



able to have several meetings with then honorable Health Minister Smt. Vidadala Rajani, Principal Secretary of Health, Sri . M. T. Krishna Babu, IAS, and the Managing Director of APMSIDC, Sri D. Muralidhar Reddy, IAS.

As a result of these efforts by the leadership of GMCANA, we received a new GO#131 and signed a revised MOU between the government of AP and GMCANA in June 2022.

The total cost of the construction is now estimated at about Rs.100 Crores. GMCANA forged ahead with this enormous undertaking, with the knowledge and reassurance that our alumni are committed individuals with unparalleled support to our alma matter.

At this critical juncture, Dr. Uma Gavani ('65), who has been involved with GMCANA in different leadership capacities since its inception, came forward with her great philanthropic heart to donate \$2.5 million dollars (Rs. 20 Crores) for the project in honor of her late husband Dr. KANURI RAMACHANDRA RAO, with the facility to be named as Dr. KANURI - GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center (or Centre)

Thanks to the generous and Significant contributions of Dr. Nalini & Venkat Tella, Mrs. Vedavathi & Dr. Venkateswara Rao Movva, Dr. Rama Devi Kondragunta in memory of her late husband Dr. Venkata Rao, Sri. T. K. Rao in memory of Drs. Kanakadurga & Madanmohan Telikicherla, and Mrs. Beena & Dr.Gopala Rao Tatineni in memory of Dr. Nutakki Venkateswara Rao for the naming rights of each floor. Now with renewed enthusiasm,



we restarted the construction with Bhoomi puja on Oct 5, 2022. We were fortunate to identify Mr. Gowtham Koduru as PMC for this project, who coordinated and facilitated

the day-to- day operations of the project to our utmost satisfaction. GMCANA was able to select a trustworthy contractor, SGD Constructions led by Mr. Vikram Misra, who played a pivotal role in the civil construction of the KANURI-GMCANA MCH Center. He delivered high quality workmanship with experienced vendors and contributed significantly to the project, resulting in a facility that is not only functional but also aesthetically appealing. The center stands as a testament to excellence in design and construction, supporting the overall vision for advanced maternal and child healthcare at GGH.

GMCANA appreciates the cooperation of GGH superintendents, Dr. S.S.V. Ramana, Dr. Y. Kiran Kumar and Dr. N. Prabhavathi during the construction. It will be incomplete without the mention of the significant contributions from Drs. Lakshmi ('68) & Veeraiah Choudary ('64) Perni, Drs. Umalakhshi ('76) & Rajakumar ('74) Thotakura, Drs. Lakshmi ('66) & Choudary Ganga, Mrs. Saraswathi & Dr. Subba Rao Uppuluri ('63) and Drs. Sulochana ('67) & Ramaraja Yalavarthi ('67) who came forward with major donations. GMCANA appreciates the efforts of Dr. Sambasiva Rao K ('64) & Dr. Prabhakar B ('62) who motivated their classmates to open their hearts to the project. Dr. Gopichand Mannam ('75) raised significant amount of money from his classmates in addition to his passionate



dedication to help the cause, by coordinating complex discussions and high-level negotiations needed to make this KANURI-GMCANA MCH building a reality.

True to our mission, GMCANA has contributed significantly to the improvement of education and health care facilities at GMC/GGH for over 4 decades. Our alumni have set the precedent with opening of the GMCANA auditorium in 2005, and the PODILA PRASAD - GMCANA





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LOCATION

SUPER SPECIALITY AND TRAUMA CENTER in 2014. Now we are in the process of dedicating the KGMCH center to the people of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, on January 30, 2026. It is hard to imagine completing these projects without the support and commitment from our coordinators in Guntur, Drs. V. Balabhaskara Rao, P.V. Hanumantha Rao and Dr. Oruganti Krishnamoorthy. We hope to see that all the staff and physicians that work at this center respond to reaffirm our commitment to provide the best possible care to the patients at this center, so that we can be proud of our contributions that can change the health of women and children seeking care at our alma mater, GGH.

**Government Initiatives to Improve Maternal and Child:** Health The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, launched an initiative called Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN), designed to ensure that every woman and newborn receives dignified, respectful, and high-quality healthcare at no cost in public health facilities. The aim is to eliminate preventable maternal and newborn deaths and to provide a positive birthing experience for all. In order to support this objective, GMCANA recognizes the necessity of establishing an attendant shelter, which would provide a safe resting place for the families of patients. Efforts are currently underway to pursue this goal in collaboration with local authorities. GMCANA has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to ensure the proper maintenance of the building. As part of this agreement, GMCANA will actively participate in the oversight committee, which includes the Superintendent, DME, and heads of departments in the building.

GMCANA is encouraged by the significant progress made in recent years, as the Maternal Mortality Ratio has declined from 170 (2010-12) to 88 (2020-2022). This reduction is faster than the global average and stands as a testament to the effective efforts of the current governments at both the central and state levels. The Government of India set an ambitious target to reduce MMR to less than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030. GMCANA is optimistic that the dedication of the KANURI-GMCANA MCH Center to GGH will further advance these vital health outcomes.

The completion of this magnificent structure stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit of everyone involved in the project. Through tireless effort and commitment, the facility has been brought to life with the intention of serving generations of mothers and children, ensuring access to world-class healthcare. Moreover, the center will provide exceptional educational opportunities to the students of our esteemed alma mater, fostering the next generation of medical professionals.

Our collective hard work has resulted in a remarkable structure that will benefit mothers, children, and students for generations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors whose generosity made the realization of this vision possible. Their contributions have been instrumental in creating a legacy of care, learning, and service for the community



**Annexure to the G.O.Ms.No.164, dated: 17-09-2018**

**GGH – GMCANA MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE  
at  
GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL, GUNTUR**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed on this 22nd day of September 2018 at Amravati, Andhra Pradesh.

By and Between:

1. Government of Andhra Pradesh represented by the Director of Medical Education A.P., Vijayawada (Hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENT OF A.P".)
2. Government General Hospital, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh represented by its Superintendent (Hereinafter referred to as the "GGH".)
3. Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (Hereinafter referred to as "GMCANA")  
And

Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (Hereinafter referred to as "GMCANA")

Whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh, as the owner of Government General Hospital (GGH), Guntur, has public interest in providing excellent medical care to all patients at this Teaching Hospital, especially in the realm of Maternal and Child Health, and with the need for quick addition of quality hospital facilities being enhanced and magnified by the creation of the new State of A.P. with its Capital nearby;

And whereas, the Central Government, having realized the enormous need for quality Maternity and Child Care in view of high maternal and infant mortality rates in A.P., has already approved a grant of Rs.20.00 Crores for building of Maternal and Child Health Centre in the campus of GGH; Guntur.

And whereas, other factors to be considered include the need to construct the MCH Centre in such a way to provide excellent care to the Women and Children and this newly designed Centre will provide NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), maternal ICU beds, sterile Operation Theatres, beds for all Paediatric services and other unique facilities needed for enhanced State of the Art Maternal and Child Health;

And whereas, GMCANA is uniquely qualified to plan these facilities, as was already demonstrated in the Podila-GMCANA Trauma Centre, considering their exposure to different Health Care delivery systems in United States of America and India;

NOW THIS M.O.U. WITNESSETH AS UNDER:

1. A PPP (Private-Public Charitable Partnership) be formed between the GMCANA and the Government of A.P. to execute the construction of Maternal and Child Health Centre at GGH with international quality and efficiency in mind.

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2. The GMCANA shall contribute Rs.30.00 Crores to the estimated total cost of Rs 65.00 Crores for the construction of Maternal and Child Health Centre at GGH, Guntur, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh shall contribute Rs.35.00 Crores of the estimated cost. Any cost escalation for Cellar and G+1 Floor is the responsibility of the A.P. Government. The GMCANA will complete 2,3,4 and 5 Floors.
3. Government of Andhra Pradesh/GGH shall provide the site that is already designated to construct the MCH Centre at GGH premises; the GMCANA shall provide the Architectural and Structural plans for the entire Cellar and G+5 Floors for the MCH Building at GGH Guntur. The building shall be designed and built to meet the National Health Mission Guidelines for standardization of Labor Rooms at Delivery Points. The plans will be approved as per the norms of the Government of A.P. The quality of the work and material shall be monitored by the APMSIDC Authorities at no cost to the GMCANA.
4. The construction of New Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCH) Cellar and (G+1) at Government General Hospital, Guntur shall be taken up by the Government Agency i.e., APMSIDC and 2,3,4 & 5 Floors shall be taken up by the GMCANA in adherence to the following conditions:
  - a. The GMCANA shall select a Contractor of their choice for the construction of the 2,3,4 & 5 Floors of the MCH project. The GMCANA and its Contractors shall have access to build the top 4 Floors during the construction of the Cellar and G+1 Floors as soon as the completion of the pillars and slab for the Cellar and G+1 Floors, in order to expedite the construction of the top 4 Floors.
  - b. The APMSIDC shall provide for the construction of water sumps in the Cellar. The GMCANA shall provide for the construction of the overhead tanks.
  - c. Common facilities like fire sprinklers, Central Oxygen, Vacuum and other necessary equipment have to be supplied by the APMSIDC for the Cellar+G+1 Floors and the GMCANA to provide the same to the 2,3,4 & 5 Floors.
  - d. The cost of the Lifts (Elevators) to be shared equally between the APMSIDC and the GMCANA.
5. The GMCANA shall handover the building to the Government of Andhra Pradesh after the completion of the construction.
6. The GMCANA shall have exclusive rights to name various parts of the Maternal and Child Health Centre after the Donors, solely based on the amount of donations contributed to the project by the GMC Alumni and others, as well as the right to the name of the entire building as determined and approved by the GMCANA and in accordance with Government guidelines issued in this regard.

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7. The Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCH) project contributions are as follows:-

Sl.No.	Name of the contributor Details	Contributions to be made by Govt. of A.P (Rs.Crores)	Contributions to be made by GMCANA (Rs.Crores)
Phase.I	Government of A.P (NHM Funds)	20	None
Phase.II	Govt. of A.P & GMCANA	15	15
Phase.III	GMCANA	None	15
	Total	35	30

8. For Phase-I & their part of Phase-II work, the payments will be made to the APMSIDC from NHM Funds and A.P. State Government funds. For their part of Phase II & Phase III works the contribution of Rs.30.00 Crores from the GMCANA will be deposited into an account, which shall be opened in the name of "GGH-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Centre", by the District Collector representing the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Chief Coordinator of GMCANA representing GMCANA as the signatories for this account at Andhra Bank, Guntur Medical College Branch. Rs.3.00 (three Crores) of this amount will be deposited into "GGH-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Centre account" within one month from the date of signing the MoU. The payments shall be made directly to the Contractor appointed by GMCANA for the construction of the 2, 3, 4 & 5 Floors. The contributions from GMCANA shall be transferred into this account from "GMCANA -GMC Trust" account registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs under FERA rules, and operated through Andhra Bank, Guntur Medical College Branch.

9. The GMCANA shall, on the completion of the Project, have no financial obligation for the upkeep, maintenance, staffing and utilization of the Maternal and Child Health Centre, GGH, Guntur while its members may continue to enhance the Education activities of their Alma Mater in any way possible including paying, for any needed special equipment that helps provide excellent medical care.

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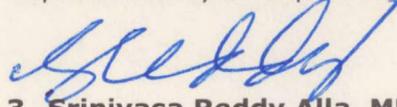
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**1. GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

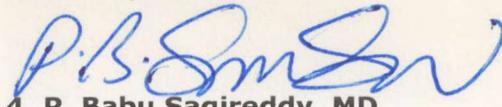
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**2. GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL  
GUNTUR, ANDHRA PRADESH**

Represented by its superintendent



**3. Srinivasa Reddy Alla, MD**  
President, GMCANA



**4. P. Babu Sagireddy, MD**  
Building Committee Chairman, GMCANA

Witnesses:

1.

2.

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Mission Plan of Guntur Medical College Alumni Of North America(GMCANA) for construction of New Maternal and Child Health Centre(MCH) at Government Hospital, Guntur with collaboration of Government of Andhra Pradesh - Permission accorded to GMCANA for completion of balance work of the construction of Maternal and Child Health Center (MCH) at Government General Hospital, Guntur - Orders – Issued.

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (H2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.131**

**Dated: 10-06-2022.**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.13, HM&FW(H2) Dept., dated: 23.02.2018.
2. G.O.Ms.No.164, HM&FW(H2) Dept., dated:17.09.2018.
3. From the Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur D.O.Rc.No.10 / HDS/2021, Dt.18.11.2021.
4. Report of MD, APMSIDC, A.P., Mangalagiri through e-file 587190, dt.11.05.2022.

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued approving the Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the Guntur Medical College Alumni Of North America(GMCANA) for construction of New Maternal and Child Health Centre(MCH) at Government Hospital, Guntur.

2. In the G.O.2<sup>nd</sup> read above, revised orders were issued along with revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for construction of New Maternal and Child Health Centre(MCH) at Government Hospital, Guntur with Cellar+G+5 Structures consisting of Obstetrics(300 Beds), Pediatrics(200 Beds), PICU(27 Beds), SICU(30Beds), NICU(40Beds), Faculty Rooms (30 No's), Conference Hall (300 Persons) with a total plinth area of 25,046 Sq.Mts(2,69,245 Sqft) from the total estimated cost of 65.00 crores, in supersession of the orders issued in the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above.

3. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Collector and District Magistrate has informed that, in pursuance of the orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.164, Health, Medical & Family Welfare(H2) Department., dated:17.09.2018, a memorandum of understanding was made and executed on 23-9-2018 between the Director of Medical Education, A.P.(on behalf of the Govt. of A.P.), Government General Hospital and GMCANA.

4. The estimate was technically sanctioned for Construction of Cellar+G+1F for Rs.35.00 Crores and tenders were called on e-procurement platform. Accordingly, the work was entrusted to M/s. Standard Infratech India Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for an agreement value of Rs.23.99 Crores at 1.65% less than the Estimate contract value. The agreement for the work was concluded on 18.02.2019. The Agreement period for completion of Cellar+ Ground + 1<sup>st</sup> Floor is 15 months.

5. The work was delayed due to election code and subsequently due to COVID-19 epidemic. The work was completed upto 75% of raft with columns upto roof level. The LS-I & part bill was submitted with an amount of Rs.596.31 lakhs in the month of May, 2020 to the PAO. The payment was made to the Contractor on 30-9-2021. The contractor has not resumed the work so far even after issuing the notices. Further the Executive Engineer, APMSIDC, Guntur has informed that an amount of Rs.34.50 lakhs value of work done and Rs.44.86 lakhs of withheld amount has to be paid to the contractor.

6. The Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur has further informed that the GMCANA representatives have submitted a representation in which they have requested for change in MOU/new MOU to be entered with the Government and requested the Managing Director, APMSIDC to clear the pending amount of Rs.79.36 lakhs to the contractor i.e., value of work done + withheld amount.

7. in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the MD, APMSIDC, has stated that instructions have been received from the Government to finalize the total value of work done and send proposals for safe closure of the work, as the contractor is not willing to take up additional work in view of delayed payment and also stopping of work based on memo issued on 29.05.2019, in respect of the work, "Construction of MCH Block at GGH, Guntur (Cellar + First + Second Floors)".

8. The MD, APMSIDC, has further stated that the Superintending Engineer, Guntur vide letter dated:02-05-2022 has submitted the estimates and the details are submitted as follows.

A. Works entrusted to the APMSIDC ( Cellar + First floor + Second Floor )

1. Work done ... Part – A : **Rs. 6.27 Crores**

2. Work to be done... Part – B : **Rs. 35.13 Crores**

(As per SoR -2021-22) and Steel Rates  
for the month of Nov -2021

B. Works to be taken up by GMCANA (3F to 6F)

Works to be taken up : **Rs. 51.67 Crores**

Total Amount required for completion of the MCH Building

(Rs.35.13 Crs + Rs.51.67 Crs = Rs.86.80 Crores)

Name of the Work: Construction of New Maternal and Child Health Center (MCH) at  
Government General Hospital, Guntur in Guntur District

A (Cellar+FF+SF)

GENERAL ABSTRACT (SoR - 2021-22)

Sl. No.	Description of Item	Amount (in Rs.)
I	PART - A (Already Work Executed as per SSR 2018-19)	62647055
II	PART - B (Balance Work As per SSR- 2021 - 22)	
1	Civil Works	19,60,41,892

2	Water Supply & Sanitary arrangements	67,77,340
3	Internal & External Electrification	5,89,94,916
4	Sump (2 Lakhs Ltr Capacity)	24,00,367
5	Provision towards Dismantling works of Radiology & OT's blocks and Toilet blocks	5,00,000
6	Provision towards external civil, water supply & sanitary works	30,00,000
7	Provision for Equipment	3,00,00,000
	Sub Total:	<b>29,77,14,515</b>
8	Provision towards GST @ 18%	5,35,88,613
	<b>Total (Part-B Amount) :</b>	<b>35,13,03,128</b>
	<b>Say Rs. in Crs</b>	<b>35.13</b>
	<b>Grand Total(Part - A + Part - B) :</b>	<b>41,39,50,183</b>
	<b>Say Rs. in Crs</b>	<b>41.40</b>

**B (3F+4F+5F+6F)****GENERAL ABSTRACT (SoR - 2021-22)**

Sl. No.	Description of Item	Amount (in Rs.)
1	Civil Works	27,95,97,541
2	Water Supply & Sanitary arrangements	91,41,080
3	Provision towards Elevation, External water supply & Sanitary items	1,00,00,000
	<b>Sub Total :</b>	<b>43,78,66,962</b>
4	Provision towards GST @ 18%	7,88,16,053
	<b>Total :</b>	<b>51,66,83,015</b>
	<b>Say Rs. in Crs</b>	<b>51.67</b>

**TOTAL AMOUNT = (Rs.35.13 Crs + Rs.51.67 Crs = Rs.86.80 Crs)**

9. The MD, APMSIDC, has further stated that the GMCANA has informed that, they will take up the balance works in the said complex with the Technical Guidance of the APMSIDC duly enclosing an ADDENDUM to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

10. The MD, APMSIDC, has requested the Government to issue orders on the following.

1. Close the existing contract without any penalties and release of balance payments to the contractor, if any.
2. To inform GMCANA that the NHM funds are not available and to send the estimates prepared for completion of the balance work to the GMCANA (Rs. 35.13 Cr for Cellar+First floor+Second floor & Rs. 51.67 Cr for 3rd floor to 6th floor).

3. To inform the GMCANA that MCH Complex can be named after the donors as it is already covered in the original MoU (Point no 6 under MoU).
4. To waive off the 7% supervision charges which are to be paid to APMSIDC as the GMCANA is mobilising funding in the form of donations.

11. Government after careful consideration, hereby accord permission to Alumni of North America (GMCANA) to take up the balance work for completion of the construction of Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCH) at Government General Hospital, Guntur with an estimated cost of Rs. 86.80 Crores (Rs.35.13 Cr for Cellar + First and Second floor + Rs.51.67 Crores for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to 6<sup>th</sup> floor), subject to the following conditions:

i) close the existing contract without any penalties and release of balance payments to the contractor, if any.

ii) GMCANA shall continue to have exclusive rights to name various parts of the Maternal and Child Health Centre after the Donors, Solely based on the amount of donations contributed to the project by the GMC Alumni and others, as well as the right to the name of the entire building as determined and approved by GMCANA.

iii) to waive of the 7 % supervision charges which are to be paid to APMSIDC as the GMCANA is mobilising funding in the form of donations.

12. The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada and the Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation, A.P, Mangalgiiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance(FMU-HM&FW) Dept., vide their U.O.No.FIN01-60025 /7 /2018-FMU- HMFw (C.No.591002), dated:10.06.2022.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**M.T.KRISHNA BABU  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.  
The Managing Director, APMSIDC, Mangalgiiri.  
The President, /General Secretary, GMCANA, Guntur.

**Copy to:**

The P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.  
PS to Principal Secretary to HM&FW Department.  
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**SECTION OFFICER**

*With Best Compliments and  
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# MAJOR DONORS FOR MCH CENTRE

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## ***Dr. Umadevi Gavani (65) and Dr. Ramachandra Rao Kanuri***

Umadevi Gavani (65) is synonymous with utmost dedication, diligence, efficiency, and perfection in all matters related to GMCANA. Umadevi served GMCANA in many capacities, as President 2006-2008, Trustee, treasurer and many more. Umadevi steps in whenever we hit a roadblock to our endeavors at the ground level. Without her timely intervention, we could not have completed the GMCANA Auditorium, Podila Prasad Super-specialty and Trauma Center and the mega project Kanuri Ramachandra Rao GMCANA MCH Center.

Despite a very busy Allergy and Immunology practice in Chicago, Umadevi provides a lot of behind the scenes support to all GMCANA's endeavors. She spends enormous amounts of time dealing with the architects, designers, and contractors of all our ventures to make sure they meet our specifications. She pours over the plans in extreme detail until they are user friendly and cost effective.

When GMCANA agreed to take up the construction of MCH Center entirely with funds raised from our alumni, Umadevi graciously came forward with the anchoring donation of \$2.5 Million in memory of her husband Dr. Kanuri Ramachandra Rao.

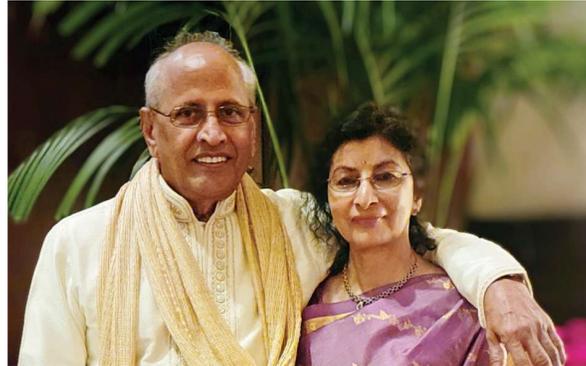
Dr. Ramachandra Rao practiced Anesthesia and Pain-management in Chicago for over 3 decades. He wholeheartedly supported Umadevi's enormous contributions of time and monetary help to GMCANA. He was an avid golfer and a sports fan. He was highly regarded by his colleagues and enjoyed the wide circle of friends. He supported several organizations locally and back home.

It is a fitting tribute to name the MCH Center building after Dr. Ramachandra Rao.

*We have an opportunity to end preventable deaths among women and children, to greatly improve their health and wellbeing, and to bring about the change needed to shape a prosperous and equitable future of many.*

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## *Dr. Nalini ('68) and Venkat Nalluri*

Dr. Nalini is from originally from Repalle mandal in Guntur district. She completed her postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is retired after 35 years of private practice in Kansas City, MO. She served as medical director and consultant for nonprofit medical clinics. She is working part time as a medical consultant.

Venkat is from a small farming town in Madhira mandal, Khammam district. He graduated from Osmania University with an Engineering degree and received his MS in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Minnesota and MBA from Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University. Venkat started his career as an aerospace product design Engineer at Eaton Aerospace corp. He retired as VP and General Manager of a large segment of B/E Aerospace. Currently, he is part of a Biomedical startup company, Molekule, in Tampa, FL.

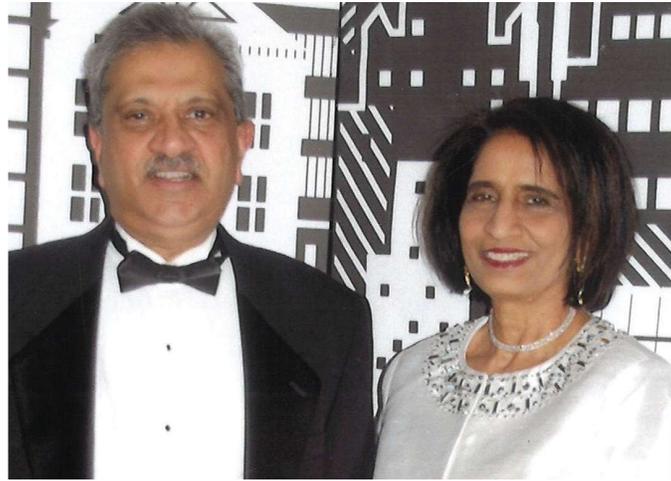
Nalini and Venkat have two children. Mallik is an Orthopedic surgeon and Swathi is a Critical Care Anesthesiologist in Portland, Oregon. Nalini and Venkat, through their family foundation, Tella Nalluri Family foundation (TNFF), have been involved in various philanthropic activities in the US and in India for over 30 years. They focus primarily on improving health, education and wellbeing of under-served / disadvantaged women, children and families. They have taken up and supported many worthy projects in their hometowns and with national and international organizations.

Nalini and Venkat feel proud to be part of the MCH initiative, which will help fill the gaps in the health care of many families in and around Guntur. GMCANA sincerely appreciates their very generous doation to make Kanuri Ramachandra Rao GMCANA MCH Center a reality.



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## ***Drs. Rama Devi Vasireddy (68) and Venkata Rao Kondragunta (68)***

In memory of her late husband Dr. Venkata Rao Kondragunta ('68), Ramadevi generously donated \$500,000 towards the Kanuri Ramachandra Rao- GMCANA MCH Center at GGH. They both have been ardent supporters of GMCANA for a very long time and contributed to several other philanthropic activities over the years.

Venkata Rao did Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine fellowships in Chicago. He practiced in Peoria, Illinois, for many years before moving to Flint, Michigan in 1992. He practiced Pulmonary and Sleep medicine at McLaren and Hurley Hospitals. He served as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine and as the President of Genesee County Medical Society. He also served on the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Medicine. He was an active member of the IMG Section of AMA for many years including as its chairman for one term. He also served in various capacities in GMCANA, including the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. He is well known for his outspoken nature and straight forward approach. He passed away unexpectedly on June 3, 2023.

Rama Devi completed anesthesia residency in Chicago, and practiced in Peoria, IL for many years. She is currently working as a pain management specialist in Flint, MI. Rama Devi and Venkata Rao traveled extensively and participated in almost all our Reunions. They have two children Hima and Bharath, and two grandchildren Naveen and Sachin.

GMCANA Board of directors and Executive committee gratefully appreciate the generous contribution and will be acknowledged appropriately in the majestic MCH building.

Ramadevi generously donated to the Publication of this souvenir also

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## *Dr. Venkateswara Rao Movva and Vedavathi*

Movva Venkateswara Rao was born at Sivapuram, a farm town close to Ventrapragada in Krishna district. He completed medical school at Nehru Medical College and finished internship at GMC. He also did a year of PG training in Physiology. He has strong affinity to GMC and is inspired by the work done by GMCANA.

He married his wife Vedavathi in 1973 and immigrated to the USA in 1974. He credits his success in life to his father. His mother died from complications during delivery. He lost 9 siblings due to neonatal complications. His father encouraged him to do something to change the maternal and neonatal deaths. He credits his father-in-law Sri Chagarlamudi Gopala Rao and mother-in-law Bhaktha Priyamba, who helped him to get into the USA.

Dr. Movva did his Internal Medicine residency and Gastroenterology Fellowship at Jamaica Hospital, NY. He had a very successful practice in Moline, IL, where he built a state of the art Surgical Center. He is a Fellow of ACG and AGA. He is retired from practice and spends time in Chicago, Miami and India. Dr. Movva has a son Arvind, who is a Gastroenterologist and a daughter Shanti, also a successful entrepreneur.

Dr. Movva is a philanthropist and helped many projects at his village of Ventrapragada. Pursuing his father's wish, he decided to help build Dr. Kanuri Ramachandra Rao GMCANA Maternity and Child Health Centre. The entire first floor will be named after his dear parents.



*"To do more for the world than the world does for you - that is success."*

- HENRY FORD

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## *Dr. Telikicherla Madan Mohan (55) and Dr. Kanakadurga (55)*

Dr. Telikicherla Madan Mohan was born on February 3, 1937 in Guntur. He joined Guntur Medical College in 1955 and graduated in 1961. He did his MS in Orthopedic Surgery at King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam. He came to the US in 1966 to do residency in Orthopedic surgery at Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY and later at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY.

Dr. Madan Mohan returned to India in 1969 and worked as an Orthopedic Surgeon at the Nizam Institute, Hyderabad. He married Dr. Gundimeda Kanaka Durga (also from GMC) and returned to Albany in 1973. He switched to Rehabilitation and worked at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Since 1977, he worked at Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University in the Rehabilitation Surgery Group while Dr. Kanaka Durga worked at Wayne State University and VA Hospital until she passed away in 1993.

Even after retirement, Dr. Madan Mohan was actively working on computer animation models to study human anatomy. He developed and patented 'Durga Prosthesis' for above knee amputees that significantly reduced hospitalization costs. He was later diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and passed away in November 2013.

They had profound interest in GMC and were active supporters of GMCANA. Their generosity continues even after their death in supporting medical education and patient care in Guntur. We donated \$150,000 and will established a \$5000 annual Endowment with GMCANA. We are donating a property in Hyderabad worth about \$300,000 to GMCANA. The members of Dr. Madan Mohan's immediate family are happy to note that a part of their trust proceeds are being put to good use by GMCANA.



**Dr. Thomas K. Rao**  
Chairman/CEO, ILS Research.  
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**Dr. Lakshmi Ganga (66)**

Past Chairperson, GMCANA BOT

I am Lakshmi (Surapaneni) Ganga, born in Unguturu, Krishna district. Studied Medicine and later did PG in Ob& Gyn at Guntur Medical College, Guntur 1966-1976. Married to Choudary C. Ganga, born in Bodipalem, Guntur Dt. and studied Medicine at Kurnool Medical College and did PG in Chandigarh 1963-1973.

We moved to the USA 1975-1976, did residency in New York and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1981. I practiced Internal Medicine and Choudary practiced Anesthesiology. We are blessed with a daughter, Sujani, and a son, Sarat. Both received medical education.

From the beginning, we both felt we have social responsibility to our motherland and adopted land. Initially, we helped our families and then helped uplift our villages in various ways. We donated to Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital (as one of the trustee donors). We supported various social causes especially in the education of poor kids. Later, we got involved in supporting a non-profit organization, "Center for Social Service at Hyderabad" which helped orphan and semi orphan girls' education, and helped distressed women by providing vocational training to become financially independent.

Having been impressed with GMCANA activities related to GMC, we gave our hand; initially in a small way towards the new Auditorium construction, and the Podila-GMCANA project. We became actively involved in Kanuri -GMCANA MCH project by not only contributing but also soliciting friends to raise funds for the project. Many of my friends trusted me and donated with big hearts. I am thankful to all of them.

We have donated to many projects in the USA, our adopted mother land: We established the Ganga family Fund for nursing education at Presbyterian Hospital where we both worked. We started the Ganga Family Endowed Medicine Scholarship Fund in 2017 for native American students at the University of New Mexico Medical School where both of our children got Medical Education.

We are proud of receiving the Physician Philanthropy Award from Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation in 2013 for supporting various clinical projects. We were named in the Top Docs section of Albuquerque Business magazine.

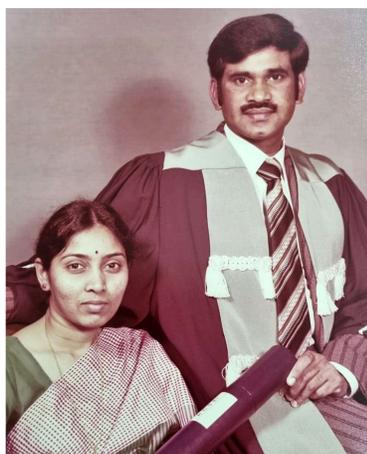
Choudary and I appreciate this opportunity to become a small part of this mega project taken up by GMCANA and are grateful to the whole team for their efforts. We both are grateful for the best education from our state government. I am grateful to my parents for what I am today for their support of my education.

I hope and wish that this mega project will be a big inspiration for more ordinary people like us to build a better community, by working together. Thanking you all once again for this opportunity.



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## ***Dr. Gopala Rao Tatineni (64) and Beena***

Dr. Gopala Rao Tatineni hails from a middle-class family in Movva village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. He is the son of Sri T. Venkata Subbaiah and Smt. Annapurnamma. He completed his schooling at Z.P. High School, Movva, and his Intermediate studies at The Hindu College, Machilipatnam, where he was honoured as the Best Outgoing Student.

He pursued medicine at Guntur Medical College (1964–1969) and later completed his M.S. in General Surgery at Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam (1972–1975). He subsequently worked in the United Kingdom and earned his FRCS (Edinburgh) in 1980. He served as a Consultant Urologist in the UK and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 1987 to 1994. After returning to India in 1994, he continued his medical service at several hospitals.

A national-level volleyball player, he represented the sport in Madras in 1967, and later developed a deep interest in organic farming. Known for his generosity, Dr. Tatineni is a committed philanthropist, contributing to multiple projects in India and abroad.

He has taken up the cause of the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal Child Health center to heart and raised enormous amounts of donations from friends and family, besides his own generous contribution. He states that he gets his inspiration from his father-in-law, the venerable Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao garu, and spearheaded the efforts to name one floor after him in the new building.

He extended his philanthropy by sponsoring the major Operating Room Complex at the Podi-la-GMCANA Superspeciality & Trauma center, where two additional floors are being constructed over the existing structure.

GMCANA is deeply grateful to Dr. Gopala Rao's active participation in its activities and his generous contributions to help the goals and its mission.

# A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

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# GROUND FLOOR

## Left of Main Entrance - Maternal (East Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
G01	PHARMACY	JAYASREE & DR. NAGESWARA RAO KOLLA
G02	GMCANA OFFICE	PRASUNA & BABU RAO DODDAPANENI (65)
G03	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G04	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G05	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G06	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G07	WASH ROOMS	
G08	POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	NIRMALA (62) & RAMAKRISHNA RAO PINNAMANENI (59)
G09	HIGH DEPENDENCY WARD	RAJYA LAKSHMI (62) & MAHENDRANATH KAKARLA
G10	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G11	NURSES ROOM	ANASUYA & ANKINEEDU JETTY
G12	XRAY ROOM	SIVA RANI & RAMAKOTESWARA RAO KOYA (78)
G13	RECORDS ROOM	CLASS OF 1972
G14	ULTRASOUND ROOM	SARADA KOLLI & RSN MURTHY
G15	EQUIPMENT ROOM	CLASS OF 1981
G16	WAITING AREA	SATYAVATHI & NAGESWARA RAO NASIKA
G17	OPERATION THEATER COMPLEX	DRS. SAVITRI & SEENAIAH PENUKONDA

## Pediatric Emergency Entrance (East Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
G37	WAITING AREA	HYMAVATHI & BASAVAPURNAIAH KUNAMANENI
G38	EXAMINATION ROOM	RATHAMMA & LINGAIAH VEGE
G39	OBSERVATION ROOM	VIJAYALAKSHMI (69) & SEETHARAMAIAH ATLURI
G40	RESUSCITATION ROOM	NAGAMANI (68) & SAI KUMAR PADALA
G41	TREATMENT ROOM	IRA CHALLA
G42	PROCEDURE ROOM	ABBAIAH GOTTUMUKKALA
G43	TRIAGE ROOM	VIJAYALAKSHMI (66) & VENKATESWARA RAO ATLURU (66)
G44	STEP DOWN WARD	CLASS OF 1987
G45	SICK INFANT CARE WARD	BHANUMATHI DEVI & DR. DHARMA RAO BOBBA
G46	FEEDING ROOM	SARASWATHI ATLURI

## Right of Main Entrance - Maternal (West Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
G18	ULTRASOUND ROOM	LALITHA (63) & RAMESH BABU VEMURI (64)
G19	ULTRASOUND ROOM	RADHA (72) & RAMESH BABU CHERUKURI (72)
G20	LAB	SIVA RANI & RAMAKOTESWARA RAO KOYA (78)
G21	WASH ROOMS	
G22	DOCTORS ROOM	LAKSHMI RAJYAM (69) & RAMABRAHMAM GULLAPALLI
G23	WAITING AREA	SULOCHANA (67) & RAMARAJA YALAVARTHI (67)
G24	ISOLATION LDR A	JAYAPRADAMBA & SADASIVA RAO KASARANENI
G25	ISOLATION LDR B	KAMALA KUMARI & BUTCHIAIAH CHOWDARY ALURI
G25	ISOLATION LDR C	SAVITRI DEVI KANURI
G26	CLEAN UTILITY	
G27	DIRTY UTILITY	
G28	PREPARATION ROOM	UMADEVI & VENKATESWARA RAO KATA (60)
G29	EXAMINATION ROOM	SARASWATHI & VENKATA SUBBA RAO UPPULURI (63)
G30	WAITING AREA	CLASS OF 1978
G31	NORMAL LDR A	KRISHNA KUMARI (72) & BABU RAO KAKANI
G32	NORMAL LDR B	SEETHA DEVI (63) & KOTESWARA RAO SUREDDI
G33	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G34	DOCTORS ROOM	RAMESH & SURESH KASARANENI
G35	WAITING AREA & RECEPTION	NAVARATNA SIROMANI & DR. RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY BELLAM
G36	PRE LABOR WARD	AMMANI (57) & GHATESWARA RAO DASARI VENKATESWARA REDDY & VENKATA SUBBA REDDY BATTULA

# FIRST FLOOR

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the LEFT (East Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
101	SEMINAR ROOM	SARASWATHI & VENKATA SUBBA RAO UPPULURI (63)
102	DOCTORS ROOM	MANJULA & KALADHAR NALLA (75)
103	DOCTORS ROOM	RADHA RANI & PRABHAKAR KUNAMNENI (87)
104	DOCTORS ROOM	DR. RAMA RAO BIKKINA
105	DOCTORS ROOM	NIRMALA & CHANDRASEKHAR RAO SIMHADRI (72)
106	WASH ROOMS	
107	WAITING AREA	SUSHEELA R. SANKARAM
108	PEDIATRIC SURGICAL COMPLEX	SAGIREDDY & ROTARY OF STOCKTON, GUNTUR
109	PEDIATRIC SUREGICAL PRE OP ROOM	SWARAJYALAKSHMI (63) & NAGESWARA RAO LATCHAMSETTY (63)
	PEDIATRIC SURGICAL POST OP RECOVERY ROOM	MEENAKSHI & KEDARNATH CHALLAPALLI (68)
110	WAITING AREA	PRAMEELA DEVI & KRISHNA DAS GHANTA
111	POST OPERATIVE C SECTION RECOVERY WARD	CLASS OF 1964
112	POST OPERATIVE C SECTION RECOVERY WARD	RAMASESHU (67) & CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO ANNE
113	GYNECOLOGY POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	SUDHA & SRINIVASA REDDY ALLA (83)
114	GYNECOLOGY POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	KOTESWARAMMA NAGAMALLI & VENKAIAH PINNAMANENI
115	WAITING AREA	SHAKIRA & RAMESH CHANDER KARIPINENI (65)
116	GYNECOLOGY OPERATION THEATER COMPLEX	LAKSHMI KANTAMMA & SAMBASIVA RAO TRIPURANENI
	GYNECOLOGY OPERATION - THEATER A	UMA LAKSHMI (76) & RAJKUMAR THOTAKURA (74)
	GYNECOLOGY OPERATION - THEATER B	UMA LAKSHMI (76) & RAJKUMAR THOTAKURA (74)
	GYNECOLOGY OPERATION - THEATER C	SUNNANDAMMA JAMPANI
	GYNECOLOGY OPERATION - THEATER D	VENKAMMA & NARAIHA MALEMPATI
	PEDIATRIC OPERATION - THEATER A	HYMA DEVI PONNAPALLI (62) & KUMAR V. NIBHANIPUDI
	PEDIATRIC OPERATION - THEATER B	SYAMALA DEVI & RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY KUNAMNENI

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the RIGHT (West Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
117	DOCTORS ROOM	PRAKASA RAO DEVABHAKTUNI
118	DOCTORS ROOM	VANAJAKSHI DEVABHAKTUNI
119	DOCTORS ROOM	LALITHA & BUTCHAYYA MEDIKONDURU
120	WASH ROOMS	
121	DOCTORS ROOM	NAVARATNA SIROMANI & DR. RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY BELLAM
122	EQUIPMENT ROOM	SUMATHI & APPA RAO MUKKAMALA (62)
123	DOCTORS ROOM	SASHI & CHANDRA SEKHAR KORITALA (79)
124	NURSES ROOM	VENKATARAVAMMA & SITARAMI REDDY JADDA
125	ANTENATAL WARD	KRISHNA KUMARI (72) & BABU RAO KAKANI
126	ANTENATAL WARD	KRISHNA KUMARI (72) & BABU RAO KAKANI
127	WAITING AREA	KRISHNA KUMARI (72) & BABU RAO KAKANI
128	ANTENATAL WARD	KRISHNA KUMARI (72) & BABU RAO KAKANI
129	ANTENATAL WARD	KAMALAMMA RALLABHANDI
130	WAITING AREA	ARUNAVATHI TAMMA (66) & KOTI VEERAIHA SANGISETTY
131	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY ICU	GOVARDHANAMMA & RAGHAVAIHA RAVURI & KUSUMAKUMARI (68)

# SECOND FLOOR

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UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
201	SEMINAR ROOM	RAMATULASAMMA GADDE
202	NEWBORN NURSERY	GMCANA - HUNTSVILLE
203	DOCTORS ROOM	ARUNA & GOPALA KRISHNA KODURU (72)
204	DOCTORS ROOM	KRISHNA SARADA & RAMESH BATHINA (74)
205	NURSES ROOM	KAMALA KRUPAMANI
206	WASH ROOMS	
207	WAITING AREA	USHA RANI & SATYANARAYANA MALUR (72)
208	GENERAL WARD	AMY CHENG & SREE HARSHA MALEMPATI JORDAN & CHAITANYA MALEMPATI
209	GENERAL WARD	AMY CHENG & SREE HARSHA MALEMPATI JORDAN & CHAITANYA MALEMPATI
210	POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	ANNAPOORNA DEVI & SADANANDA RAO KONDRAGUNTA
211	POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	NAGAMMA RAVI
212	POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	LALITHAMBA & RATHAIAH YITTA
213	POST OPERATIVE RECOVERY WARD	AMY CHENG & SREE HARSHA MALEMPATI JORDAN & CHAITANYA MALEMPATI
214	WAITING AREA	
215	GYNAEC GENERAL WARD	RAMATULASAMMA GADDE
216	STORAGE ROOM	
217	STORAGE ROOM	

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the RIGHT (West Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
218	DOCTORS ROOM	RADHA VIJAYAM (64) & BHUJANGA RAO CHINTAMANENI (60)
219	DOCTORS ROOM	KRISHNA KUMARI & JANGAYYA CHALLAPALLI (57)
220	DOCTORS ROOM	USHA RANI (69) & DEVA DEV ALAPATI
221	WASH ROOMS	
222	DOCTORS ROOM	JAYAVANI & RAMA MOHAN ANNE (69)
223	DOCTORS ROOM	GMCOA
224	DOCTORS ROOM	LALITHAMBA & RATHAIAH YITTA
225	NURSES ROOM	LALITHA SRI PAPANENI (93) & MADHU BABU PALADUGU (93)
226	ANTENATAL WARD	VENKATA SUBBAMMA KANURU
227	ANTENATAL WARD	SUMITRA DEVI VELLANKI
228	POSTNATAL WARD	SAROJA & KASTURI RANGACHARYULU CHILAKAMARRI
229	POSTNATAL WARD	ANNAPOORNA DEVI & SADANANDA RAO KONDRAGUNTA
230	WAITING AREA	CLASS OF 1994
231	GENERAL WARD	AMY CHENG & SREE HARSHA MALEMPATI JORDAN & CHAITANYA MALEMPATI
232	POSTNATAL WARD	RAJYALAKSHMAMMA & SUBBARAMIAH PORURI

# THIRD FLOOR

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the LEFT (East Side) PEDIATRICS

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
301	SEMINAR ROOM	SAMPOORNAMMA & KRISHNAIAH GANGA
302	DOCTORS ROOM	JAYASREE (67) & SAMBASIVA RAO MOPARTHY (67)
303	DOCTORS ROOM	SUNEETHI DEVI & SESHATALPA SAYI ACHANTI
304	DOCTORS ROOM	BHARATHI DEVI SURAPANENI
305	NURSES ROOM	ARUNA KUMARI & RAMA MURTHY NAGUBADI (63)
306	WASH ROOMS	
307	WAITING AREA	TELLA - NALLURI FAMILY FOUNDATION
308	SNCU	TELLA - NALLURI FAMILY FOUNDATION
309	STEP DOWN WARD	BHASKARA BAPAMMA & PARDHASARADHI DUGGIRALA
310	SNCU	SUDHA (65) & BABU PRASAD (62)
311	NURSES ROOM	KAMALA KRUPAMANI
312	PICU	LAKSHMI (67) & SAMBASIVA RAO KOTTAMASU (64)
313	PICU	NIRMALA (62) & RAMAKRISHNA RAO PINNAMANENI (57)
314	NICU	JEEVANI & BABU SATYA KRISHNA DODDAPANENI (87)
315	NICU	TANMAYEE & RITHVIK YENUMULA
316	NICU	BHARATHI (69) & SAMBASIVA RAO VOORA (65)
317	NICU	BHARATHI (69) & SAMBASIVA RAO VOORA (65)
318	SEPTIC NICU	MADHAVI VEGE
319	DIARRHEA NICU	SWARAJYA LAKSHMI & VEERAAH CHODARY KODALI
320	GENERAL PICU	BHARATAMBA & DR. JOJIREDDY MATTA
321	KANGAROO & MOTHER UNIT	TELLA - NALLURI FAMILY FOUNDATION
322	STORAGE ROOM	

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the RIGHT (West Side) MATERNAL

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
323	GENERAL LAB	BHARATHAMBA & DR. JOJI REDDY MATTA
324	ECG LAB	BHARATHAMBA & DR. JOJI REDDY MATTA
325	ECHO LAB	BHARATHAMBA & DR. JOJI REDDY MATTA
326	WASH ROOMS	
327	DOCTORS ROOM	VASUNDHARA & SAMBASIVA RAO GADDIPATI
328	DOCTORS ROOM	RAJARATNAM & PAPA RAO KODALI
<b>329</b>	<b>FAMILY PLANNING OFFICE</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
330	DOCTORS ROOM	ANNAPURNAMMA TANUBODDU
331	NURSES ROOM	SRI MANOHARI & NAGESWARA RAO JAGARLAMUDI
332	FAMILY PLANNING WARD	TELLA - NALLURI FAMILY FOUNDATION
333	FAMILY PLANNING WARD	TELLA - NALLURI FAMILY FOUNDATION
334	GENERAL GYNAEC WARD	NIRMALA YARRA KARNAM (62) & RAJA KARNAM
335	GENERAL GYNAEC WARD	SUDHA & UDAY KUMAR TATA (83)
336	WAITING AREA	CLASS OF 1971
337	GENERAL GYNAEC WARD	NIRMALA YARRA KARNAM (62) & RAJA KARNAM
338	GENERAL GYNAEC WARD	NIRMALA YARRA KARNAM (62) & RAJA KARNAM

# FOURTH FLOOR

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the LEFT (East Side) PEDIATRICS

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
401	SEMINAR ROOM	SWARAJYA LAKSHMI (68) & VEERAAIAH CHOUDARY PERNI (64)
402	DOCTORS ROOM	MEENA & RV PRASAD MANTRAVADI (62)
403	DOCTORS ROOM	MALLESWARI (83) & RAMANJENEYULU BANDARU (81)
404	DOCTORS ROOM	SUSMITHA & APPAJI GONDI (75)
405	NURSES ROOM	HEMA PARIMI (66)
406	WASH ROOMS	
407	WAITING AREA	RATNA TULASI & BASAVESWARA RAO YALAMANCHI (63)
408	GIRLS WARD	SAROJINI (68) & PRATAP KURRA
409	GIRLS WARD	SAROJINI (68) & PRATAP KURRA
410	GIRLS WARD	NAGARATNAM & VK VARMA CHALASANI
411	BOYS WARD	SUHASINI (75) & CHALAPATHI RAO GUDIPATI (71)
<b>412</b>	<b>BOYS WARD</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
<b>413</b>	<b>BOYS WARD</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
414	CLEAN UTILITY	
415	DIRTY UTILITY	
416	GENERAL WARD	HEMA PARIMI (66)
417	STORAGE ROOM	
418	STORAGE ROOM	

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the RIGHT (West Side) PEDIATRICS

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
419	KIDS KORNER	CHANDRAKALA NARLA (65)
420	DOCTORS ROOM	KAMALAKAR AYYAGARI
421	DOCTORS ROOM	PRAKASH RAO J (62)
422	WASH ROOMS	
433	DOCTORS ROOM	JAISREE & MURALIKRISHNA CHITTURI (62)
434	DOCTORS ROOM	HYMAVATHI & RATTAAIAH PODILA
435	DOCTORS ROOM	SHOBA & PRABHAKAR BATTU (62)
436	NURSES ROOM	SHAILAJA & SREERAMACHANDRA RAO YALLAPRAGADA (66)
<b>437</b>	<b>GENERAL WARD</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
438	GENERAL WARD	CLASS OF 1964
439	GENERAL WARD	MAHALAKSHAMMA & NAGABHUSHANAM KONDRAGUNTA
<b>440</b>	<b>WAITING AREA</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
441	GENERAL WARD	KAMALA & SRIHARI DAS KANURU (60)
442	GENERAL WARD	ANJAMMA & VENKATA REDDY CHALLA

# FIFTH FLOOR

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the LEFT (East Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
501	SEMINAR ROOM	CLASS OF 1964
502	PEDIATRIC HOD ROOM	EUGENE WHITEHORN STRAUS
503	GYNECOLOGY HOD ROOM	VIMALA DEVI & SIVARAMAIAH JAMPALA
504	OBSTETRICS HOD ROOM	RACHEL & JUDGE PETER SAKAI
505	POSTGRADUATE LOUNGE	SEETHARAVAMMA TIYYAGURA
506	STAFF LOUNGE	SHAILAJA & SRINIVASA RAO CHINTALAPUDI (85)
507	WAITING AREA	TULASAMMA & KOTAIAH KARNATI
508	PEDIATRIC SURGICAL WARD	PADMALATHA & BALABHASKARA RAO VENIGALLA (71)
509	PEDIATRIC SURGICAL WARD	PADMALATHA & BALABHASKARA RAO VENIGALLA (71)
<b>510</b>	<b>PEDIATRIC POST OPERATIVE WARD</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
511	PEDIATRIC POST OPERATIVE WARD	NAGARATNAMMA & SIVA RAMA KRISHNAIAH DAVULURI
512	GENERAL WARD	SATYANARAYANAMMA & VENKATA SWAMY NAIDU DEVIREDDI
513	GENERAL WARD	LAKSHMI KUMARI & KALESWARA RAO ALLAMANENI (72)
514	GENERAL WARD	TULASAMMA & KOTAIAH KARNATI
515	STORAGE ROOM	
516	STORAGE ROOM	

## Stepping out of the Elevator to the RIGHT (West Side)

UNIT	NAME OF THE AREA	DONOR NAME
517	GMCANA OFFICE	
518	GMCANA OFFICE	
519	GMCANA BOARD ROOM	
520	WASH ROOMS	
521	CONFERENCE CENTER	SATYABHAMA & DR. VASUDEVA RAO KADIYALA
522	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	LAKSHMI VANI (69) GOPALA RAO GUTTIKONDA (66)
523	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	JYOTHIKRISHNA GOLLAVELLI (72)
524	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	ANURUPA & RAMAN DAMINENI (83)
525	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	GNANA PRASUNAMBA & VENKATESWARA RAO DANDAMUDI
526	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	NAGARJUNA HOSPITALS
527	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	JYOTHI & LOKESWARA RAO EDARA (76)
528	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	GIRIJA & SURESH KUNAPAREDDY (75)
529	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	SNEHAPRABHA & SUBRAHMANYAM VEMURI
530	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	VASUNDHARA & SEETHA RAMA RAO BOBBA (60)
531	ASST. PROFESSOR ROOM	BASAVAPUNNAIAH KONDABOLU
532	OBSTETRICS OFFICE	NALINI (83) & VISHNU YALAMANCHI (82)
533	GYNECOLOGY OFFICE	PRASANTHI & VENKATA KOTESWARA RAO MARELLA (88)
534	PEDIATRIC OFFICE	PADMA CHAVA (86) & KALYAN KOMMINENI
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Umamaheswari & Sudhakar Jonnalagadda (89)	₹ 4,00,000	Ramesh Vennam (72)	₹ 1,00,000
Vijaya Kanumilli (75) & Krishna Rao Maddipati	₹ 4,00,000	Bala Tripura Sundari & Anjeneyulu Kandukuri (71)	₹ 1,00,000
Aruna (76) & Kanakaraju Koduri	₹ 4,00,000	Sailaja Lakshmi Pothuneedi & Ankamma Rao Kandru (86)	₹ 96,960
Uma (76) & Sambasiva Rao Sukhavasi (72)	₹ 4,00,000	Pushpavathi (64) & Raj Prasad Motaparathi	₹ 96,000
Madhu Bindu & Ranga Rao Tummala (77)	₹ 4,00,000	Jyothi & Lakshmi Prasad Gadde (62)	₹ 89,280
BR Prasanna Raju Yeddu (53)	₹ 4,00,000	Gita & Subrahmanyam Vadlamani (58)	₹ 89,280
Nirmala Kumari Narla (64) & Suryanarayana Tummala (59)	₹ 4,00,000	Kamala & Gopalakrishna Murthy Chimata (64)	₹ 80,000
Anuradha & Jagannadha Rao Brahmandam (64)	₹ 4,00,000	Naga Jyothi Gavini (87) & Gopikrishna Tathineni	₹ 80,000
Sarada (64) & Narayana Rao Atluru (64)	₹ 4,00,000	Murali Krishna Kakula	₹ 80,000
Vijaya & Srinivasa Reddy Adapa (86)	₹ 4,00,000	Thoyaja (98) & Kiran Koritala	₹ 80,000
Shoba & Sadasiva Rao Katta (75)	₹ 4,00,000	Nirmala & Brahmananda Prasad Makkapati (59)	₹ 80,000
Meera S (72) & Devendraprasad Boppna	₹ 4,00,000	Sunitha & Mallik Medarametla	₹ 80,000
Usha & Surendra Paruchuri (66)	₹ 4,00,000	Shireesha & Lakshamana Das Narla (69)	₹ 80,000
Gowtham Koduru & Family	₹ 3,70,000	Indira Devi (79) & Prasad Panthagani	₹ 80,000
Indu Latha (87) & Bhagat Aramandla	₹ 3,60,000	Santha & Sastry Prayaga (87)	₹ 80,000
Rama Tulasi & Rama Krishna Koneru (71)	₹ 3,10,000	Lakshmi & Srinivasa Rao Bhatraju (66)	₹ 80,000
Kusumalatha Prabhakar (62)	₹ 2,40,000	Sandhya Rani (84) & Ravi Makkapati	₹ 80,000
Neelanthi & Kishore Britto (71)	₹ 2,40,000	Rajee & Venkateswara Rao Makkenna (86)	₹ 80,000
Bharatha Lakshmi & Janardhana Reddy Vinta (64)	₹ 2,40,000	Jonathan Wilson	₹ 80,000
Bharatha L & Babu Rajendra Prasad Devabhaktuni (64)	₹ 2,40,000	Padma & Ravi Tamerisa (64)	₹ 80,000
Lakshmi Vijaya Kaza (87)	₹ 2,00,000	Annapoorna & Krishna Prasad Varada (64)	₹ 80,000
Sujatha (87) & Suresh Yellinedi	₹ 2,00,000	Rekha & Sivalinga Prasad Vankineni (68)	₹ 80,000
Sreedevi Daggubati (87) & Nageswar Rao Patibandla	₹ 2,00,000	Prabhakara Reddy Tukivakala (64)	₹ 80,000
Neeraja & Sreenivasa Rao Chanamolou (87)	₹ 2,00,000	Nalini P. Sastry	₹ 80,000
Samatha Moturi & Venu Gopala Krishna Parimi (94)	₹ 2,00,000	Prasad V. Sola	₹ 40,000
Ratna Kumari (66) & Hema Prasad Yadla	₹ 2,00,000	Devaiah Athota	₹ 20,000
Ramadevi & Satyanarayana Puvvula	₹ 2,00,000		

# Donations from individual classes to Dr. Kanuri – GMCANA MCH center

It is commendable to note that alumni from individual batches, individual cities, and GMCOSA (Guntur Medical college Old Students Association) have enthusiastically raised funds for the noble cause.

As a single batch, the Class of 1964 alumni in USA, England and India together have donated a total of \$853,075 (Rs. 68,246,000) towards various projects for the improvement of (GGH & GMC)

## Class of 1964 - \$ 171,050 (₹1,36,84,000)

First Floor - Post Operative C Section Recovery Unit - 9 beds  
Fourth Floor General Ward - 8 beds  
Fifth Floor - Seminar Room.

## Huntsville, Alabama, Alumni - \$ 28,500 (₹ 2,280,000)

Second Floor – Newborn Nursery

## Class of 1987 - \$ 25,000 (₹20,00,000)

Ground Floor - Step Down Unit.

## Class of 1994 - \$ 21,100 (₹16,88,000)

Second Floor – Waiting Area C

## Class of 1978 - \$ 20,926 (₹16,74,080)

Ground Floor – Waiting Area A

## Class of 1971 - \$ 20,000 (₹ 16,00,000)

3rd Floor – Waiting Area 10 B

## GMCOSA – ₹ 10,00,000

Second Floor – Doctor's Room 15 H

## Class of 1972 - \$ 12,500 (₹10,00,000)

Ground Floor – Records Room

## Class of 1981 - \$ 7,919 (₹633,250)

Ground Floor – Equipment Room



# Frequently (un)Asked Questions about – KGMCH Centre

Dr. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri (63)

## 1. Most of you are permanent residents or citizens of USA. Why are you donating funds to GGH & GMC that you left decades ago?

We are alumni of GMC & GGH that gave us education and skills to survive and prosper. We can never forget our Mother Institution and would love to enhance her capabilities to provide better education & lives to a lot more.

We are exposed in our adopted country, USA, to a culture of most people donating on average 3% of their income to their academic institutions to enable them to educate many more. Northwestern University as an example has about 1 Billion dollars in its endowment fund and the income from which is used for enhancing education. We in India have started to follow the same culture by adding Education to the Religions for donations, with increasing pace recently.

## 2. How did the idea of a new dedicated MCH Centre enter your minds?

The Infant and Maternal Mortality Rates were significantly high in India in 2013 and Andhra Pradesh was one of the states that had higher mortality rates. Indian government started an initiative to reduce this mortality. In order to achieve this Government of India gave some funds to develop MCH Centers in different states. GMCANA was made aware of this by then HODs of Ob Gyn and Pediatric departments as the building that was going to be constructed with the government funds at that time was not enough to support the needs locally.

## 3. Did you think of any other goals for MCH Centre?

To establish and enhance both Gynecological and Pediatric Superspeciality postgraduate educational programs to make GGH reach or exceed the performance of other institutions in India.

## 4. How did you arrive at the detailed floor planning of different areas and departments at MCH Centre ?

The Central Government has detailed guidelines for organizing all areas in MCH Centers which were the foundation for our planning; and discussion with our own department leaders at GGH led to some modifications that were incorporated in the final plans.

## 5. What is the total cost of the project?

Initial estimate was Rs 65 crores in 2018 which was delayed due to Covid-19. Revised estimate turned out to be about Rs.85 crores in 2022 and now it is more than to Rs.100 crores to complete this magnificent building.

## 6. Out of the Rs.100 crores, how much did the government contribute by now?

Rs.6 crores from the government of Andhra Pradesh for civil construction. However they are spending about Rs.27 crores for the equipment which they are in the process of procurement. The GMCANA, GMCOSA and other donors came forward to contribute close to Rs.100 crores to help with the civil construction.

## 7. Any additional goals or plans to achieve your vision for MCH?

To be a Model for other Institutions in A P and for that matter across India, to achieve the primary goal of reducing infant mortality rate as well as maternal mortality rate by inspiring execution of many other Institutions all over the State. Alumni of RMC in Kakinada are doing the same and almost close to completion of the MCH Centre – at their Alma Mater.

## 8. What is your vision going forward?

GGH administration and OB-GYN/Pediatrics will work hard within the guidelines & framework of the Central Government and achieve the goals quickly and share Happiness of all Mothers & Children.

## 9. Do you wish to take all the credit for this landmark charitable project?

Not at all. It is a token of our expression of our gratitude to our Mother institutions -- GMC/GGH - but for whom we would not be what we are!

## 10. Would you like to thank anyone in particular outside your organization of GMCANA?

Of course! But for the cooperation and help in varying degrees of all the leaders, executives and officers of the Government of A P over the last 10 years, and all GGH Superintendents and Professors and Staff of Ob-Gyn & Pediatrics AND specifically daily involvement of our local Coordinators - Balabhaskara Rao Venigalla, P.V. Hanumantha Rao and others - the project would not have come to this conclusive stage today. We sincerely thank them.

*With best compliments*

Thank you **GGH & GMCANA...**

**You Created International Level Health Facility, we utilised it for Needy & Deserved Patients**

**Glorious & Memorable Journey with  
Dr. Podila Prasad GMCANA Super Speciality & Trauma Centre**



Great start on **23-01-2016**  
**Dr. KAMINENI SRINIVASA RAO,**  
Health Minister  
underwent total knee replacement



**03-08-2016** participated in the World Record Event with  
**10 TKRs** on a single day.



On **26-03-2018** Live surgery  
transmitted from Guntur to Gujarat  
International conference.



On **30-11-2017** Knee Replacement  
Programme in GGH is Appreciated by  
Chief Minister **Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu**



On **16-02-2022** Completed 125 Free TKR  
Surgeries & Post Graduate Training



On **28-02-2022** Felicitation on occasion of  
successfully completing 125 TKRs  
at GGH, Guntur.



**Dr. BUSIREDDY NARENDRA REDDY**  
M.S. (Ortho), DNB (Ortho), M.Ch. (Ortho),  
**Chief Joint Replacement Surgeon,**  
MD, CEO Sai Bhaskar Hospitals



On **01-07-2023** Felicitation by  
Mrs. Vidadala Rajini, Health Minister  
for Free Health Services provided at GGH.



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# History of GMCANA

**Dr. V. Chowdary Jampala (72)** Past president & Trustee-GMCAMA

*Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (popularly known as GMCANA), with its activities on many fronts to benefit the alumni, the alma mater, and the general public, has become the model to emulate for many other alumni organizations. Since its beginnings in an overcrowded classroom in Oak Park and River Forest High School 44 years ago, it had been an interesting and highly productive journey. I recount here the major milestones and achievements along the way.*

## 1981

May 24: Alumni of Guntur Medical College gather at the Third TANA Conference in Oak Park, IL, and decide to form an organization of their own Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (GMCANA) in order to meet the goals of raising resources to promote teaching and patient care needs at Guntur Medical College and its affiliated institutions and serving the needs of the alumni in North America.

Dr. Ramaiah Samala (54) was elected as the First President, Dr. Seetharama Rao Bobba (60) and Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad Dandamudi (64) as officers. Dr. Rama Rao Kaza (65) took the lead in drafting the constitution.

December 31: GMCANA was incorporated as a Not-for-Profit Corporation in the State of Missouri.

## 1989

September 2-4:

First GMCANA Grand Reunion and Convention was organized at the Rosemont Westin Hotel in Chicago under the leadership of Dr. Sri Krishna Murthy Nuthi (59), President, and Dr. Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi (67) Convenor.

Decision made to have GMCANA Reunions on a regular basis and to draft a new constitution. An Alumni Building Project was proposed and \$100,000 was raised for this purpose almost immediately.

## 1990

November 9-11: Second Reunion at Nashville. Dr. Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi was installed as President; New Constitution adopted.

First endowment, CG Ramamurthy Memorial Fund in Obstetrics and Gynecology, was initiated.



## 1991

Publication of the newsletter, *Alumni News*, began. Dr. V. Chowdary Jampala (72) was the first Editor.

## 1992- 93

August 21-23 : Third Reunion at Falls Church, VA. Rangaraya Medical College alumni decided to combine their reunion with the GMCANA reunion (RMC continues to have their reunions together with GMC since then. Kurnool Medical College, Andhra Medical College, and Siddhartha Medical College alumni also celebrated their reunions along with GMCANA at different times). Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru (60) was installed as President and Dr. Seetaramarao Bobba took office as the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

New endowments were set up at GMC to provide continuing medical education in Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, and Health Education. A copy machine was purchased for use at GMC.

## 1994-95

August 12-14, 1994. Fourth Reunion in St. Louis. Dr. Mangaraju Vanapalli (58) was installed as President. Books and journals supplied to the GMC Library. The Alumni Building Project got stalled due to bureaucratic hurdles.

## 1996

August 9-11. Fifth Reunion in Atlanta. Dr. V. Chowdary Jampala was installed as President and Dr. Mani Akkineni (96) as the Chair of Board of Trustees

**GMCANA entered the electronic age with its own web site** at [www.gmcana.org](http://www.gmcana.org) with the initiative of Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni (71), Chairman of Communications Committee. The web site has become a major communication tool for the organization. A bust of Dr. D Jagannatha (DJ) Reddy was installed by GMCANA at GMC.

## 1997

**Development of Strategic Plan** : Sri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, Member of Parliament, Guntur, conveyed to GMCANA a request from the Superintendent of the Government General Hospital (GGH) asking for help to rejuvenate the hospital and help with the training resources. Drs. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri (63) and Aruna Prasad Kancherla (60) visited GMC and GGH in 1997 on factfinding missions and consulted with the leaders of the two institutions as well as local alumni. Dr. Jampala and the Executive Committee developed a strategic plan for the rejuvenation of the institutions.

Andhra Pradesh State Government approved Dr. Jampala's request to appoint a Special Officer for development of GMC and GGH.

## 1998

August 14-16: Sixth Reunion in Pittsburgh. Dr. Aruna Prasad Kancherla (60) and Dr. Ammani Dasari (57) were installed as President and Chair of the Board of Trustees.

November 11: Executive Committee refines the strategic plan with a focus group meeting in Chicago. **The organization defined its mission: "To help develop Guntur Medical College and Government General Hos-**

*pitalGuntur, as premier modern Medical Education facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, staff, and medical community at large".*



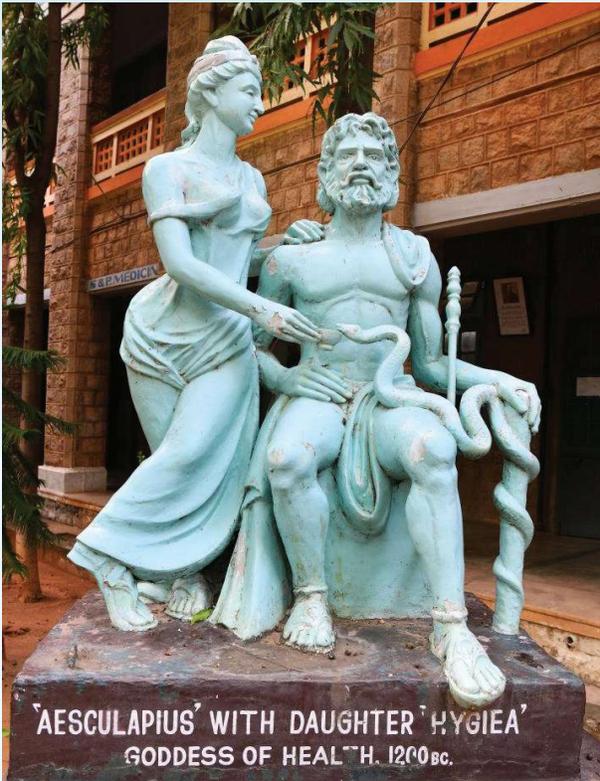
## 1999

**Active fundraising was conducted in many cities.** In a period of twelve months, GMCANA, with large donations from the alumni, provided GGH an Xray unit, a fetal ultrasound monitor, a chemistry analyzer, a modern threeroom operating theater, and a large number of textbooks to the library. A Research Endowment Fund and a Scholarship Fund were established at GMC. A Continuing Medical Education Center with three computers, multimedia software and internet access was established along with an additional reading room with a capacity for 60 students. In addition, an electronic teaching microscope with TV attachment for the department of pathology, a bronchoscope and PFT machine for the Govt. Fever hospital and an image intensifier for the Xray department were also donated.

## 2000

August 4-6 : Seventh Reunion in New York. Dr. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri (63) was installed as President and Dr. Ramarao Kaza as the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Active communication among GMCANA, GMC, GGH and Government of AP helps build trust to improve the parent institutions. Efforts began to renovate the Government Fever Hospital and donations of various other equipment.



## 2001

Dr. Uppuluri and the GMCANA leadership developed a **Comprehensive Proposal for Improvement of Medical Education and Teaching Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh** and presented the proposal to the Chief Minister in December 2001. The Chief Minister agreed to implement some of the changes recommended in the proposal including opening the hospital for paying patients. **GMCANA initiated a new campaign, "WE CARE!"** to rally the necessary support for the development of our parent institutions in Guntur. This slogan has now come to embody the attitude of all concerned alumni and staff and is instilling a sense of pride and achievement.

## 2002

April: **Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted for the GMCANA Auditorium.** This project (formerly Alumni Building Project) finally got off the ground with a combination of funds from GMCANA and the state government and construction began.

August 31 – September 2: Chicago hosts another Grand Reunion (Eighth). Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni and Dr. Veeraiah Chowdary Perni (64) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Following a wellorganized presentation by the Executive Committee about the progress over the past two

years including the groundbreaking of the GMCANA Auditorium, the Chief Guest, Dr. Anji Reddy, made an emotional presentation about the efforts to improve the conditions at GGH and GMC. The properly impressed alumni responded generously with large donations to ensure the completion of the auditorium project.

November: K. Ramakrishna Rao, Collector of Guntur District, took charge as the Chairman of the newly constituted **Hospital Development Society** and met with the GMCANA leadership during a tour of the USA. Impressed by the vision and commitment of GMCANA, he made serious efforts to transform GGH into a topclass facility. Under his leadership, the hospital was rapidly computerized.

## 2003

GMCANA sponsored courses in basic and advanced life support at GMC/GGH and provided equipment to the newly started Intensive Care Unit and helped expand services in the Pediatrics, Physiotherapy, Postoperative Recovery and OB/Gyn units. A new Iridium Brachytherapy Unit, an additional wing at the Government Fever Hospital Building and the ENB Sarma Subspecialty OR sponsored by GMCANA were dedicated.

## 2004

September 4-6: Ninth Reunion at Anaheim, California. Dr. Gowtham Mulpur (75) and Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru (60) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was opened at GGH; monitoring equipment worth more than Rs. 20 lakhs has been shipped from US; the CME Center was upgraded; and a corpus fund for the maintenance of the auditorium and sponsoring of continuing educational programs was established.

## 2005

January 21-23: **Inauguration of the Auditorium and Global Alumni Homecoming in Guntur** was organized by GMCANA together with GMCOSA (Guntur Medical College Old Students Association at Guntur) and with Guntur Medical College Graduates of UK. The Homecoming, a Grand Celebration over three days, attracted a large number of alumni. The festivities included the inauguration of the new GMCANA Auditorium, our loving gift to our alma mater and the city of Guntur. The students celebrated the occasion by holding the first College Day function in

almost a decade. It was a weekend of memories for all the attendees.

July: Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy Ponugoti (72) was installed as President at the General body Meeting in Detroit.

## 2006

September 2-4: The Silver Jubilee Reunion of GMCANA at Orlando, Florida. Dr. Umadevi Gavani (65) was installed as the President of GMCANA as was Dr. Nageswararao Latchamsetty (60) as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, This Tenth Reunion was significant for the leadership roles taken by another new generation of GMC alumni. Dr. I.V. Subbarao, Secretary of Health, AP, addressed the meeting, discussing the role of public-private partnership in maintaining the government institutions in the new millennium.

Access to the auditorium was improved with the demolition of the infamous Deyyaala Meda, and construction of a new access road directly to the auditorium with more convenient parking.

## 2007

July: A major achievement during this period was **laying the groundwork for the Podila Prasad GMCANA Superspecialty and Trauma Center**. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Hospital Development Committee were planning to construct a new Millennium Block at GGH and sought GMCANA's involvement in developing the superspecialty units. Dr. Podila Venkata Prasad (81) came forward to generously donate Rs. 5 crores for this purpose. Sri K. Rosaiah, then Health Minister, agreed to provide a matching grant of Rs. 5 crores. After announcing this at the General body meeting at 14th TANA conference, the then Health Education minister of AP, Mrs. Galla Aruna Kumari, and GMCANA signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

December 3: The **foundation stone for the Podila project was laid**.

Ten lecture galleries at GMC were renovated and modernized. Four new Endowments were established in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Internal Medicine and Physiology.

## 2008

February: The collaboration between GMCANA and the Rotary Club of Stockton resulted in a donation of equipment worth Rs. 16,81,000 to GGH. The equipment includes a Colonovideoscope, a Multichannel



Monitor, EKG Machines, a Colonoscope, a Biological Microscope and a Drill system for Orthopedics.

May: GMCANA donated 15 beds to pediatrics, 50 beds to the newly constructed Obstetrics Building and 30 beds, a BiPap machine and nebulizers to the Fever hospital.

GMCANA took an active role in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the *alma mater*, sponsoring the publication of the souvenir and hosting a celebratory dinner for students and staff. A laptop computer and an LCD projector were donated on this occasion for the Sushrutha Hall at GGH.

August 30-September 1: Eleventh Reunion at Dallas. Dr. Satyanarayana Nelluri (81) and Dr. Bhaskara Murthy Ponnuru (63) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. After unveiling the construction plans for the Podila Prasad GMCANA Superspecialty & Trauma Centre, the official fundraising campaign was launched during this reunion and the attendees responded overwhelmingly.

## 2009

February: Gymnasium and Recreation Center for Students were inaugurated in the memory of our beloved teacher Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao.

GMCANA equipped all lecture galleries with modern audiovisual facilities, renovated the library, and began providing electronic library services. Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru came through again with the Pediatric Water Project ensuring running water supply to the pediatric unit.

The Rotary Club of Stockton continued to support GMC/ GGH with sophisticated equipment worth Rs. 4 million.

## 2010

September 4-6: St. Louis played host again for the 12th Reunion. Dr. P. Babureddy Sagireddy (83) was installed as the President and Dr. Bhaskara Murthy Ponnuru continued as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Once again the alumni came through with generous donations for the Podila Prasad GMCANA Super Speciality & Trauma Centre.

## 2011

The state government increased its commitment for the Podila Project to a total of 10 crores and GMCANA matched the amount. Construction on the project proceeded briskly.

## 2012

April: GMCANA conducted a workshop and trained 182 physicians and students in BLS and ACLS.

July: Classes of 62 and 72 contributed to airconditioning the GMC Library, lecture galleries and the reading room in Men's Hostel.

GMCANA Trust in India received FCRA clearance.

September 1-3 : Chicago is the place once more for the 13th Reunion. Dr. Lokeswara Rao Edara (76) and Dr. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri were installed as the President and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees respectively. Updated GMCANA web site was inaugurated. The Principal of GMC and the Superintendent of GGH attended the Reunion. More Funds were raised for the SuperSpeciality Center

## 2013

Dr. Oruganti Kirshnamurthy (72) was appointed as the Database Coordinator for GMCANA. We now have information on about 1800 alumni in North America, and the number keeps increasing.



The auditorium got an infrastructure upgrade, with installation of an elevator and new flooring for the main stage and added more capacity to the airconditioning and the generator systems.

## 2014

January 17-19. GMCANA, along with the other alumni organizations, students and staff of GMC and GGH celebrated the **Second Global Alumni Homecoming on the occasion of the longawaited opening of the Podila Prasad GMCANA Super Speciality & Trauma Centre.**

On January 18, 2014, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Sri ESL Narasimhan inaugurated the new building amidst an excited gathering of alumni, staff, trainees of GMC/GGH and the citizens and civic leaders of Guntur. A gleaming four storied structure with more than 1 lakh square feet of integrated and well designed floor space proudly proclaimed the contributions of a committed alumni body to their alma mater and the people of the region that nurtured them.

May 24-25. 14th Reunion in New Orleans. Dr. Venkateswara Rao Dharmavarapu ('80) was installed as the President and Ramaraja Yalavarthi as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

## 2015-2016

GMCANA has been very actively and continuously involved in improving the facilities and patient care at the newly built Podila Prasad GMCANA Superspeciality & Trauma Centre. Within a short period of time, this state of the art facility became the setting for **the first open-heart surgery, and shortly after, the first heart transplant** in the new state of AP, performed by a dedicated alumnus Dr. Alla G. Gokhale and his team.

Several kidney transplants and dozens of Total Knee Replacements have been performed in the Modular Operating Theaters. It also houses the first of a kind Stroke Center and advanced cardiac services. With the help of Rotary club, GMCANA has provided several ventilators, monitoring units and physiotherapy equipment to the Neurology department.

September 2-5, 2016: The 15th Reunion in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Sambasivarao Sukhavasi (72) was installed as the President. Three Padma Sri Award receiving alumni of Guntur Medical College Drs. Nayudamma Yarlagadda, Gopichand Mannam and Gokhale Alla were honored at the reunion. Following an impassioned presentation by Dr. Pratap Mouli Venigalla (98), a second generation alumnus, a decision was made to start a GI Center of Excellence at the GGH and funds were raised.

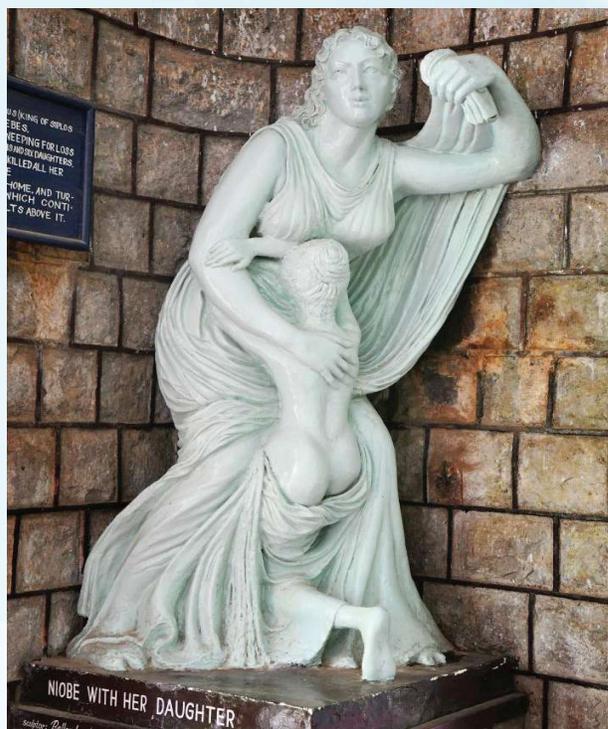
## 2016-2018

GMCANA sponsored the first "White Coat Ceremony" at GMC for incoming freshers, the first of its kind in India, in 2016. Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni with the help of Telikicherla Foundation organized the event with all the incoming freshmen being cloaked with White Coats in presence of their families. This has now become an annual event. Our past president, Lokesh Edara, took this idea to AAPI, and now all 450 medical colleges in India are organizing this event pioneered by GMCANA and GMC.

**Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center:** Ever mindful of the needs of the people of the Guntur region, GMCANA decided to embark on its most ambitious project yet the multistoried MCH Center, with 600 beds at the cost of Rs. 60 crores, in partnership with the state government of Andhra Pradesh.

With the help of the Rotary Project of Stockton and Guntur Rotary Club, GMCANA donated ventilators and physiotherapy equipment to the Department of Neurology and ventilators, monitors and xray machine to the Trauma Center at a cost of about Rs one crore. Drs P. Babureddy and Ravikumar Tripuraneni helped coordinate these projects. We also donated special equipment to the Departments of Urological and Cardiac Surgery.

GMCANA is are excited to partner with the NATCO Trust, founded by Sri N.V. Chowdary of NATCO Pharma, in making more services available to the people at the Government General Hospital. NATCO trust has already donated various equipment, facilities and shelters to GGH. Building of a **70 bed Comprehensive Cancer Center** was started at GGH at a cost of Rs 40 crores with



tate-of-the-art equipment including Linear Accelerators and a Special Oncology Unit for Chemotherapy. NATCO Trust has adopted the entire Department of Pediatrics and completely renovated the old pediatric wards and NICU and built a new 43 bedded airconditioned general ward. The Trust donated sleep lab equipment to the Department of Neurology and is planning to help improve the Laminar Flow Operating Room for the Department of Orthopedics to perform total joint surgeries at GGH along with building and equipping a Surgical ICU.

Work also began on establishing the GI Center of Excellence. Some necessary equipment such as electrocautery argon plasma, UPS etc. were procured from existing GMCANA funds.

The Neurology department under the leadership of Dr. Sundarachary made great strides establishing a Neuro-ICU and a Stroke Center.

Dr. Gokhale's team **completed 500 cardiac surgeries, including four heart transplants**, at GGH. That our GGH could accomplish this was unthinkable only a few short years ago. The achievement of GMCANA is not merely erecting a building, but the establishment of an unlimited opportunity for improved healthcare and training.

September 13, 2018 : The 16th Reunion at Atlanta. Dr. Sreenivasa Reddy Alla (83) was installed as the President. Dr. Veeraiah Chowdary Perni (64) became the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan (72), IAS, alumnus and National Chairman of Lok Satta, and Sri Kona Sasidhar, IAS, District Collector, Guntur, provided the keynote addresses.

## 2018-2022

The world went through a major upheaval due to the COVID pandemic. GGH became the regional referral hospital where the heroic healthcare staff at GGH struggled hard providing excellent care even as the daily census at GGH often exceeded 1200 during the peak COVID periods. GMCANA rallied to support them fully, purchasing PPE kits locally, and then supplying over 70,000 masks, 60,000 pairs of gloves, 2000 quality PPE kits, face shields, head caps and protective goggles for the use of staff at all levels at the hospital and college. Several oxygen generators were also donated in collaboration with AAPI and other donors. The generous donors of GMCANA gave more than \$125,000 for COVID relief activities.

During this period, NATCO supported the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the GI Center of Excellence became operational. DM training programs were approved in Radiation Oncology and Neurology. GMCANA built a reverse isolation room for cardiac surgery patients and donated video and EEG equipment to the neurology department.

GMCANA Auditorium is completely refurbished with a new sound system, a new LCD projector and cosmetic improvements; all lighting was changed to the eco-friendly LED systems. A transformer was installed so that generators do not need to be used except in emergencies.

The old auditorium on top of the library was also completely renovated and airconditioned. Several lecture galleries were also renovated and airconditioned with the 1979 batch contributing to the renovation of the SPM Lecture Gallery.

Work on the Maternal Child Health Center (MCH) building did not progress much during this period. Unrelenting efforts by the GMCANA leadership resulted in a new memorandum of understanding was signed with the Govt. of AP on June 20, 2022, so that GMCANA can resume the building of a 7 story, 670 bed, state-of-the-art hospital building at a budget of Rs. 85 crores.

Dr. C. Padmavathi, Principal of GMC, and Dr. N. Prabhavathi, Superintendent of GGH and Additional Director for Medical Education, have been proactive in taking up infrastructure development activities at our alma mater.

Dr. K. Basavapunniah, who served GMCANA and GMC/GGH for several years, decided to retire from the position of the Chairman of GMCANA Trust in Guntur after 20 years. Dr. K. Kaladhar took on that responsibility now.

## 2022-2024

Construction of Kanuri Ramachandra Rao GMCANA MCH Center resumed after a long pause. Fundraising efforts were ramped up by the leadership. After a generous donation of \$2.5 M by Dr. Uma Gavani, Sponsorships kept pouring in, thanks to the kind hearted alumni. The building committee under the leadership of Dr. Babureddy gained momentum and the structure is set to be completed by early 2025.

The 17th Biennial Reunion of GMC, RMC and SMC in Dallas, TX was very successful under the direction of Dr. Srinivasa Reddy Alla. The gala event was a great platform to realize substantial donations to MCH Center. Dr. Lakshmi Prasad Vemulapalli (76) and Dr. Lakshmi Ganga (66) were installed as President of GMCANA and Chairperson of the BOT respectively.

## 2024

August : The 18th Biennial Reunion in Orlando was successfully conducted with Dr. Lal Bahadur Nagagabhairu (84). Dr. Ramakoteswararao Koya (78) and Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni were installed as President and Chairperson of the BOT.

GMCANA and the Building Committee worked closely with the officials of GMC/GGH and the Government of Andhra Pradesh in getting the Kanuri- GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center completed. Dr. NV Sundarachary and Dr. SSV Ramana, both alumni of GMC, were appointed as the Principal of GMC and Superintendent of GGH and provided dynamic leadership in improving the facilities. GMCANA members helped renovate the departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pathology and Physiology as well as helping repair the roof the main building. Two new floors are being planned to be added to the Podila-GMCANA Superspeciality

The third GMC Alumni Global Homecoming is being celebrated grandly by GMCANA and GMCOSA on 28, 29 and 30 January 2026 on the occasion of the inauguration of the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

GMCANA will continue in its efforts to serve the alma mater and the citizens of Andhra Pradesh and help develop Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital Guntur, as premier modern Medical Education facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, staff, and medical community at large.



*"Alone we can do so little...  
together we can do so much."*

- HELEN KELLER

# GMCANA Auditorium Update

**Dr. Ramaraja Yalavarthi (67)** Past President & Trustee –GMCANA

GMCANA auditorium is still the crown jewel at GMC, teeming with all kinds of educational conferences, cultural activities, student and nursing exams, and student services. It is occasionally rented for local and other community events. The new gate and access road have been a great boon in avoiding disruption to the college. It has been the home for several national and state level medical conferences. It is heartening to note that annual College Day, Fresher's Day, White coat ceremony, Graduation Day, and several alumni class reunions are being hosted there regularly.

The air-conditioned reading room is very popular with students. We took up some repairs and updates to the AV equipment and changed the auditorium lighting to LED for improved efficiency. Some cosmetic work and landscaping were done around the building. We have installed an elevator to serve those in need. A dedicated electric transformer is now replacing the need to rely on expensive generators.

Since the historic grand opening during GMC family's first Global Alumni Homecoming (GAH) in January 2005, several hundred programs including national and regional professional conferences, annual meetings and college functions like convocations and fresher's days have enjoyed the beautiful facilities. Many of our alumni have delivered lecture presentations in their fields of expertise. Tripuraneni CME Center is equipped with internet access and subscriptions to multiple medical journals and provides a comfortable and popular study zone.

The convocation class pictures of recent years on the iconic front steps of the Auditorium fill our hearts with immense pleasure and gratification to know that the Auditorium is truly serving the intended mission of GMCANA in the form of a modern educational facility that many of us were not privileged to when we were students.

During Covid pandemic period, the activities were temporarily halted, but picked up again in recent times. From 2018 to date, over 100 events took place in the Auditorium and numerous educational activities at Dr. KRR Mohana Rao Seminar Hall. Of note are AP Medical council Zonal CME, Awareness of CPR to High school students of Guntur district by Dr. Lokesh Edara and the Collector, APCOG 2019 OB Gyne state conference, APICON 2019 47th annual conference, and District Court judges' program to name a few.

Several alumni have chosen GMCANA Auditorium as the venue for celebrating their class reunions. Of note are the Golden Jubilee, Silver Jubilee, and Ruby Jubilee reunions of alumni from many classes.

On a financial note, we are very happy to note that the Auditorium is self-sufficient. We occasionally offer some material help with repairs and some areas of upkeep.



*The gift of education we fondly savor  
Yearning to return many fold the favor  
Reminiscing the good old years so lovely  
Fortunate to belong to GMC family  
Spreading the wealth of knowledge far and wide*



*Determined to enhance the glory and pride  
A long-cherished dream of fifteen years  
Fulfilled by generosity of our peers  
Shaped this Auditorium with warm thoughts  
By all grateful alumni with generous hearts*

*(Inscription by Dr. Ramaraja Yalavarthi on the donar wall)*

# Podila Prasad – GMCANA Superspeciality and Trauma Centre Update



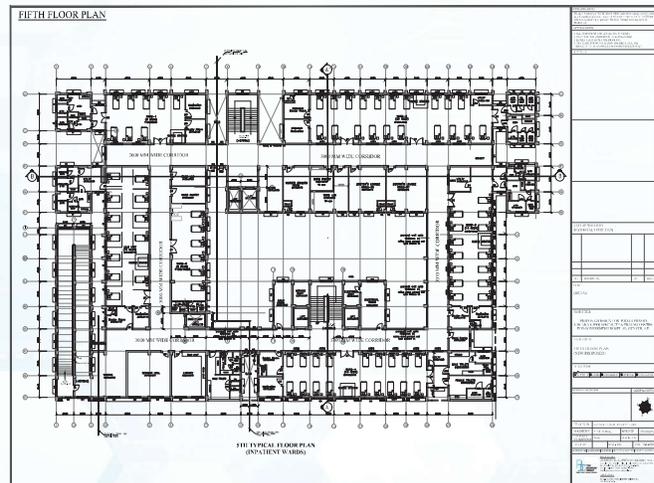
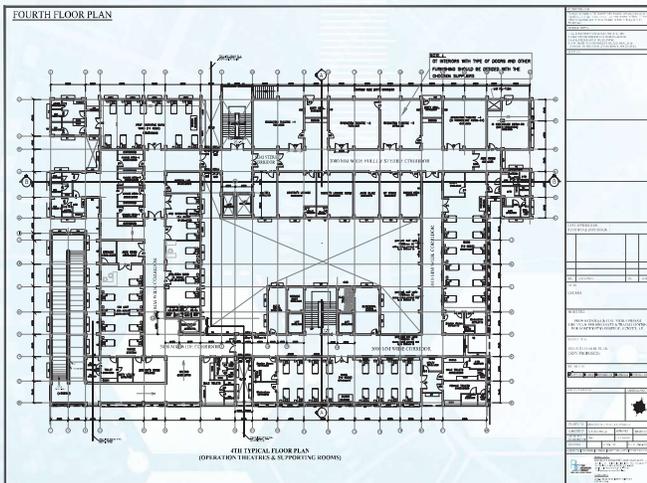
**Dr. Podila Prasad (81)**  
Trustee

As you all know, GMCANA successfully completed the State of art GMCANA auditorium at GMC in 2005. With that momentum, GMCANA took up another major project at GGH to bring all specialties under one roof. Initially Podila-GMCANA Super specialty and Trauma centre was conceived to provide specialty services with main focus as a trauma Center. The idea started in 2006 to build structure with a cellar and G+5 floors and the foundation for the building was laid with that in mind at additional cost to hold all the 6 floors. Due to the enormous cost increase and paucity of funds, it was decided to build only a cellar and G+3 floors with plans to expand in future . This project was started as the first public private partnership between AP Government and GMCANA and set a precedent for future projects. This center was inaugurated by then Governor Sri Narasimhan garu in February 2014.

Podila- GMCANA Centre soon became the heart of GGH and started providing state of the art medical care in Neurology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology and Cardiology. With the availability of modular operation theaters, the Cardiology and CT surgery department was able to do cardiac transplants in addition to other cardiac surgeries. The Nephrology department was able to provide dialysis on three shift basis and the urology department doing kidney transplants. Trauma and casualty care is being given to 880 to 1000 patients per day. The Neurology Dept and stroke center are one of the best in south India . Joint replacements were done in this facility as well. Recently the Government added 30 additional ICU beds at a cost of Rs 3 crores. During Covid -19 pandemic, Podila -GMCANA centre was able to provide acute care and saved thousands of lives .

Although this building added more beds and operation theaters for specialty services, there is an acute need for additional beds and also for additional Operation Theaters to improve the surgical care in Gastric surgery, Urology and Plastic surgery. After serious consideration, the Executive committee and Board of Trustees of GMCANA decided to build an additional two floors. After further discussion with HS, DME, APHMIDC and superintendent Dr. Kiran, our building committee: Dr. Sagireddy and Dr. Tripuraneni were successful in getting a GO and MOU for construction of additional two floors. Bhargav associates who designed the initial civil structure were commissioned to draw the plans for this new addition. Dr. Uma Gavani, who was instrumental in the original Podila project plans, is working on the two additional floor plans with architects in planning and designing. Keeping in mind the additional patient services in urgent need, the new floors will include: additional 3 operation theaters, and a 4th flexible room to be used as an operation theater or GI procedure room. An acute care unit with 12 beds and additional 120 patient beds will also be part of this to accommodate Gastroenterology, Nephrology and Urology departments. This will bring additional Postgraduate and DM/MCH seats to GMC/GGH .

The tentative estimate for construction of each floor is between Rs 12 and 15 crores. The government gave a similar GO as the Kanuri GMCANA MCH Centre. This will allow GMCANA to select its own contractor for construction of these two additional floors . Currently work is already in progress and the first slab will be underway now . These two floors will be completed by July 2026 . Naming rights are available for some areas. Any donation above \$2000 will be recognized on the Donor wall .



# Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America



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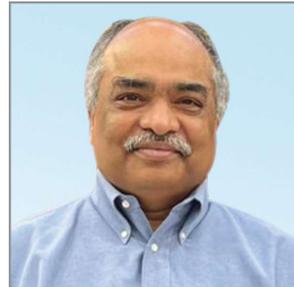
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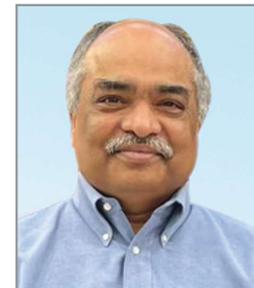
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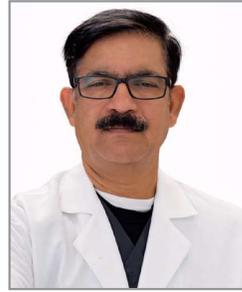
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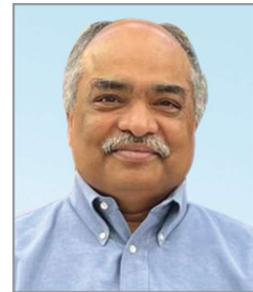
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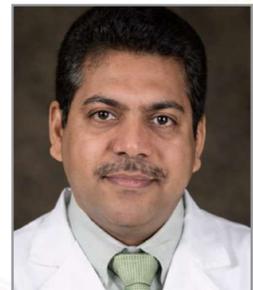
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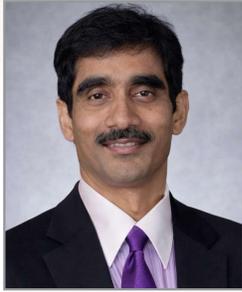


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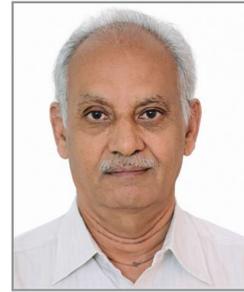
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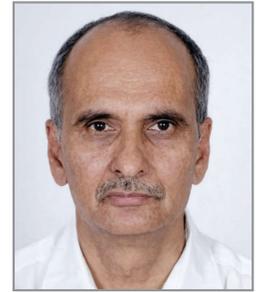
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Subbarao Guntupalli



Dr.K.Kaladhar(67)  
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Gowtham



Nagaraju Dopalapudi



Ramesh



Ravi Kumar Guntireddy



Ruksana

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**Dr. Chowdary Jampala.**



**Dr. Nagesh Chennupati.**

## GMCANA PRESIDENTS

1) Ramaiah Samala ('54)	1981
2) Sri Krishna Murthy Nuthi ('59)	1989
3) Ramaraja Yalavarthi ('67)	1990
4) Sriharidas Kanuru ('60)	1992
5) Mangaraju Vanapalli ('58)	1994
6) V. Chowdary Jampala ('72)	1996
7) Aruna Prasad Kancherla ('60)	1998
8) Venkata Subba Rao Uppuluri ('63)	2000
9) Ravi Kumar Tripuraneni ('71)	2002
10) Tejanand Gowtham Mulpur ('75)	2004
11) Nagarjuna R. Ponugoti ('72)	2005
12) Uma Devi Gavani ('65)	2006
13) Satyanarayana Nelluri ('81)	2008
14) P. Babu Reddy Sagireddy ('83)	2010
15) Lokeswararao Edara ('76)	2012
16) Venkateswara Rao Dharmavarapu ('80)	2014
17) Sambasivarao Sukhavasi ('72)	2016
18) Srinivasa reddy Alla ('83)	2018
19) Lakshmi Prasad Vemulapalli ('76)	2022
20) Ramakoteswara Rao Koya ('78)	2024

## GMCANA BOT CHAIRPERSONS

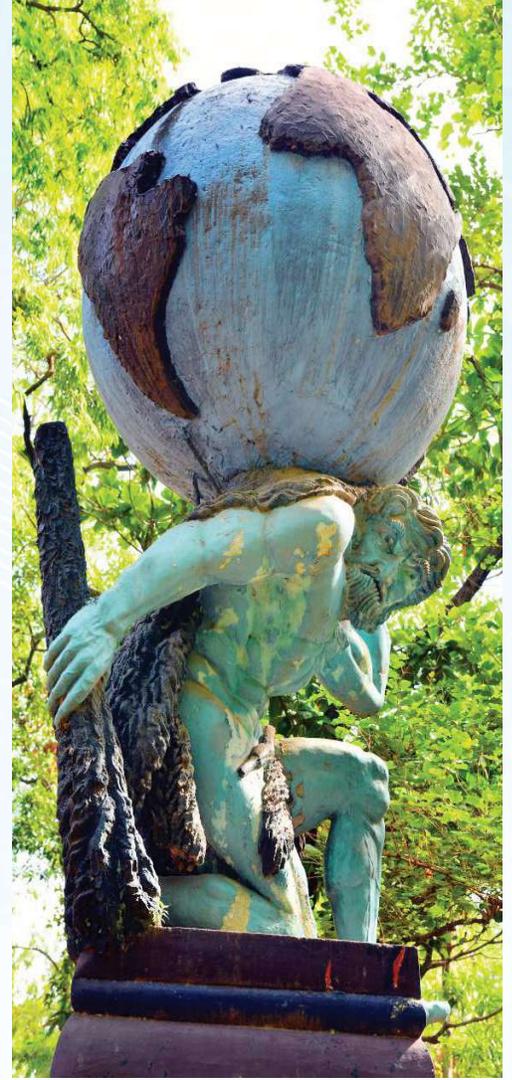
1) Seetarama Rao Bobba (60)	1992-94
2) Mani Akkineni (64)	1994-96
3) Ammani Dasari (57)	1998-2000
4) Rama Rao Kaza (65)	2000-02
5) Veeraiah Chowdary Perni (64)	2002-04
6) Srihari Das Kanuru (60)	2004-06
7) Nageswara Rao Latchamsetty (60)	2006-08
8) Bhaskara Murthy Ponnuru (63)	2008-12
9) Venkata Subba Rao Uppuluri (63)	2012-14
10) Ramaraja Yalavarthi (67)	2014-18
11) Veeraiah Chowdary Perni (64)	2018-22
12) Lakshmi Ganga (66)	2022-24
13) Ravikumar Tripuraneni ('71)	2024-26

## GMCANA REUNIONS

1st Reunion, Chicago, IL.	Sept 2-4, 1989
2nd Reunion, Nashville, TN.	Nov 9-11, 1990
3rd Reunion, Falls Church, VA.	August 21-23, 1992
4th Reunion, St. Louis, MO.	August 12-14, 1994
5th Reunion, Atlanta, GA.	August 9-11, 1996
6th Reunion, Pittsburgh, PA.	Aug 14-16, 1998
7th Reunion, New York, NY.	Aug-4-6, 2000
8th Reunion, Chicago, IL.	Aug 31-Sept 1, 2002
9th Reunion, Anaheim, CA.	Sept 4-6, 2004
10th Reunion, Orlando, FL.	September 2-4, 2006
11th Reunion, Dallas, TX.	Aug 30 -Sept 1, 2008
12th Reunion, St.Louis, MO.	September 4-6, 2010
13th Reunion, Chicago, IL.	September 1-3, 2012
14th Reunion, New Orleans, LA.	May 24-26, 2014
15th Reunion, San Antonio, TX.	September 2-5, 2016
16th Reunion, Atlanta, GA.	September 1-3, 2018
17th Reunion, Dallas, TX.	September 3-4, 2022
18th Reunion, Orlando, FL	August 31- Sep. 2, 2024

## CONVENORS

Ramaraja Yalavarthi  
 Appa rao Mukkamala  
 Suryanaryana Tummala  
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 Mangaraju Vanapalli  
 Hemakumar Vakamudi  
 Rajeswara Rao Patcha  
 Prasada Rao Ravella  
 Ravindra Alapati  
 Sivasagar Gummadi  
 Narasimha Rao Vemula  
 Babu Rajendra Dandamudi  
 Surendra Avula  
 Satyanarayana Malur  
 Lakshmi Prasad Vemulaplli  
 Raman Damineni  
 Srinivasa Reddy Alla  
 Lal Bahadur Nagabhairu



# GMCANA Projects at GMC & GGH

## From Xerox to MCHC

**It all began with a Xerox machine in 1994.** As Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru, the then President of GMCANA, was visiting the college, the GMC leadership impressed upon him the need for a copy machine as one was not available anywhere on the campus. He arranged for an immediate purchase of a ModiXerox tabletop copier with supplies and an extended warranty at a cost of Rs. 1,20,000. On March 24, 1994, the copier was installed in the library where the students could copy materials for themselves and copy and distribute educational materials in the class rooms as well. This was the first direct contribution of GMCANA to GMC. The college collected a minimal fee from users, and that money was used to maintain the copier, which lasted for more than 10 years before a new one had to be purchased in 2006. In many ways, this first project portended the future. GMC/GGH identifies a need, GMCANA strives

to fulfill the need and ensures that any purchased equipment has a longterm warranty, GMC/GGH takes care to maintain it efficiently and the users benefit immensely.

We have come a long way in the ensuing 28 years with Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America taking on many projects, both big and small, across several departments and areas at GMC and GGH.

Whether it is a copy machine costing only a few thousands of rupees or a modern patient care building costing more than 100 crores, the principle and the mission remain the same – doing our best to ensure that Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital be the premier modern medical education facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, staff and community at large.

A consolidated list of these projects follows.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

#### GMCANA Auditorium

- A multipurpose airconditioned building complete with an 850 seat theater, seminar room, new CME Center, three Guest suites and a multipurpose Recreation Center equipped with the latest audiovisual and information technology
- Nuthakki Recreation Center & Gymnasium
- Auditorium Enhancements Addition of a new lift with glass doors Upgrading of flooring on the stage Complete replacement of lighting with LED systems Upgrading of the audiovisual systems including a state of the art LCD Projector Increasing the capacity of airconditioning and power generator systems Addition of an electrical transformer to minimize the need for electrical generators Provision of access road to the auditorium



New Chairs and furniture added in 2021

GMCANA pays for the electricity bills for airconditioning during the summer months

#### CME Center

- Computers with highspeed Internet connections
- ELibrary
- Educational CDROMs including Textbooks o CDROMS
- Online journal subscriptions
- LCD projector for CME presentations
- Digital Camera
- Xerox multipurpose copier/ laser printer
- Scanner
- Color printer

#### Podila Prasad – GMCANA Super Specialty and Trauma Center

- a state of the art ground plus threestory building housing several Superspecialty units, Modular OTs, Reverse Isolation Room for Cardiac Surgery, Imaging systems, Burn unit, Acute care area and Dialysis Center.

## Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health

**Centre** - a state of the art facility with 2,69,245 sq feet of space that will house 300 OB & Gynecology, 200 Pediatrics, 27 PICU, 30 SICU and 40 NICU beds and a 300-seat conference hall.

### EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, Library

- Textbooks and Journals
- Air conditioning of the Library
- Copier
- Independent 80 seat reading room fully furnished
- Post graduate and Journal wing in the Library
- Complete Skills lab with mannequins

### Renovation of Old Auditorium

The old auditorium (above the library) was completely renovated and airconditioned. Old seating and furniture were replaced.



### Renovation of Lecture Galleries

- Ten classrooms were renovated with painting, repairs of seating, electrical wiring and fans.
- Air conditioning of lecture galleries
- All class rooms were equipped with audiovisual systems, including a CPU, LCD projector, screen and an Audio system



### Nursing School

- Educational materials, books, mannequins and models,
- 70 chairs to the nurse's quarters in GGH
- Computer

### Anesthesiology

- Several multipurpose Anesthesia monitors to the OR with SPO2, NIBP, ETCO2,Temp.
- Laryngoscopes, LMA/s and supplies to the Anesthesia department
- Computer with printer for Anesthesia department
- Difficult airway equipment
- Anesthesia supplies for cardiothoracic surgery

### Cardiology

- Central Monitoring
- Infusion Pumps
- Defibrillators
- Multi Channel Monitor with Multilead ECG, Resp/ SPO2/Temp/ ETCO2
- Three Channel EKG Machine

### Clinical Laboratory

- ABG machine, Biochemistry lab with immediate lab results

### Equipment for ICU

- Savina Adult/Pediatric Ventilator
- Oxylog –2000 Transport Ventilator

### GMCANA Mission Statement

To help Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital- Guntur, as the premier modern medical medical education facilities for undergraduate and post graduate medical students, staff and the medical community at large.



### **Gastroenterology**

- Colonoscope
  - Proctoscope
  - Other Endoscopes
- Establishment of GI Center of Excellence and purchasing necessary equipment

### **Government Fever Hospital**

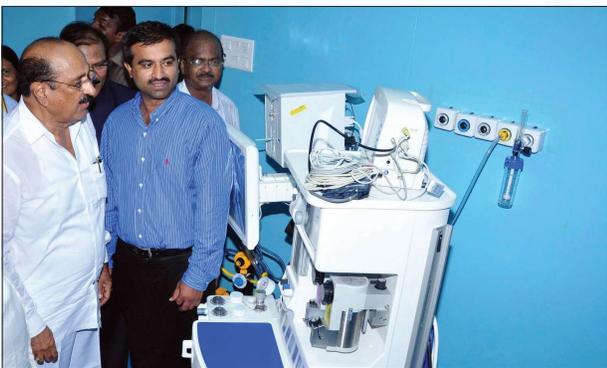
- Two story additional wing
- Fiber Optic Bronchoscope
- Pulmonary Function testing machine
- Nebulizers
- Bi Pap Machine
- 30 beds with lockers

### **Ladies Hostel**

- Furnishing of two reading rooms with chairs and Tables in the new hostel buildings
- Air-conditioning of the Reading rooms in Gouthami & Kaveri buildings

### **Nephrology**

- Two Hemodialysis Machines for acute treatment



### **Neurology**

- Computerized EEG and EMG machines
- 5 Ventilators for Neuro ICU & Stroke Unit

- 3 Multipurpose monitors
- ECG machine
- Physical Therapy equipment
- Video equipment

### **Obstetrics & Gynecology**

- Ultrasound machine
- Fetal monitors
- Infusion pumps
- Airconditioning of Labor rooms (General and HIV)
- Colposcope, Biological Microscope

### **Ophthalmology**

- Computer

### **Operating Theatres**

- Modular Operating rooms for Transplant surgeries
- Isolation rooms for Heart transplant and other transplant surgeries

### **Orthopedics**

- Drill System



### **Pathology**

- A modern Leica teaching microscope with TV monitor
- Remote display 30" flat panel TV monitor
- Computer room with computer, printer, scanner and digital camera
- Restoration of specimens

### **Pediatrics**

- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Warmers and phototherapy units
- Ventilators
- Incubators
- Nebulizers
- Emergency cart
- Newborn Resuscitation kits
- Pediatric Beds 15

- TVs, VCD player and VCDs
- Water project supplying running water to pediatric ward 24/7
- New 20 bedded, fully airconditioned Pediatric ICU

### **Surgery**

- ENB Sarma Superspeciality Operating Room
- Three Emergency Operating Rooms fully equipped and airconditioned
- Urology endoscopes & equipment
- Electrocautery
- Proctoscope and colonoscope
- Colonovideo scope

### **Physiotherapy**

- Physical therapy equipment

### **Psychiatry**

- Thymatron System IV ECT Machine
- Anesthesia machine to use during ECT administration

### **Radiology**

- 300 MA WiproGE-Xray- image intensifier
- 500 MA Xray plant

- Ultrasound machine
- Fluoroscope

### **Radiotherapy**

- Iridium Brachytherapy Unit
- Radiation Therapy Cesium kits

### **Trauma Center**

- Xray machine to the Trauma Center.

### **Miscellaneous**

- 80 patient beds
- Wheel Chairs and Walkers
- Computerization of old Medical transcripts.
- LCD projectors to Sushrutha Hall at GGH and to Cooper Hall at GMC
- Elevator in College building

### **ONGOING CME PROJECTS**

- Basic and Advanced Life Support (BLS, ACLS and PALS) Training for staff, postgraduates, interns and students
- Endowment Lecture Series in OBGGynecology, Surgery, Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Maternal and Fetal Medicine and Humanities

## **Dr. Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center**

*Where mothers labor, and new lives begin  
 From tender hands, tacit dreams are spun  
 With gratitude every generous heart shows  
 Within these caring halls, compassion grows  
 Guided by those giants who taught us well  
 Their eminent wisdom here will dwell  
 Old students from distant lands, together we  
 Uphold a solemn pledge to heal and see  
 A world where hope and kindness thrive  
 Here, GMCANA's vision comes alive  
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 Kanuri Ramachandra Rao Maternal and Child Health Center  
 Standing tall as a beacon of Hope and Help*

*(Inscription by Dr. Ramaraja Yalavarthi on the donar wall)*

# GMCANA 25th Endowment Awards

**Dr. Rama Koteswararao Koya (78)** President, GMCANA

It is with great pleasure that we share the highlights of the **Freshers' Day celebrations** for the GMC 2025 batch, held on November 04th at the **GMCANA Auditorium**, Guntur Medical College. The event was a memorable occasion that welcomed new students into the GMC family, marking the beginning of their promising journey in medical education.

**Dr. Koya Rama Koteswara Rao**, was the chief guest of the event and addressed the 2025 batch of medical students during the IGNITO 25 Freshers' Day and White Coat Ceremony held at the GMCANA Auditorium. Dr. Rama Koteswara Rao reminded students that studying medicine at GMC is a privilege, as the institution has produced many outstanding doctors serving across the globe. "Wherever you go, you will find Telugu doctors especially GMC alumni making a difference in healthcare,"

Principal **Dr. N.V. Sundara Chari** urged students to treat patients with empathy and compassion, observing that technology and money should never become barriers between doctors and patients. Dr. Ramana Yashasvi, Superintendent of the Government Comprehensive Hospital, stated that "becoming a doctor is easy, but being recognized as a good doctor is an achievement."

During the ceremony, 250 new medical students received their white coats and ID cards, symbolizing their official induction into the medical profession. Principal Dr. Sundara Chari also administered the Hippocratic Oath, reaffirming medical ethics and integrity.

Vice Principals Dr. B. Sridhar (Administration) and Dr. B. Madhavi (Academic), along with GMCANA Chief Coordinator Dr. B. Bala Baskara Rao, Coordinator Dr. P.V. Hanumantha Rao, Karanam Raja Rao, various Heads of Departments, faculty, and parents, participated in the program.

The event also featured the presentation of GMCANA 25<sup>th</sup> Awards and Research Endowment Awards, including the Dr. Tummala Ramabrahmam Memorial Research Award presented to Dr. Sumitha Shankar (Plastic Surgery), Dr. Katyayini (Microbiology), Dr. R. Lakshmi (Dermatology), Dr. Sai Kiran (Psychiatry), and Dr. Elize Sandhyavali (Ophthalmology) for their published medical research, listed below,

Guntur Medical College – Endowment Awards & Scholarships 2025					
S.No	Endowment / Scholarship Name	Donors / Established By	Subject / Purpose	Award Amount	Recipient
1	Anne Pedagogalarao & Nirmala Endowment Fund	Bellam Siva Prasad & Sai Vijaya (Est. Jan 2007)	Highest marks in Internal Medicine	\$250	Miss. Phanidam Gayathri
2	Sri Thota Subba Rao & Smt. Veera Raghavamma Endowment Fund	Mrs. Anuradha & Dr. Naga Raja Thota ('72)	Female student – Highest marks in General Surgery	\$250	Miss. Meesala Archana

3	Smt. & Sri Tulasi Mahalaxmi & Nagabhushnam Goriparthi Endowment	Renuka & Kumar Paka (Est. Sep 2006)	Highest marks in OBG (Gold Medal)	\$250	Miss. Verru Snehitha
4	Smt. Devabhaktuni Suguna Endowment Fund	Mrs. Sita & Dr. Varaprasad Devabhaktuni ('66)	Female student – Highest marks in Pathology	\$250	Miss. Pedapenki Meghana
5	Smt. & Sri Chenumolu Pushpavathi & Koteswara Rao Endowment Fund	Dr. Subba Rao Chenumolu (64) & Lakshmi R. Chenumolu	Highest marks in Pharmacology	\$250	Miss. Vallapaneni Sushma Chowdary
6a	Sri Vasireddy Seetapati & Gowri Devi Scholarship Fund	—	Highest ranker in MBBS Entrance (2024)	\$250	Miss. Maram Sphoorthy
6b	Sri Vasireddy Seetapati & Gowri Devi Scholarship Fund	—	First in First MBBS	\$250	Miss. Nelakurthi Nikhitha
7	Gokaraju Hari Rao Endowment Fund	Drs. Asha (74) & Ravi Velisetty	Best student in Anatomy	\$250	Miss. Attla Komali
8	Dr. Duggirala Bala Subramanyam Memorial Fund	Family & Friends (Est. 2008)	Highest score in Physiology	\$250	Miss. Nelakurthi Nikhitha
9	Chandrakala, Kavitha & Rajyalakshmi Memorial Fund (Class of '88)	GMC Class of 1988 (Est. 2010)	Highest score in Biochemistry	\$250	Miss. Nelakurthi Nikhitha
10	Dr. Tummala Ramabrahmam Memorial GMCANA Research Fund	Drs. Hariharan, Asia Fathima, Sowmya, Lakshmi, Devaki, Bhargavi, Aruna, Jeevan Kumar	Best research articles in Microbiology, Psychiatry & Pathology	Certificates / Recognition	Dr. Y. Kathyayani, Dr. Saikiran Pasupula, Dr. Ramya Katta
11	Dr. Kasaraneni Sadasivarao Memorial Fund	—	Excellence in Surgery	₹ 15,000	—
12	Dr. Mandava Sreemannarayana Murthy Memorial Fund	—	Excellence in Surgery	₹ 15,000	—
13	Dr. Kancherla Aruna Prasad Memorial Scholarship Fund	—	Bright & needy students (EAMCET rank)	\$250 each	Miss. Jannu Sai Mounika, Miss. Dudekula Aneesha
14	Sri Tummala Ramakrishna Sastrullu Memorial Fund	Dr. Satya Prasad Tummala ('76)	Economically disadvantaged, meritorious students	\$250 each	Miss. Amulya Satwika, Miss. Shaik Aayesha Shabreen
15	GMCANA Endowment Fund (Dr. Kanuru Srihari Das - '60 Batch)	GMCANA	Bright & needy students	\$250 each	Uggirala Devika, R. Gnanambika, Bandlamudi Charitha Sree, Ketineni Jyothika, Karri Hari Priya, Mothukuri Sravan Kumar, Orsu Leela Maheswari, Rongali Shankar Rao, Thanagala Bhanu Tejaswini, Vivek Kumar

# GMCANA 26th Endowment Awards

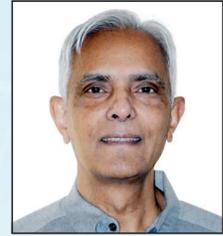
**Dr. Krishna Kakani (72) Trustee**

1. **Anne Pedagogalarao and Nirmala Endowment Fund in Internal Medicine donated by Bellam Siva Prasad and Sai Vijaya.**  
Name: Boyina Swetha - 2020 batch  
Name: Shaik Sabiha - 2020 batch
2. **Sri Thota Subba Rao & Smt Veera Raghavamma Endowment Fund.**  
Name: Sreepathi Sree Swathi Tanmayi Vydehi – 2020 batch
3. **Smt. & Sri Tulasi Mahalaxmi & Nagabhushnam Goriparthi Endowment Fund in Obg & Gyn.**  
Name: Sri Vyshnavi Kamaraju – 2020 batch
4. **Smt Devabhaktuni Suguna Endowment Fund.**  
Name : Nelakurthi Nikhita – 2022 batch
5. **Smt and Sri Chenumolu Pushpavathi and Chenumolu Koteswara Rao :**  
**Established by Dr. Subba Rao Chenumolu (GMC 1964 class) and Lakshmi R. Chenumolu**  
Name : Alaparthi Ruchira – 2022 batch
6. **Sri Vasireddy Seetapati & Gowri Devi Scholarship fund:**
  - a. Highest ranker in MBBS entrance exam who obtained admission in GMC 2025. \$250  
Name : Gopisetty Lasya Sumigna – All India rank – 2188  
Kasu Pavani – State Rank - 6312
  - b. First in first MBBS. \$250  
Name: Uggirala Devika – 2023 batch.
7. **Gokaraju Hari Rao Endowment Fund in Anatomy**  
Name: Sanikommu Sai Jahnavi – 2023 batch.
8. **Dr. Duggirala Bala Subrahmanyam Memorial Endowment Fund in Physiology.**  
Name: Uggirala Devika – 2023 batch.
9. **Chandrakala, Kavitha & Rajyalakshmi Memorial Endowment Fund in Biochemistry-class of 1988.**  
Name: Uggirala Devika – 2023 batch.
10. **Dr. Tummala Ramabrahmam, M.D, Memorial GMCANA Research Endowment Fund - year 2025**

Rank	Candidate	Rank/Department	Topic
1	Anil Kumar B	Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine	Various topics 1. Proposal for cancer screening strategy in AP was approved 2. Proposed strategies for reducing disease burden
2	Sudha Rani P	Assistant Professor, Biochemistry	1. Cystatin C in early kidney disease – Eur J Cardiovasc Med – 1 <sup>st</sup> author 2. CRP and HbA1C in Type 2 DM – Int J Med Pub Health – 2 <sup>nd</sup> author 3. Insulin resistance in patients on hemodialysis – J Cardiovasc Med Res; middle author
3	Ramya Katta	Assistant Professor, Pathology	1. Myeloproliferative neoplasms – J Clin Diagn Res 2. Colorectal cancer – Int J App Basic Med Res

# 65 Years of a Journey

Shaped by Gratitude and Giving



## Dr. Srihari Das Kanuru (60)

Past President & Trustee, GMCANA

My journey began in 1960 in a small village of barely fifty people, a place where dreams were simple but hope was strong. That year, for the first time in my life, I traveled to the town of Guntur, accompanied by my brother, to attend an interview for admission to Guntur Medical College.

I still remember the feeling of wonder as I stepped onto the campus. The grand stone buildings surrounded by lush green lawns felt like a different world, one I had never imagined or seen before. The day before my interview, we walked through the campus quietly, meeting other hopeful candidates, each carrying dreams as fragile and powerful as my own.

During our conversations, we learned something important: we had to be properly dressed for the interview—a tucked-in shirt, a belt, and shoes. We rushed to the local shops and bought a belt and a pair of Bata shoes for Rs. 20, the cheapest available. That amount was equal to the price of a bag of paddy at the time, but to me, those shoes felt priceless. They carried not just my feet, but my future.

Before the interview, Sri P.D. Babu Rao garu carefully verified my documents and guided me into a room where Dr. D.J. Reddy, Vice Chancellor of Tirupati University, Sri Govindarajulu garu, and another senior faculty member were seated. Someone had told me to say “May I come in, sir?” I said it softly, my heart pounding.

The interview lasted barely two or three minutes. They asked my name. That was all. I later learned that I was ranked 30th, and that for high-ranking candidates, the interview was only a formality. But at that moment, I walked out not knowing my fate - only carrying hope.

The day I learned my name was on the admissions list posted in the main hall of the college, My life changed forever. I was going to medical college. I did not fully understand then what MBBS truly meant, but I knew it meant opportunity, purpose, and a path forward.

When I wore the white coat for the first time and placed a stethoscope around my neck, something within me transformed. In my village, people stopped calling me Dasu and began calling me “Oray Doctor.” For a village boy, that change in respect was overwhelming. It was not pride alone. It was a responsibility.

The total tuition fee I paid for all seven years was Rs. 1,680, an amount that cannot begin to reflect what the government invested in me, or what GMC gave me in return. GMC gave me more than an education. It gave me an identity. It gave me dignity. It gave me a lifelong gift—the title of Doctor.

GMC also gave me my first lesson in service. As Student Social Service Secretary, I helped raise nearly Rs. 1,400, the first such effort in GMC; to conduct medical camps in nearby villages. That experience planted a seed in my heart: that healing is not only about medicine, but about compassion and charity.

I went on to complete my MD in Pediatrics in Patna and served in the medical wards of GGH for a year. Then, in January 1972, I left India with my wife, two young children, two suitcases, and eight dollars; the maximum foreign exchange allowed at that time. I carried very little money, but I carried immense faith.

### *A New Land, the Same Values*

After completing my pediatric residency in the United States, I settled in Alabama, where I practiced Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine until my retirement in 2020.

America gave me an opportunity, but more importantly, it taught me the deeper meaning of community and charity. The respect and trust I received from my patients and colleagues gave my life a purpose and fulfillment beyond professional success.

Yet, no matter how far I traveled, my heart always remained connected to the institution that shaped me: Guntur Medical College.

### Giving Back to the Mother Institution

I believe that gratitude finds its truest expression in giving back. For the past 30 years, I have been blessed to serve alongside devoted members of GMCANA, working tirelessly to support GMC and GGH.

Most of us came from humble, middle-class families, many from villages like mine. Yet, together we stood tall carrying the torch not for ourselves, but to light the way for future generations.

As President of GMCANA three decades ago, we began our journey of giving; providing the first Xerox machine, library books, two X-ray units when none were functioning at GGH, and set up endowments to support continuing medical education.

At the St. Louis Grand Union in 1994, I said: "What we have done for our alma mater is only the beginning. You have not yet seen what the future will bring."

And how true that became. GMCANA did not stop. Year after year, project after project, love after love; we built an Auditorium, restored lecture galleries, transformed the fever hospital into the Podila Prasad GMCANA Trauma & Super Specialty Center, and raised the towering Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal & Child Health Center.

Even then, whatever we have done can never equal what GMC and GGH gave us: a life of purpose, service, and identity.

*Our guiding words are simple, yet powerful :*  
"WE CARE."

We care today. We will care tomorrow. And future generations will care, because they will stand on the foundation we helped build.

I am proud to stand here not only as a doctor, but as a grateful son of Guntur Medical College, and a lifelong member of GMCANA.

GMC is not just an institution to me. It is my mother. And I will carry her in my heart for as long as I live.

### 1964 జట్టువారి అనుభవాలు, భావాలు

పదునొరేండ్ల ప్రాయమున మన  
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 అప్పునొన్నలను వదిలి ఆనెడు చేరితిమి  
 ఈ అప్పు ఒడిలోన, చల్లని ఒడిలోన.  
 రొంగ్గ రక్కసి కఠోర కరముల  
 కట్టములు కరములు కరములు కాగ,  
 ఆచార్యుల బోధనలు ఆనందపరచినవి  
 అప్పులొలివోలె, చల్లని జోలివోలె,  
 రంగారెవు గారు ముఖమునకు రంగులు పూయించి,  
 సిజరు నెటకము ఈజీగా వేయించ,  
 ప్రాథమిక శాస్త్రాలు పలువులు బోధించ,  
 ఆదిశేషులను, ఆంజనేయులను,  
 ఆర్థోర్థో కెమిస్ట్రీ అర్థోలు చెప్పిరి.  
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 తొలితరీ నేపని అని తీడలు ప్రట్టించ,  
 జోసఫ్ గారు సైకాలజీతో పాటు  
 రెగమయి రెగాలు బెగుగా వినిపించ,  
 నొగన్నగారు నేను మెరుగన్నట్లు  
 బయోకెమిస్ట్రీ భావెలు వివరించ,  
 ముచ్చటగా ముప్పది మాసములు నిండ,  
 అబ్రహాము వచ్చె ఫార్మీ బోధించ,  
 పాథాలజీ భాస్కరుని ప్రభల వలన  
 విద్యార్థుల విజ్ఞాన పద్ధములు వికసించె  
 రెమనెంట్సుని రెమనెంట్సుమందలి  
 మంచిని మనము మరువలేము  
 శత్రుబాధితు విద్య సర్వమును  
 సనిశివుడు మనకు సంతసముగ బోధించె  
 శ్రీనివాసుడు కోస్ట్రీ శ్రీనివాసుడై  
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 వెంకటరత్నంగారు విజయవెడ నుండి  
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 జ్ఞానోమ్మత పాఠశాల  
 మన జీవన పథంలో పాఠశాల  
 జీవన గవ్యైతికి పాఠశాల



**Dr. Chenumolu Subbarao (64)**

# A Dream That Found a Home From Student to Servant of GMCANA



**Dr. Siva Kumar Muddana (02)**

Secretary - GMCANA

October 17, 2002 is a date etched permanently in my memory. It was the day I walked through the gates of the second oldest medical college and one of the most reputed medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh. More than an academic milestone, it was a deeply personal moment. I became the first person in my family to ever enter a medical college.

My heart raced with excitement, and my mind overflowed with possibilities. Years of dreaming, waiting, and quiet perseverance had led to this single moment.

The campus immediately captivated me. The old stone buildings stood with quiet authority, shaped by time and tradition. Sculpted statues and towering trees lent the surroundings a sense of permanence and grace. It felt less like entering an institution and more like stepping into a legacy. This was exactly how I had imagined a great medical college would feel.

A week later Freshers' Day came. We followed one another into a room above the library, and my excitement dimmed. The auditorium was small, underwhelming, and barely large enough to accommodate a hundred people. That evening, I shared my surprise with a few seniors, now close friends, that such a distinguished institution lacked a proper auditorium. Their response was simple and accepting: "It is what it is."

Coming from a school where celebrations were grand and collective, the absence was palpable. My entire first year passed without an annual day or any significant college-wide event. Somewhere in the background, I vaguely heard that a new auditorium was being planned. The idea sparked hope, but tempered by experience, I did not expect anything extraordinary.

One of my quiet routines during those years was sitting in front of the reading room built by the Tripuraneni brothers in the early mornings. On weekends, I would often see our alumnus, the late Dr. Kodela Siva Prasad, an eminent politician, walking in silently to observe the progress of the construction. Brick by brick,

something meaningful was taking shape, though none of us fully grasped its future impact at the time.

When the GMCANA Auditorium was finally completed, it exceeded every expectation.

From the outside, it carried a distinctly Western architectural elegance. Stepping inside felt almost surreal. A magnificent chandelier hung from the ceiling, evoking the grandeur of a palace. The spacious stage, modern screen, and thoughtfully designed seating transformed the very soul of the campus. It was not merely a building; it was a statement of aspiration.

The inauguration was a grand celebration spread over multiple days. For the first time since I had joined college, College Day was celebrated with energy, pride, and scale, preceded by days of competitions and cultural events. Those moments remain among the most cherished memories of my student life.

The auditorium soon became the heart of the campus. GMCANA organized academic programs, lectures, and discussions that enriched our learning beyond textbooks. On weekends, the hall hosted screenings of critically acclaimed films such as *Something the Lord Made* and *A Beautiful Mind*, blending inspiration with reflection and reminding us why we had chosen this profession.

During our internship year, under my leadership, we organized a multi-day farewell celebration. One evening, we even screened a horror movie, a small but joyful symbol of how far the campus culture had evolved. More importantly, the presence of a proper auditorium allowed us to revive the tradition of mini convocation after nearly twenty years.

I still vividly remember the pride in the parents' eyes as they watched their children graduate. It was a moment many senior batches had been denied, simply due to the absence of a suitable venue. Witnessing that made me realize how profound infrastructure can shape experience, memory, and belonging.

That realization planted a seed in my heart. I knew, even then, that I wanted to give it back.

I had the honor of serving as Treasurer of GMCANA from 2018 to 2024, during the critical phase of constructing the Kanuri GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center. To contribute during such a defining chapter of GMCANA's journey was deeply fulfilling. Serving selflessly, guided by the vision and values of our seniors who laid the foundation before us, remains one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

#### **A Moment of Continuity and Commitment**

As we gather today to inaugurate the Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center, I see a powerful continuation of the same spirit that once built

our auditorium. This center stands as more than a structure of brick and mortar. It represents compassion, care, and commitment to the most vulnerable mothers and children in our community.

From a wide-eyed student who once wondered about the absence of an auditorium, to a GMCANA member privileged to serve during the creation of this landmark center, my journey has come full circle. I write this with immense gratitude, quiet pride, and renewed commitment.

I will always be thankful for GMCANA, and I will forever remain proud to be a part of its living legacy.



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## Life and Legacy of GUNTUR MEDICAL COLLEGE

Dr. K. Vasudeva Rao, MD (58)

**A**s I sit at my table to write this short article, the wise words of Sir Winston Churchill, flashed before my eyes. He said, *"It is customary and convenient, to look back and see how in our history, luck gave us a kick here and fate a shove there."*

The Guntur Medical College came into existence with a concurrence of luck and effort, foresight and planning. The institution, in its history of 68 years, experienced triumphs and turbulences; peaks and valleys; and calmness and storm. Like the rock of Gibraltar, it withstood everything.

It all began on the 27th of December 1945, a salubrious Thursday. There was a long telephone conversation that afternoon between the Surgeon General and the Secretary of Health, Government of the State of Madras. Their telephone talk largely centered around the establishment of a medical college in Andhra area, synchronously with the one at Madurai for which arrangements were in progress by then. The Sun was gradually setting on the British rule in India. The passion for higher education was clearly visible in every student and parent. People were emotional as well as explosive. They wanted a meaningful development in all spheres. The Andhra Branch of Indian Medical Association urged the then adviser to the Governor Sir Thomas Austin, ICS, to open a Medical College in Guntur in 1946. Dr. Ravu Venkata Rao, the District Medical Officer of Guntur, made a wonderful exercise of a preliminary survey of the availability of buildings, clinical material, and the ultimate suitability of Guntur for the location of a medical college. Leaders of the medical profession in Guntur also impressed upon the Government, the urgent need of opening a medical college in Guntur

and thus usher a health revolution in the region. On 2nd February, 1946, the Surgeon General ordered the appointment of an expert committee to visit Guntur and report on the establishment of a medical college in Guntur. The committee consisting of Prof. P. Kutumbaiah, Major Shone and Prof. T. Bhaskar Menon met at Guntur on 25th and 26th of March 1946 and came to an unanimous opinion that opportunities did exist for starting a medical college and the teaching hospital in Guntur, but no steps should be taken till an adequate water supply was laid.

After the replacement of the Advisor regime by the popular ministry formed by the Congress party, Mrs. Achanta Rukmini Lakshmi pathi took over the charge of the portfolio of Medicine and Public Health. She evinced a keen and lively interest in the establishment of medical college at Guntur. She, indeed, visited Guntur on Tuesday the 18th of June, 1946 with the Surgeon General and the members of the expert committee. The committee was requested to re-examine the proposal of starting the college at Guntur.



Consequently, the Madras Government decided on 22nd June 1946 to admit 50 students in Guntur Medical College from July 1946. No medical college in India was established at that galloping speed. It was a real bonanza of luck conferred on the people of the coastal districts. It was a great turning point not only in the history of Guntur but also a great historic event in the history of Andhras. Dr. R. Mahadevan, Professor of Surgery, who was appointed as special officer visited Guntur on 28th June, 1946 and placed orders for the equipment and furniture. It was decided to convert the old building constructed in 1927 for purposes of opening a licentiate medical school into the medical college.

The regulations of those days insisted that the students should undergo a pre-registration course of 6 months duration before the actual MBBS course commenced. Since the medical college building was not yet ready for occupation, the students were asked to report at Andhra Christian College, Guntur. Dr. Sypes, the Principal of the college was extremely kind and gracious to extend the required academic facilities to the students.

In September 1946, the Government posted Dr. G.V.Satyanarayana Murthy, a renowned physician as the special officer. He did a lot of planning. The spade work he had done furnished strength for further advancement. It was the practice to impart instruction only in the pre-clinical subjects at Guntur Medical College. The students were then transferred to Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, for their clinical studies.

There was a threat for the college in the year 1948 when the Government of Madras ordered the closure of the college. The Guntur Medical College Development Committee which was formed by influential doctors and prominent citizens intervened and effectively saved the institution.

Luck again favored the Guntur Medical College in 1953 when Andhra state was separated from the state of Madras. It was decided to make Guntur Medical College a full-fledged medical college with the clinical courses in Guntur itself, and stop the practice of transferring the students to Visakhapatnam. Dr. D. Jagannadha Reddy, Professor of Pathology, was appointed as the Principal and he took charge on 26th of July, 1954. He did a miraculous job with regard to the building activities, development of the departments, starting of the Post Graduate courses, launching research programmes, establishing the most



*Halls of wisdom/learning*

modern kind of museums, and establishment of the hostels and playgrounds. Excellent academic atmosphere prevailed in the college. Aesthetic values of a high order were nurtured. A beautiful garden with highly meaningful statues, inspirational portraits of medical scientists and memorable quotations presented an atmosphere which earned the college an epithet "the Medical Brindavan". Dr. D.J. Reddy was hailed as the disciplinarian, superb administrator, architect and, indeed, a visionary. It is fitting here to quote Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar. In a personal letter addressed to Dr. D.J. Reddy on the 27th January, 1962, he wrote :

*"It was a joy and an education to live in your campus and go round the medical college and see the manifoldness and minute efficiency of your organization. It is a world within a world or whole worlds within a world... It is the externals that naturally struck me first; the orderliness, the cleanliness, the smoothness and also the inspiring richness of the total impression. If every college were like your college and if every educational administrator were like you, this country would have no cause for frustration - plan or no plan."*

The General Hospital also witnessed a large scale development with regard to beds, amenities and facilities for the patients. It was again a stroke of fortune that highly experienced and committed Professors were posted to steer this development. They include Professors M. Muniswamy, S. Venkateswarlu, K. Kodanda Ramaiah, R. Satyabhama Reddy, Y.R. Reddy, V. Raghavachar, G. Ethirajulu, P. Lakshman Rao, K. Krishna Murthy and C. Sobhanadri. They did endeavor their best to provide the best of medical care and the finest teaching to the medical students. There was a time when the Government General Hospital, Guntur was considered a magnet which could easily attract patients from six districts. Honorary Units were created in medicine and surgery and highly reputed doctors were posted as Professors.

Under the stewardship of Professor D.J. Reddy, the college witnessed geometric growth. The annual admissions were raised to 100 in 1956, 105 in 1957, 125 in 1958 and 150 in 1959. The Medical Council of India accorded full recognition to the college in 1959. The General Medical Council granted recognition in 1960. Post-Graduate courses were commenced in 1958.

When the pre-professional course was introduced in 1958, Andhra Christian College came to our help once again. The first batch of the PPC students received their training in AC College, Guntur. Both anatomically and functionally the Guntur Medical College underwent a significant growth. The bed strength of the Hospital was raised to 900. The Library-cum-Auditorium was opened in February 1962. It served a great purpose of holding meetings and conducting university examinations without any problem. The Library acquired the best books and the best journals.

The college fared very well in the matter of extra curricular activities. Our students established impressive records in athletics and in games like Tennis. Many teams who participated in debating contests, essay writing competitions and Quiz competitions brought laurels to the Institution. The histrionic skills displayed by our students received the highest praise from various quarters. The NCC cadets and the social service camps fetched very good name to GMC. The aforementioned achievements of the Guntur Medical College received appreciation and to some extent envy from the Medical Colleges in the state.

The college did a lot to disseminate knowledge of health to the society around, thus cementing the relationship of the town and the gown. Health and Medical exhibitions were conducted in 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1968, 1977, 1984 and 1996 with great and resounding success.

Professor D. Jagannatha Reddy was transferred



in November 1962. Highly experienced and competent academician - administrators succeeded him. They include Professors: I. Chalapathi Naidu, P. Narasimha Rao, K. Kodanda Ramaiah, N. Subhadra Devi, L. Suryanarayana, B. Shanmukheswara Rao, C. Savitri, E.N.B. Sarma and others. The dawn of the super-speciality departments from 1977 gave an excellent thrust to advanced care and teaching. The patients stood to a great benefit with the departments like Cardiology, Neurology, Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery and Neuro-Surgery.

History rolls on. The institution celebrated its Silver Jubilee in February 1971. It was a glittering, memorable and rewarding celebration which remains green in the memory even today. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1976 when the Prime Minister of the Country Sri H.D. Deva Gowda was the chief guest. The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 2007.

Every student of Guntur Medical College past or present is an inheritor of the great legacy. Those who received their under-graduate and post-graduate education in GMC represent excellence, dedication and the spirit of service. The Guntur Medical College Old Students Association (GMCOSA) was formed in 1971. A decade later, Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (GMCANA) was established. Today, it is a powerful organization with distinct goals and creditable achievements. The love of the members of GMCANA towards their alma mater is extremely praiseworthy. They contributed lavishly to the development of various sectors in the college. The GMCANA Auditorium which was opened in January 2005 is like a Kohinoor Diamond. The CME Programmes conducted, the cultural programmes organized and the research awards conferred at that time form a land mark in the great saga of Guntur Medical College. It appears to me that GMCANA is vying with the alumni of MIT, Boston, in assisting the various developmental programmes. The faculty and students as well as citizens of Guntur are extremely grateful to GMCANA. The Global Alumni Homecoming (GAH) arranged on January 21st to 23rd 2005 was a spectacular success. The reader is referred to the detailed history of the building of the GMCANA Auditorium by Dr. Y. Rama Raja Bhushanudu, elsewhere in this souvenir.

Dr. Podila Prasad a student of 1981 batch donated a substantial amount of \$ 1 million (Rs. five crores approximately) in 2006. His nobility defies description. The gratitude of Dr. Podila and his sincerity to help his alma mater stand pre-eminent and

matchless. The Podila Prasad - GMCANA super-speciality and Trauma center at GGH Guntur is indeed a major project. Prasad's donation is supplemented in a large measure by the members of GMCANA who have graciously and liberally donated towards this project. Their generous support will go a long way to help thousands of victims of Trauma in the Andhra region. It represents a turning point in the history of Guntur Medical College. The year 2014 should be reckoned an *annus mirabilis* (the wonderful year), for, the new project will be inaugurated in January 2014. A Second Global Alumni Homecoming (GAH2) is planned to be held on 17th, 18th 19th January 2014. It will bring great memories and pleasant exchanges.

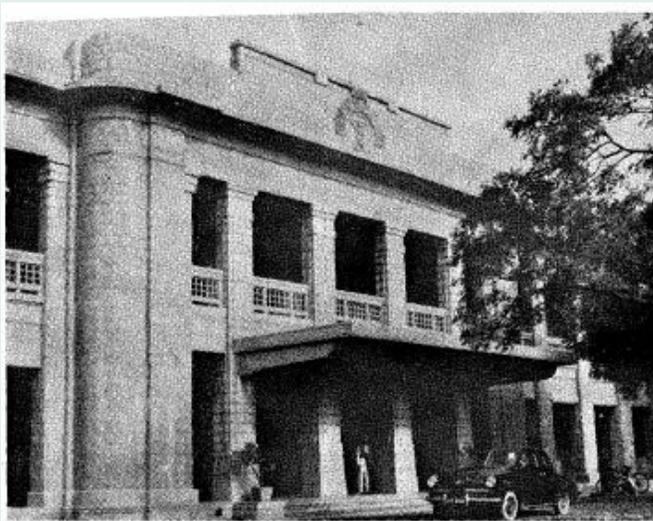
Guntur Medical College is always proud of its products. They represent excellent academicians, professional experts, statesmen, politicians, writers and civil servants. A large number of our doctors are working in USA. They achieved distinction in a variety of fields. As many as forty, highly reputed doctors working in Hyderabad are from Guntur Medical College. Seven of its faculty members rose to

eminence as Vice Chancellors.

An important thing which needs to be highlighted in this essay is that our college had the best Seed Corn whose dedication to turn out the most well-informed and the most dedicated doctors yielded bounty dividends. The seed corn comprises eminent teachers like U. Suryanarayana, B. Naganna, V. Ramachandra Rao, A.S.R. Murthy, V.S.Venkata Subbu, B. Rama Narayana Murthy, V. Kameswara Rao, B.S. Ramachandran, K. Kodanda Ramaiah, M. Muniswamy, R. Satyabhama Reddy, G. Ethirajulu and S. Venkateswarlu amidst others. We offer our salutations to them all. Writing an essay in the Guntur Medical College, Silver Jubilee Souvenir on the genesis, growth and development of the college, Professor D. Jagannadha Reddy quoted the lines of R.L. Stevenson in the beginning. I wish to end this article with the same lines:

*"When a road is built, it is strange how it collects traffic, how every year as it goes on more and more people are found to walk thereon, and others are raised up to repair and perpetuate it and keep it alive."*

**Long Live GMC - God Bless GMC**



గుంటూరు మెడికల్ కాలేజీ భవనం

గుంటూరు మెడికల్ కాలేజీయందు నూతనముగా నిర్మించబడిన భవనము ఆంధ్రముఖ్యమంత్రి శ్రీ గోపాలరెడ్డిగారిచే 17-9-55వ తేదీన గృహప్రవేశము గావించబడినది.

ఈ భవన నిర్మాణమునకు 11½ లక్షలు ఖర్చు అయ్యెననియు, 18 నెలలు పట్టిననియు తెలియుచున్నది. మొదటిలో వేయబడిన అంచనాకన్నను 2½ లక్ష తక్కువ ఖరీదులోను, తక్కువ వ్యవధిలోనూ నిర్మాణము పూర్తి గావించబడినదట. అది అంతల మాహాయల పరికరములుకూడా సేకరింపబడినవని తెలియుచున్నది.

ఈ కాలేజీలో ప్రస్తుతము 4½ సంవత్సరముల కొద్దు గలవలకు చున్నది. 170 మంది విద్యార్థులు, 21 విద్యార్థినులు గలరు.

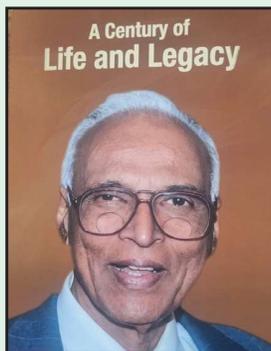
**గుంటూరు వె డికల్ కళాశాల**

గుంటూరు, సెప్టెంబరు 24: గుంటూరు మెడికల్ కళాశాల ప్రస్తుతము ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాలలో పట్టబడినది. ఈ కళాశాల ఆంధ్ర క్రైస్తవ కళాశాల ప్రాంతాల ద్వారా సైట్లను గాని వ్యాజ్యములను సున్నది. ఇంకను ఆర్గనైజింగ్ పనినిచేయు గాతము. నున్నది ఉపన్యాసకుల మాత్రము ప్రతిమివరి తరగతులు నడుపుచున్నారని వ్యాస విద్యార్థులకు హాస్టలు ఏర్పడినవి గుంటూరు ప్రభుత్వము చున్నది. విద్యార్థులు అందు కారణానికేతనములో బంధించుకొని తెలియుచున్నది.

తరగతులు 7 గం 20కి 9 గం వరకు ఉండును. ఆంధ్ర విశ్వవిద్యాలయ కళాశాలలను భవనము డివిజనులు ఇన్ స్పెక్టరు డి. ఇ. ఓ. ఆఫీసు, ట్రెయినింగ్ స్కూలు యుంచబడినవి.

డివిజనులో ఇన్ స్పెక్టరు ఆఫీసు గాని ముక్తికి వెళ్ళును. మిగత ఆఫీసులు కాలేజీ చేసిన తర్వాత మెడికల్ వారు ఈ భవనము లు ఆక్రమించెదరు.





## Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao A tribute

Dr. Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi (67)

### A Lasting Impact

Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao's work extended beyond the surgical theater and the lecture hall. He was a passionate advocate for ethical leadership and social responsibility. His tireless efforts have contributed significantly to the philanthropic goals of GMCANA (Guntur Medical College Alumni of NA) and have set a shining example for all who follow in his footsteps. His unwavering support as our Chief Coordinator is solely responsible for making the auditorium at GMC, and Podila building at GGH come to reality. He attended many GMCANA reunions in USA and Guntur and kept in close touch with many of our alumni.

### In Remembrance

As we pay tribute to Dr. Nuthakki, we honor not only his professional achievements but also the values he embodied. His life story continues to inspire, reminding us that with vision and determination, it is possible to create lasting change. His passion for punctuality and his intent desire to lead a very active and healthy lifestyle left a remarkable impression on everyone that knew him.

On a personal note, he was a good friend of my father Sri Yalavarthi Rosayya. They used to share their reformist ideas and openly exchanged views of the changing political landscape. They share many life values with respect to honesty, sincerity and moral standards.

Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao's legacy endured the institutions he fortified, the lives he touched, and the dreams he inspired. May his memory continue to illuminate the path for generations to come.

Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao stands as a beacon of inspiration, intellect, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of medical education and surgical training in Guntur. His extraordinary journey, marked by a relentless pursuit of excellence, has left an indelible mark on hundreds of medical professionals that came in touch with him.

### A Life Dedicated to Medicine and Surgery

From his early years at Government General Hospital, Guntur, Dr. Nuthakki displayed an innate curiosity and passion for teaching medical students and postgraduates. As professor of surgery and head of the second surgical unit at GGH, he became a revered teacher, mentor, adviser, and friend to those that reached out to him. With a unique bow tie and a never fading smile, he quickly distinguished himself as a role model and a thoughtful leader. His clinical acumen and cogent surgical skills contributed to many medical students pursuing surgical specialties.

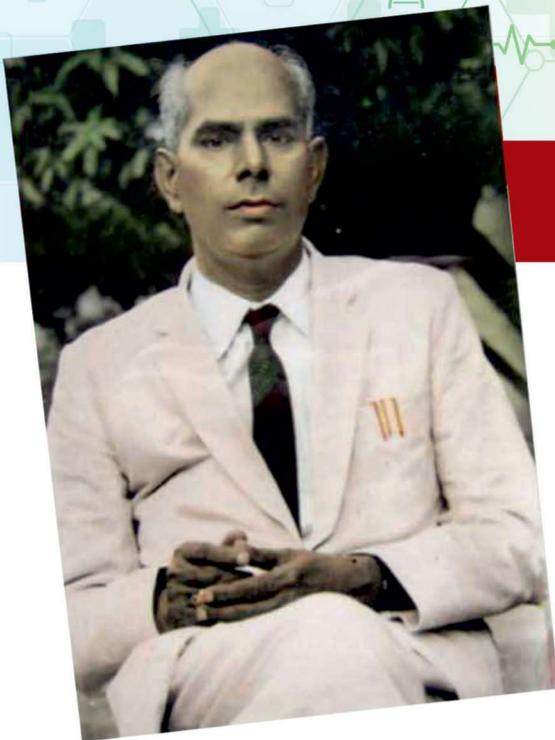
### Leadership Legacy

Dr. Nuthakki was not only a brilliant physician and surgeon but also a visionary leader emanating from his exemplary military career. His strategic vision continued to help our alma maters even after his retirement from service. With his extended acquaintances, he took the liberty to approach officials and political cadres on a personal level to persuade actions to improve the facilities for education and patient welfare at GMC and GGH.

### Mentorship and Inspiration

One of Dr. Nuthakki's greatest contributions was his role as a mentor and guide. He believed in nurturing talent and empowering young minds, investing his wisdom in the development of future leaders. Many of his students and protégés have gone on to achieve remarkable success, carrying forward his legacy of excellence and service. His students cherish his love for the institutions that made us venerable physicians that draw respect from all corners of the world.





## Prof. D. JAGANNATHA REDDY

### Academician Extraordinary and Administrator Par Excellence

*Dr. Vasudeva Rao Kadiyala (58)*

History tells us that the educational systems and educational quality undergo radical reformation due to one organization or one report or one individual. Medical education in USA underwent a profound change and scaled new heights due to the Flexner report published in 1910 under the aegis of the Carnegie Foundation. Indeed, the report was said to have introduced a gold standard of medical training. In India, the formation of the Medical Council of India in 1934 according to an act of parliament ushered a major change in the nature and quality of medical education. There were only 22 medical colleges at that time. The dedicated efforts as well as sage counsel of medical teachers like Dr. B.C. Roy, Dr. A.L. Mudaliar, Dr. V.R. Khanolkar, Dr. Jivaraj Mehta, Dr. K.L. Wig, Dr. T. Bhaskara Menon, Major K.N. Rao,

Dr. D. Jagannatha Reddy, Dr. Jacob Chandy, and some others carved the medical education in India into a fine sculpture.

When GMCANA is celebrating its 16th Biannual Conference in 2018 in Atlanta, it is, without doubt, an act of propriety to recall the biography in brief of Prof. D. Jagannatha Reddy who served the GMC with great planning and vision.

Duvvuri Jagannatha Reddy was born on 5th August 1915 in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. He had his education in Madras. After qualifying with the degree of MBBS he joined the Armed Forces as Captain. He served during the second world war. After discharge from the army, he joined the State Medical Services of the erstwhile Madras state. He came under the influence of Dr. D. Govinda Reddy an eminent pathologist and elected pathology as his specialized field of study. After obtaining the M.D. degree in pathology, he worked at the Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, for a few years. He was then promoted as professor of Forensic Medicine at the same college. He married Lakshmi, and their son Ramachandra Reddy was born in 1945.

Guntur Medical College was established in July 1946. However, the training of medical students in Guntur was confined to the preclinical phase only. The students were then transferred to Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam for their clinical studies and house job training. This practice was in vogue till 1953.

Readers may recall that a separate Andhra state was formed on 1st October, 1953. It was carved out of the composite Madras State with Kurnool as its capital. The new government took an immediate decision to make

Guntur Medical College a full-fledged institution with the full MBBS training in Guntur itself. Necessary financial sanctions were made. Steps went in the right direction. The Andhra government transferred Dr. D. Jagannatha Reddy from AMC to Guntur designating him as the special officer for a few months. He was later promoted as principal and professor of pathology. Dr. D. Jagannatha Reddy took charge on 24th July, 1954. It must be described as an important turning point in the history of Guntur Medical College.

Prof. D.J. Reddy undertook the onerous task of improving and levelling a rugged piece of land opposite the Physiology block and with the help of the most committed Engineering staff prepared plans for the construction of a two-storied building simulating the English letter H. The best materials were used for the construction. The building was totally built with mountain rock obtained from Macherla area. Chiseling and polishing took considerable time. However, the building came out super strong that it will easily last for more than a century. The most superior kind of furniture was installed in the Lecture halls and laboratories. The ground floor was allotted to the principal's office, the department of pharmacology, department of community medicine, and department of microbiology. The first floor was allotted to the departments of Pathology and Forensic Medicine in addition to an excellent world class pathology museum. The building became fully functional towards the end of 1956. An additional floor was added in 1958, making the whole structure a three-storied building with a magnificent look and an imposing grandeur. The college was recognized by the Medical Council in 1958. Post gradu-

ate courses also were commenced in the same year.

Professor D.J.R. laid heavy emphasis on discipline, character, and decorum. He was always a personification of perfection. Cleanliness and orderliness were given utmost importance. He always remained an uncompromising custodian of the academic standards. Legend he was as an administrator. His influence percolated to every member of the faculty and every student on campus. Even his Austin car with Regno. APG10 evoked a feeling of fear tinged with reverence whenever the vehicle came in sight. He represented Guntur Medical College at the International Conference of Medical Education held at Syracuse, N.Y. in 1959.

He inculcated the principles of hard work, courage, honesty and high ambition. Besides these virtues, Prof. D.J.R. was endowed with an excellent aesthetic outlook and a high cultural disposition. An excellent lush green lawn was laid on the campus. Art found its captivating appearance in the form of statues like the Atlas, the Thinker, Hope and Help, woman with a water pot, Louis Pasteur's Second Patient Jupille. Hippocrates Hall and Darwin Hall were named with a great thought. Equal amounts of attention were paid to the portraits of great medical scientists on the staircase as well as the meaningful quotations displayed at various places in the college. Guntur Medical College is a lengthened shadow of Prof. Jagannatha Reddy.

Ramachandra Reddy (also called Ramu) the son of Prof. D.J.R. joined the Guntur Medical College in 1961. At the time of the Freshers' Day function, he was introduced to the audience as the "carbon copy of Dr. Jagannatha Reddy". Library-Cum-Auditorium was planned with a great vision. Being a voracious reader himself, Prof. D.J.R. exercised meticulous care in its construction. The words of Isaac Barrow displayed at the entrance level speak of the great intellect of D.J.R. The library was inaugurated on 7th February, 1962. It was the last building which was planned and constructed by Prof. D.J.R. Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, a great scholar and professor of English, described the Guntur Medical College in one of his letters as "a world within a world or whole worlds within a world".

Prof. D.J. Reddy was transferred in November 1962 to Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam as the Director of the Upgraded Department of Pathology. In the farewell function conducted on the 22nd of November with a huge assembly of the students and staff, he made an arresting and a touching statement when he said "When I die, please see that one of my long bones is buried in some corner of the college, and erect a stone over there with the inscription 'Here lies the policeman of the college'". He was so engrossed, so identified, and so amalgamated with the Guntur Medical College in thoughts, actions, and spirit. He and Guntur Medical

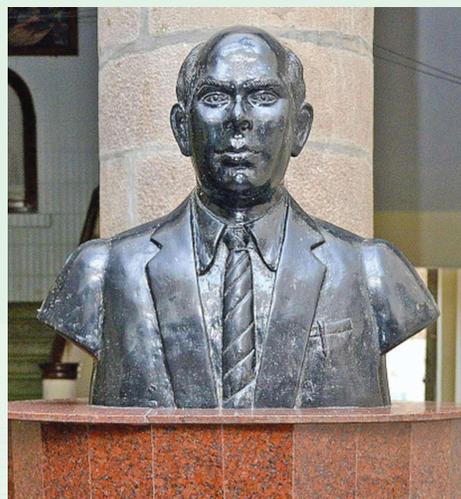
College are inseparable entities.

Professor D.J.R. functioned at the Andhra Medical College for a short period only. He was appointed as the Director of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) at Pondicherry in 1964. He contributed a great deal to develop JIPMER so that it achieved national significance in a short time. The government of Andhra Pradesh appointed Professor D.J.R. as vice-chancellor of SV university, Tirupati in 1969. He functioned in this capacity for six years. He effected many logical changes and meaningful reforms to elevate the pattern of education and research. During this period, he published a book with the title "Challenges in Higher Education", in which his speeches and essays are included. This is a very good reference book.

After 1975, Professor D.J.R. was requested by the Management of Vijaya Hospitals, Chennai to be their advisor and guide the functions with his rich experience. He accepted the offer. He joined the Vijaya Hospitals and functioned not only as an advisor, but also as the chief pathologist. He was always held in high esteem and his words carried a great weight.

Prof. D. Jagannatha Reddy was always an Academician Extraordinary and an Administrator Par Excellence. He preached a value oriented education. He always advised the students "Keep on growing intellectually". He was fond of telling the students "If you rest, you rust".

Prof. D.J.R. breathed his last at 4 PM on 13th December, 1991. His legacy will remain forever.



# Dr. Kadiyala Vasudeva Rao



Dr. Hima Bindu Kadiyala (81)  
Dr. Srinivas Prasad Kadiyala (83)

## Our father and our teacher

*My children are my biological progeny while  
my students are my intellectual progeny.*

- Marcus Cicero



These words from the Roman orator fit perfectly when thinking about our father, Dr. Vasudeva Rao. In 50 years of his illustrious career, our father taught Biochemistry to thousands of medical students at Guntur Medical College, Siddhartha Medical College, Pinnamaneni Siddhartha Medical College, and the NRI

Medical College. His contributions to medical education and training made him a celebrated teacher and educator whose expertise was highly sought after. He personified the best of the consummate educator.

Our father's influence loomed large in our formative years and we fell in love with science and medicine at an early age. On several occasions, we shadowed our father at work and grasped that science, directly and indirectly, influences all aspects of everyday life. Our birthday gifts were always biographies of scientists such as Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Alexander Fleming and Linus Pauling. So much was his passion for science that he almost named his oldest daughter Marie Curie! He adored and practiced his favorite inspirational quote from Louis Pasteur, "Live in the severe peace of laboratories and libraries".

Our father's devotion to teaching medical students was unparalleled. Generations of medical students flourished under his steadfast tutelage and his wise and strategic guidance. He strongly believed that developing solid relationships with students is paramount in fostering academic success. He had an uncanny ability to connect with anyone and is praised by countless alumni and students as being a truly indispensable part of their medical education.

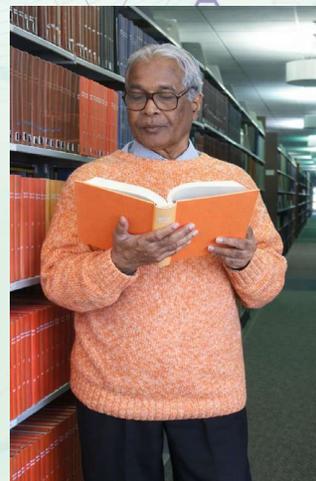
Our father's teaching style was rather unique. He incorporated humor, quotes, and storytelling into his daily lessons. Often, he shared a joke related to the content he taught in class. He mastered and quoted Sir William Osler regularly. His stories allowed students to make a real-life connection to the concepts they were learning. Complex topics and nuances were made easy to understand.

Our father's quest for knowledge and learning had no boundaries. Libraries and book shops were his favorite places to visit. He quoted Winston Churchill that "Nothing makes a man more reverent than a Library". The GMC Library had a very special place in his heart. He always reminded us the quote from GMC library that "Books are his best friends".

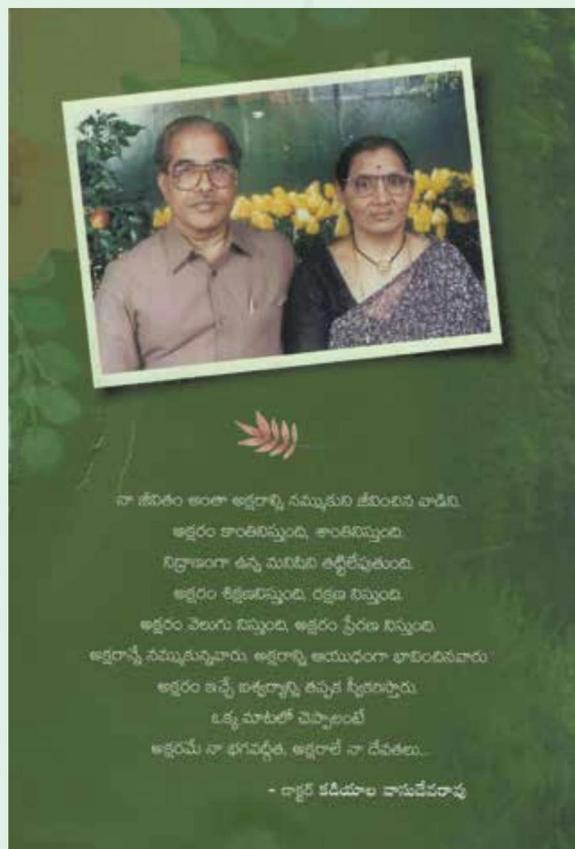


Our father strongly emphasized a well-rounded education and participation in extra-curricular activities such as debate, essay writing, quiz competitions, and music. He conducted quiz competitions all over the state and took particular joy in training students for these competitions. His "fabulous four" team for quiz competitions included Drs. J.V.S.R. (Jampala) Chowdary, Jaya Prakash Narayan, Vuyyuru Lokesh Babu, and Maryanna Samuel who won several competitions at local, state, and national level.

Our father's love for all things GMC is unfathomable. He had tremendous respect for several of his teachers and administrators such as Drs. D.J. Reddy, Satyabhama Reddy, Pinnamaneni Venkateswara Rao, Nutakki Venkateswara Rao, Kodandaramiah and Professor Naganna etc. The discussions at our diner table were regularly about these "Master Clinicians." As kids we heard so much about Dr. D.J. Reddy that we felt he was a grandfather that we never met!



Our father was instrumental in coordinating the construction of the new Auditorium and Reading Room that GMCANA sponsored at GMC. As a member of the library committee, he strived to stock the library with recent editions of textbooks and monographs, as well as subscriptions for standard medical journals and specialist journals such as Perspectives in Biology and Medicine and Nature etc. Our father was dedicated to the core in organizing all the medical exhibitions and souvenir publications for GMC or GMCANA organizations. During the last GMCANA meeting in Atlanta, his presentation on the history of GMC was a masterpiece!



We were always fascinated by our father's amazing memory. He would quote paragraphs from books without missing a word, remember dates and events with immaculate precision, and had photographic memory of almost any issue. He was very proficient in liberal arts. He was equally at ease in quoting Wordsworth or Dickens as he was quoting Chalam or Joshua. He spent countless hours with Dr. Kolli Gangadhar Rao and Mr. C.V.N. Dhan who shared similar literary interests.

Apart from teaching at GMC and SMC, he was an external examiner at RMC. Hence, he had close association with all these schools. Even though he is not with us physically, his heart and thoughts will be focused on our three schools' reunion.

Sadly, after an emergency CABG, our father passed away on Feb 8, 2019. While there is not a single day that goes by that we don't think of him, we take great solace knowing that he passed away in Guntur which was his favorite place on this planet. We attribute much of who we are today as clinicians, educators, and as individual

beings to our father. We revere our father and always viewed him as a model of solicitude and benevolence.

"An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man", said Ralph W. Emerson. While there are several distinguished people who made GMC a truly special and prestigious institution, we have no hesitation to say that our father's indisputable contribution is a part of that long GMC shadow!

# Turning a Promise into Reality



**Dr. M. Venu Gopal (78)**

Retd. Professor & HOD of Pathology  
RMC, Kakinada.

Guntur Medical College, our alma mater and the cradle of distinguished medical fraternity over the years is endowed with rich heritage that links us to our elders and guides future generations. It is a matter of great pride for the alumni that GMC is reckoned as one of the greatest nurseries of physicians that gave birth to many a legend in the field of medicare. The architects of our mother institution put in tremendous hardwork to give a concrete shape to the noble concept of providing healthcare to the needy in the southern coastal belt. Decades of dedication and determination gradually enhanced the capacity of our alma mater enabling it to cater to the burgeoning population in and around Guntur. Sustained efforts of the successive administrators coupled with ceaseless cooperation from the faculty enabled GMC to maintain the reputation.

In a populous country like ours with ever increasing challenges in the health sector, there is a constant need to keep pace with the evolving standards world over. GMC has been fortunate since inception to have an infinite series of passionate alumni who are always willing to support in a big way in the form of hardware as well as software. There is already ample evidence to showcase the magnitude of generosity provided by our alumni who are settled in every and corner of the globe but always firmly connected to the roots. The result is renovation of College and Hospital on a grand scale that has brought in a new vibrant look in tune with the current trends. Great fillip has been given to our alma mater with enhancement of existing facilities and creation of new amenities as well as augmentation of infrastructure in various departments. The new edifice of MCH Block is another monumental testimony to the contribution of the ever grateful alumni to bring GGH on par with the best in the State.

Where there is a desire, there is a path.  
Where there is passion, there is possibility.  
Where there is commitment, there is success.

Strong will and passion have always been there in abundance to elevate GMC as one of the best medical institutions in the land. But perseverance and commitment are crucial to achieve the desired goal. And alumni of GMC have demonstrated exemplary commitment to bring glory to our alma mater and spared no effort to accomplish specific targets from time to time.

The onus is now on the upcoming generations to take the cue and carry the baton forward by utilizing the 'state of art' facilities made available in various specialties to empower themselves and become well equipped to face new challenges that are threatening the health security of people at large in the post covid era. The stage is set up for future physicians of GMC/ GGH to acquire knowledge in basic and advanced medical subjects as well as essential clinical skills. The thrust should be focussed on how best the potential of young talents can be translated into real time performance for the benefit of society. Collective effort is the need of hour and the latest venture in the form of MCH Centre is a major step in the right direction and is expected to drive a cascade of more and more similar efforts to attain the ultimate goal in the years to come.

*"Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality."*

*- Abraham Lincoln*



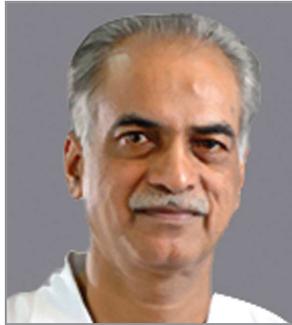
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**Dr. G.N.Rao (63)**  
Ophthalmology



**Dr. Y. Nayudamma (63)**  
Pediatric Surgery



**Dr. D. Prasada Rao (65)**  
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**Dr. L. Narendranath (71)**  
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1	Dr. GVS Murthi, MD ( GM)	17-08-1946	21-07-1947
2	Dr. C. Vareed. MD (Phy)	21-07-1947	31-12-1948
3	Dr. Mrs. B.Lazrus. MS (Anaes)	01-01-1949	02-07-1949
4	Dr. K.Govinda Menon. MS (Ana)	13-07-1949	05-12-1950
5	Dr. DV. Subba Reddy. MD (Phy)	05-12-1950	17-07-1951
6	Dr. Mrs. Sarah J Souri. MS (Ana)	19-07-1951	22-01-1954
7	Dr. V. Sitarama Rao. MD (Phar)	22-01-1954	26-07-1954
8	Dr. D. Jagannatha Reddy. MD (Path)	26-07-1954	21-03-1959
9	Dr. S. Venkateswarlu . MA, MBBS, DMRT, FICS	22-03-1959	23-09-1959
10	Dr. D. Jagannatha Reddy. MD (Path)	24-09-1959	21-11-1962
11	Dr. I. Chalapathinaidu. MS (GS)	19-02-1963	10-11-1964
12	Dr. P. Narasimha Rao, MS FICS (GS)	11-07-1964	12-07-1968
13	Dr. K. Kodanda Ramaiah. MD (GM)	30-12-1968	11-11-1972
14	Dr. Mrs. N.Subhadra Devi. MD (OBG)	16-11-1972	10-01-1974
15	Dr. L. Suryanarayana. MS (GS)	03-02-1974	09-06-1974
16	Dr. B. Shanmukheswara Rao. MS (GS)	10-06-1974	30-10-1975
17	Dr. D. Bhaskara Reddy, MD(Path)	31-10-1975	10-04-1977
18	Dr. G. Ethirajulu. MS (Ortho)	15-04-1977	30-11-1978
19	Dr. C. Mallikarjuna Rao, MD (GM) I/C	30-11-1978	21-11-1979
20	Dr. V. Sathyanarayana Murthy, MD (GM)	22-11-1979	10-04-1980
21	Dr. Mrs. K.Prasunamba, MD (OBG) DGO, I/c	11-04-1980	08-08-1980
22	Dr. Mrs. C.Savithri, MD (OBG) DGO	09-08-1980	28-02-1983
23	Dr. E.N.B. Sarma, M.S. (GS)	01-03-1983	01-06-1985
24	Dr. P. Lakshmana Rao. MD (Card)	01-06-1985	25-07-1985
25	Dr. Mrs. C.Savithri, MD (OBG) DGO	01-10-1985	31-12-1985
26	Dr. S. Prema Das, MD	01-01-1986	30-04-1986
27	Dr. NVS. Chowdary, MS (GS)	06-05-1986	24-09-1986
28	Dr. G. Sadasivan, MS	24-09-1986	25-05-1987
29	Dr. K. Krishna Reddy, MD I/C	16-05-1987	10-07-1988
30	Dr. K.Rajendra Babu, MS I/c	11-07-1988	26-09-1991
31	Dr. KSVM. Rama Rao, MD	27-09-1991	31-10-1991
32	Dr. K.C. Hanumthappa, MS DLO, I/C	01-11-1991	29-02-1992
33	Dr. A. Raghava Rao, MS, FRCS, FIMSA, I/C	01-03-1992	31-07-1992
34	Dr. T. Chennamallappa, MS, I/C	01-08-1992	23-02-1993
35	Dr. G. Venkataramana, MD	24-02-1993	08-10-1993
36	Dr. KLN. Chowdary, MD	09-10-1993	31-03-1994
37	Dr. P. Venkateswarlu, MD	01-04-1994	07-09-1994
38	Dr. N.S. Subramanyam, MS	08-09-1994	30-09-1994
39	Dr. G. Venkat Ramaiah, MS	01-10-1994	20-11-1994
40	Dr. P. Venkateswarlu, M.S	21-11-1994	28-02-1995

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44	Dr. A. Padmavathi, MD	01-12-1997	31-07-1998
45	Dr. S. Surya Kumari, MD	01-08-1998	28-09-1998
46	Dr. I. Satyaprasad Rao, MDRT	29-09-1998	31-10-1998
47	Dr. S.M. Sirajuddin, MS	01-11-1998	10-02-1999
48	Dr. S. Surya Kumari, MD	01-03-1999	30-04-1999
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50	Dr. A. Venkataratnam, MD	01-10-1999	31-07-2000
51	Dr. B. Prabhakaram, MD, I/C	01-08-2000	22-10-2000
52	Dr. C. Ramprasad, MD	13-10-2000	31-10-2000
53	Dr. B. Prabhakaram, MD. I/C	01-11-2000	28-02-2001
54	Dr. P. Hymavathi, MD	05-03-2001	30-04-2002
55	Dr. D. Dattatreya Rao, MD	01-05-2002	31-05-2002
56	Dr. V. Sivaleela, MD, DMR, FC, CA (WHO). I/c	01-06-2002	06-07-2002
57	Dr. O. Madhava Kalyani, MD	07-07-2002	31-03-2003
58	Dr. V. Sivaleela, MD, DMR, FC, CA (WHO).	01-04-2003	31-07-2004
59	Dr. K. Visweswara Rao, MD, Path	01-08-2004	31-08-2005
60	Dr. M. Sobha Mohan, MD, DCH	19-06-2006	04-11-2006
61	Dr. K. Umamaheswara Rao, MD DA, I/C	05-11-2006	07-01-2007
62	Dr. K.K.D. Malleswara Rao, MD, DA I/C	05-01-2006	07-01-2007
63	Dr. K. Umamaheswara Rao, MD, DA, I/C	08-01-2007	30-06-2008
64	Dr. A. Venkateswara Rao, MS (Ophthal), DLO	01-07-2008	12-08-2008
65	Dr. Achyut Rao, MD (Micro)	13-08-2008	28-02-2010
66	Dr. A. Krishna Rao, MD (OBG)	01-03-2010	31-05-2010
67	Dr. A. Venkateswara Rao, MS (Ophthal), DLO	01-06-2010	31-12-2010
68	Dr. K.S. Vara Prasad, MS, MCh	01-01-2011	28-08-2012
69	Dr. U. Surya Kumari, MD, DGO, MCh	29-08-2012	20-09-2012
70	Dr. K. S. Vara Prasad, MS, MCh	21-09-2012	31-08-2013
71	Dr. G. Sailabala, MD. Path	01-09-2013	28-05-2015
72	Dr. P. Mohan Rao, M.D. (Gen. Med)	29-05-2015	24-06-2015
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74	Dr. D.S. Rajunaidu, MD, DMRT	01-08-2015	24-09-2015
75	Dr. G. Subba Rao, MD, (GS)	25-09-2015	02-06-2020
76	Dr. S. Babulal, M.D (Pulm)	03-06-2020	31-07-2021
77	Dr. C. Padmavathi Devi, MD, DCP	02-04-2022	31-03-2023
78	Dr. N. Uma Jyothi, MD Psy	01-04-2023	21-09-2023
79	Dr. K. Jeevan Pradeep , MS, DLO	22-09-2023	30-09-2023
80	Dr. T.T.K. Reddy, MD	01-10-2023	31-10-2023
81	Dr. N.V. Sundarachary, MD, DM (Neuro)	01-11-2023	

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3	Dr. K. Kondandaramaiah M.D	5/10/1963	7/1/1964
4	Dr. S. Ramachandrarao BA, MBBS, MRCP (LOND)	7/2/1964	7/14/1965
5	Dr. K. Kondandaramaiah M.D	7/15/1965	4/16/1968
6	Dr. V.S. Raghunadham MD	4/17/1968	12/22/1968
7	Dr. L. Suryanarayana MS, FICS, FACS	12/23/1968	2/2/1974
8	Dr. N. Veerabhadrareddy MS, FICS	2/3/1974	6/30/1975
9	Dr. P. Lakshmanrao MD, FICA, I/C. Suptd.	7/1/1975	10/31/1975
10	Dr. Y.R. Reddy MD MAMS	11/1/1975	4/24/1977
11	Dr. P. Lakshmanrao MD, FICA,	4/25/1977	2/28/1983
12	Dr. K. Prasunamba BA, MD, DGO	3/1/1983	6/9/1983
13	Dr. K. Veerabhadraiah MS	6/10/1983	12/10/1983
14	Dr. NVS. Chowdary MS, FICS	12/11/1983	2/25/1984
15	Dr. V. Ramanamma MD, DGO	2/26/1984	6/1/1985
16	Dr. C. Mallikarjuna Rao MD	6/2/1985	6/30/1986
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18	Dr. K. Vengala Rao MS, DO	11/16/1986	6/30/1987
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20	Dr. T. Sarojini MD, DGO, FIMSA	1/9/1988	8/11/1991
21	Dr. R.B. Krishnamurthy MS, FRCS	8/12/1991	11/30/1992
22	Dr. S. Koteswara Rao, M.S, DO	12/1/1992	6/30/1993
23	Dr. P. Venkateswarlu MD	7/1/1993	5/16/1994
24	Dr. T. Chenna Mallappa MS	5/17/1994	6/30/1994
25	Dr. G. Venkat Ramaiah MS	7/1/1994	9/7/1994
26	Dr. P.Venkateswarlu MD	9/8/1994	11/20/1994
27	Dr. M.Markandeya MS	11/21/1994	2/23/1995
28	Dr.G Venkataramaiah MS	2/24/1995	5/31/1995
29	Dr. G. Rani MD, DCh	6/1/1995	7/6/1995
30	Dr. M.Venkatesh MD	7/7/1995	10/31/1996
31	Dr. M. Leelavathi DARCP &S (ENGO) MD	11/1/1996	2/16/1997
32	Dr. V. Sambasiva Rao MD	2/17/1997	2/28/1997
33	Dr. M. Leelavathi DARCP &S (ENGO) MD	3/1/1997	9/30/1997
34	Dr. V. Kamala Jayaram MD	10/1/1997	5/31/1998
35	Dr. V.R. Jayaram MD	6/1/1998	9/17/1998
36	Dr. Sarada Acharya MD, DGO	9/18/1998	11/22/1998
37	Dr. K. Anji Reddy MS (G) MS (PS)	11/23/1998	1/15/1999
38	Dr. Sarada Acharya MD, DGO	1/16/1999	1/28/1999
39	Dr. V.R. Jayaram MD	1/29/1999	3/31/1999
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41	Dr. S.Venkata Swamy MD, DA	5/2/2000	6/24/2000
42	Dr. K.Nageswara Rao MD	6/25/2000	12/31/2000
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44	Dr. Md. Fayaz Ahmed MS, Add DME	4/1/2000	5/31/2004
45	Dr. P. Bhagavannarayana MD, DGO	6/1/2004	2/28/2006
46	Dr. KKD. Malleswara Rao M.D, DA	3/1/2006	6/16/2006
47	Dr. P.Mohan Rao MD GEN	6/17/2006	3/31/2008
48	Dr. M.Sobha Mohan I/c. Addl. DME, MD, DCh	10/11/2006	12/10/2006
49	Dr. Y.Prabhakara Rao MS (ENT) , I/c	1/6/2007	2/20/2007
50	Dr. A. Krishna Rao. MD I/C	6/9/2007	3/14/2008
51	Dr. P. Phani Bhushan MD, DPM	4/1/2008	8/31/2011
52	Dr. Challa Mohan Rao MS, (Ophth)	9/1/2011	12/31/2013
53	Dr. G. Sailabala MD, I/c	4/1/2014	2/23/2014
54	Dr. T. Venugopal Rao MD, DA	2/24/2014	9/25/2015
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57	Dr. D.S. Raju Naidu MD, DMRT	4/1/2020	5/31/2020
58	Dr. P. Yasodhara, MD, Paed. I/C	5/1/2020	6/2/2020
59	Dr. K. Sudhakar MD	6/3/2020	9/15/2020
60	Dr. N. Prabhavathi MD, DGO	9/16/2020	7/1/2023
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## Kanuri – GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Centre

### Dr. Vemu Aruna

Professor and HOD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Guntur Medical College



We express our profound gratitude to the esteemed alumni and members of GMCANA for their visionary and benevolent initiative in establishing the Kanuri GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Centre a landmark contribution that reflects their enduring bond with their alma mater and unwavering commitment to community welfare. We look forward proudly to the inauguration of this facility by our Honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, founded on 26 January, 1956 under the leadership of Dr. C. Rajeswari, began with limited infrastructure and has evolved into a centre of academic excellence and advanced clinical care. Postgraduate Degree and Diploma programs commenced in 1960, duly recognized by the Medical Council of India. Undergraduate admissions expanded progressively from 30 students to the current intake of 250 students annually with 20 postgraduate seats, 7 units with faculty of 34 and 7 senior residents mirroring the department's steady growth and reputation. We are looking forward to upgrading the number of units and postgraduate seats guided by a lineage of stalwarts like Drs. R. Satyabhama Reddy, N. Subhadra Devi, Narayana Rao, C. Savithri, K. Prasunamba, T. Sarojini, K. Jayalakshmi, V. Kamala Jayaram, Sarada Acharya, S. Surya Kumari, P. Hymavathi, Dr Sarala Devi and many others. The department has consistently upheld high standards in teaching, service, and research.

The department actively contributes to academics and community health through CME programs, hosting APCOG 2019, and conducting outreach initiatives such as cancer screening, anaemia, nutrition awareness, Dheera, and VAW programs. National and state training programs including PPIUCD, Comprehensive Abortion Care, BeMONC, and CeMONC, along with regular nursing staff training, are integral to its mission. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the department ren-

dered exemplary services to patients from surrounding four districts as this is a major tertiary care referral unit.

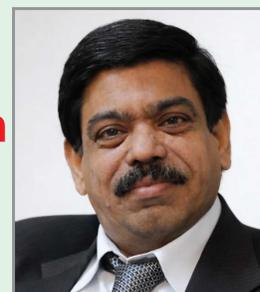
The new Kanuri GMCANA MCH Center, through the tireless efforts of GMCANA, stands as a comprehensive, patient-centered facility integrating modern infrastructure, advanced medical technology, and multi-disciplinary care. It houses well-designed delivery suites with space for birthing exercises, fully equipped high-risk obstetric units, preventive oncology services, and modular operation theatres offering round-the-clock care. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, the facility ensures early diagnosis, continuity of care, and improved maternal and neonatal outcomes, while preserving dignity, safety, and comfort. It also serves as a vital academic platform for undergraduate, postgraduate, paramedical, and nursing education. If monetary aid is provided, we look forward to a level I-ART center, which is required for NMC pg recognition .

We are deeply indebted to the visionary members of GMCANA for their persistent efforts in transforming the ambitious dream of Maternal and Child Health into reality. Our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Uma Devi Gavani for her major contribution and to all the generous NRI donors and Indian donors for their invaluable contributions. We also acknowledge Dr. V. Balabhaskara Rao and Dr. P.V. Hanumatha Rao, for their continuous coordination with the Government and GMCANA.

The Kanuri-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Centre stands as a beacon of excellence and hope strengthening maternal and child health-care, serving as a regional referral hub, reducing maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, and nurturing healthier generations for the future.

# Glimpses of GMCOSA

## Guntur Medical College Old Students Association



**Dr. P. V. Hanumantha Rao (72)**  
GMCOSA Treasurer, GMCANA Coordinator

The Guntur Medical College Old Students Association (GMCOSA) was formed and registered under the Cooperative Societies Act as Society No. 12 of 1971.

### The objectives of the organization are:

1. To develop a sense of unity and camaraderie among the old students of Guntur Medical College
2. To provide intellectual and allied advancements
3. To collect, classify, and circulate statistics and other information regarding modern medicine
4. To arrange lectures to diffuse medical information and knowledge among its members
5. To conduct social service programs with earmarked funds
6. To meet once a year or more frequently and arrange an oration or lecture by one of the distinguished old students of GMC and honor him or her

Drs. M. Gopala Krishna, Anji Reddy, Krupadnam, M. Rammohan Rao, K. Basavapunniah, and K. Kaladhar made it an active organization in 1999 to fulfill the above objectives.

Thereafter, Drs. Gopichand Mannam, P.V.Hanumantha Rao, V. Balabhaskara Rao, G. Krishna Murthy, Y.V.S. Prabhakar, T.T.K.Reddy, and S. Amarnath, along with many executive members and other members of GMCOSA, continued the activities of the association and did excellent work in organizing the annual reunions within the portals of Guntur Medical College. They conducted CME, social, and entertainment programs every year on the second Sunday in February.

Nearly 400 delegates attend each occasion. Scientific programs were conducted with distinguished alumni from GMC. The reunions include general body meetings, fellowship, group photographs, and cultural programs, mostly by the members of the association.

Since 2004, the GMCANA Awards Ceremony has been clubbed with the GMCOSA reunion.

Several distinguished alumni have been awarded civilian honors such as Padma Shri, including Drs. B. Soma Raju, Habibulla, D. Prasada Rao, G. Nageswara Rao, Y. Nayudamma, M. Gopichand, A. Gopala Krishna Gokhale, and L. Narendranath.

Several members of GMCOSA were actively involved in and supervised the construction of the GMCANA Auditorium. Various batches of GMCOSA have donated funds for the renovation of lecture galleries, roads, the canteen, parking sheds, donation of the latest books to the library, air-conditioning of the GMC library, skills lab equipment, and the journals hall in the GMC library. In the last 18 months, the present Principal, Dr. N.V. Sundarachary, an alumnus of GMC, has tirelessly worked for the development and renovation of GMC with contributions from old students and has brought about excellent improvements to the appearance and ambiance of the college.

Now, one can see GMC in its most decorated form, with newly renovated halls, a modernized canteen, and rebuilt roads in a never-before-seen manner. GMCOSA donated ₹10 lakhs from its funds to the prestigious KANURI-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center located within the premises of Government General Hospital, Guntur.

GMCOSA is meeting again after a gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other disturbances. The inauguration of this mega project, the KANURI-GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center, is the right occasion to bring us together again with a renewed sense of unity and friendship. This is a suitable occasion to renew ties and old friendships with nostalgia.

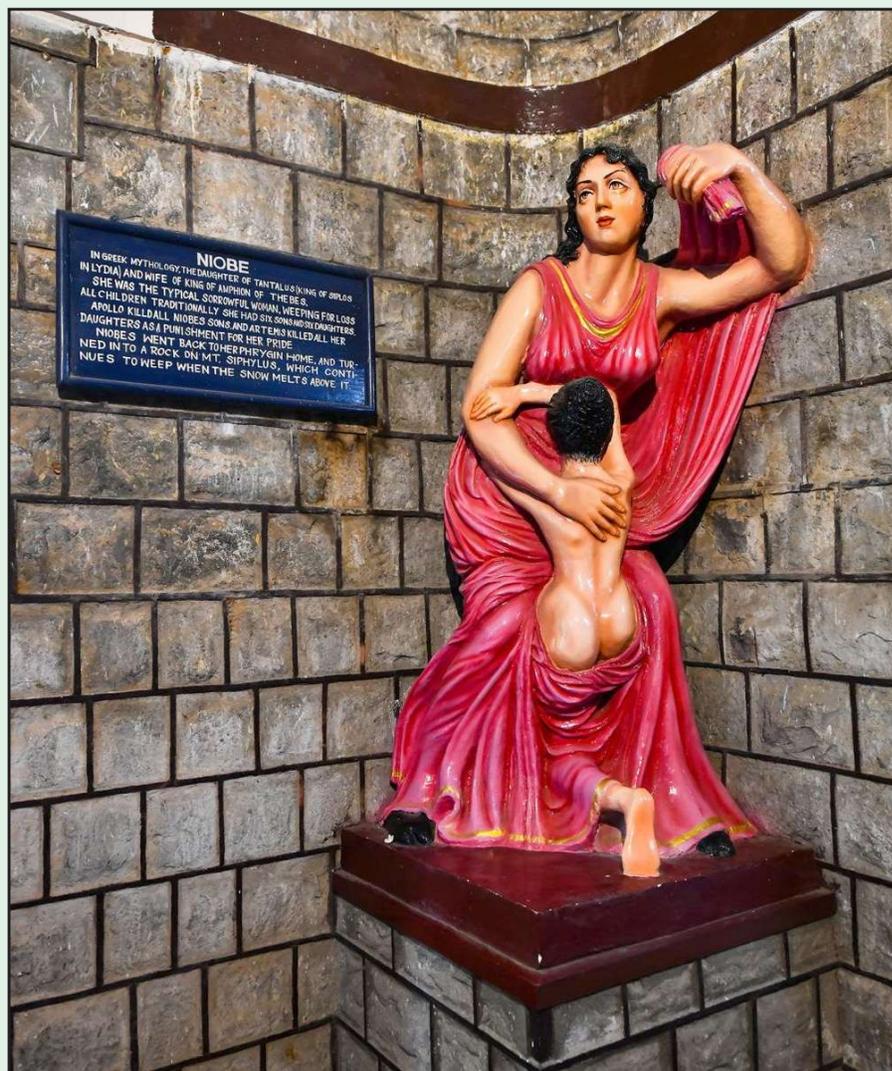
Drs. P.V. Hanumantha Rao and V. Balabhaskara Rao, Coordinators of GMCANA, are involved in all the prestigious GMCANA projects, including the GMCANA Auditorium, Podila GMCANA Super specialty Centre, and the present KANURI–GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center.

GMCOSA, along with GMCANA, is providing scholarships to academically bright and economically disadvantaged medical students. The batch of 1972 is providing scholarships to 15 to 20 medical students every year who are unable to afford fees and books.

Different batches from the inception of Guntur Medical College in 1946 till now are actively and successfully celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, and Diamond Jubilees, and many batchmates frequently meet to reminisce about their golden days in college.

By August 2026, our college will complete 80 years, marking its Oak Jubilee.

Let us all strengthen GMCOSA in the coming years and celebrate the GMC Oak Jubilee during January–February 2027 in a grand manner.



# GMC Alumni UK Style



## Dr. Velagapudi Bapuji Rao (62)

Consultant in Psychiatry in UK

The three medical colleges, Guntur Medical College, Andhra Medical College and Rangaraya Medical College combined to form Andhra University Medical Graduates Reunion (AUMGR) in 1985 with a provisional constitution. Several changes happened since then including the change of the name of our association to AMGR as well as changes in the constituent member colleges. In this pivotal organization, GMC graduates played a key role in its foundation, structure, function and publications. It is a credit that nearly 20 AMGR souvenir magazines are edited, funded and published by GMC graduates. Dr Velagapudi Bapuji Rao and, of late, Dr Chandrasekhar Bhimarasetty accomplished this task.

The aims and objectives of the Association are: Sub.sec.1.1: To facilitate Social and Cultural interaction between the members and their families and to consolidate friendship and kinship amongst professionals with a common academic background. Sub.sec.1.2: To act as a nonpolitical forum through which voluntary and charitable activities aiming to help the Medical Education and Community Service in the home state of Andhra Pradesh, India and elsewhere are coordinated. Sub.sec.1.3: To act as a link between the medical fraternity of Andhra University living in the UK and elsewhere so as to enhance the academic interaction through a programme of continued medical education.

GMC in the UK (sometimes meeting on its own as GMGR Guntur Medical Graduates Reunion with obvious nostalgic connotations to Gongoora!) was not able to keep all the earlier objectives partly due to the UK health system and partly due to the role of other organisations like European Telugu Association which has a number of our medical graduates as its patrons. So far, one GMC alumnus, Dr Velagapudi Bapuji Rao, has been the President of ETA for the years 1999-2001 and another alumnus, Dr. K. Janakinath, served as the secretary between 1993 and 1995. Activities of the Association include at least one annual get together with all the members and their families for a sociocultural function described as AMGR Reunion, UK. The membership is limited to initially the three principal medical colleges

such as Andhra Medical College, Guntur Medical College and Rangaraya Medical College and subsequently SVMUK (Sri Venkateswara University Medics UK) with its two medical colleges (Kurnool and Tirupathi) joined forces. In 2002, other medical colleges (OMC) joined, expanding its membership to well over a thousand (i.e., active registered members) As a result, the AMGR Reunion functions are now coordinated by the above five entities on a rotation every years.

Even though each Reunion is hosted or coordinated between the medical schools, activities are shared by the AMGR graduates as a whole. Another invention within AMGR and a major concept too, was that the founders and initial constitution writers never envisaged a permanent or formal presidential or chairman type structure and thus avoiding conflict ridden election process.

Each college has about three members on the AMGR Executive and this membership is decided on an informal basis during the reunion functions. One of these three take on the task of co-ordinating their respective college's hosting of the AMGR Reunion. Thus involvement and leadership is voluntary. Such an arrangement has been very successful so far resulting in harmonious and well-coordinated functioning of this organization, admired by the colleagues from India as well as USA who attend these gatherings. We also have the concept of associate membership which opens membership to any medical practitioner in the UK who has or had established link with the above medical colleges, or visiting doctors to the UK on limited engagement and spouses. The responsibilities of organizing academic and cultural activities, invitations to dignitaries and fund raising are shared on an equitable basis for all AMGR constituents with a great deal of flexibility.

Hence, it was not difficult for us to convert AUMGR (Andhra University Medical Graduates Reunion) to AMGR (Andhra Medical Graduates Reunion). Similarly we did not have a problem in incorporating Andhra doctors from various non-traditional medical colleges such as private medical schools spread all over

India and even abroad. Starting in 1985, AMGR has been conducting Annual Reunions, and GMC alumni played host to this event in 1987 at Stoke on Trent (Coordinator: Dr. CVSS Bose), in 1990 at Cardiff (Coordinators: Drs. V. Bapuji Rao and Balarami Reddy), in 1993 at Doncaster (Coordinators: Drs. K. Lajapathi Roy and K. Prasada Reddy), in 1996 again at Cardiff (Coordinators: Drs. P. Vijaya Kumar and V. Bapuji Rao), and in 2000 at Telford (Coordinator: Dr. CVSS Bose). During these functions, we honoured renowned teachers, medical “celebrities”, distinguished physicians and artists. The functions also included many hilarious plays by Dr. Kadiyala. The recent Reunions were also attended by representatives of GMCANA.

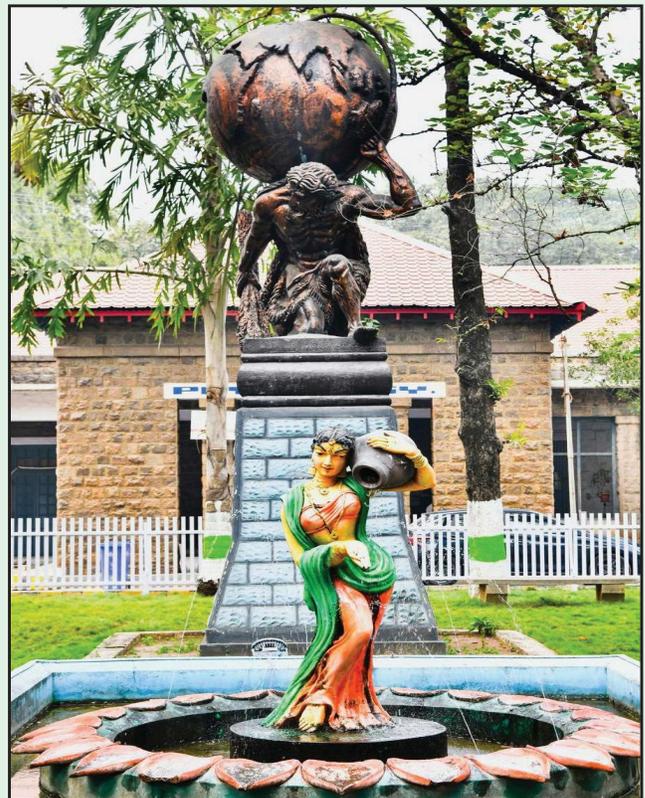
Guntur Medical College always had the pride of place in these annual events. We were privileged to honour Sri Babu & Sri Ravi Kondala Rao at our function in Milton Keynes in 2005. We celebrated the 60th anniversary of the National Health Service in 2008 when Andhra Medical College hosted an AMGR function in Coventry with Prof Sreenivasa Reddy & Prof Sri Ram as the medical guests. One of the very successful recent functions was hosted in 2009 by Guntur Medical College in Coventry. The guests included Dr Maddineni Gopala Krishna, Dr Paturi Vishnupriya Rao from NIMS, Prof Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad, Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad & Dr Narendranath of NIMS. There was a good balance of scientific & cultural programmes. We celebrated silver jubilee in May 2010 in an excellent function hosted by SVMUK in Leicester. Presence of Dr Nori Dattatreyyudu, Prof of Radiation Oncology, New York, was one of the highlights.

On behalf of GMC, I conducted the combined function of AMGR & OUMEGA (Osmania University Medical Graduates Association) in May 2013 in Sheffield without hindrance from the conflicts in A.P. It was an example of how people on the ground including professionals are happy to work together when politicians do not interfere. Andhra Medical Graduates Reunion has come a long way since its inception in 1986, one of the few meeting platforms of this group at that time. We have a number of other organizations of Telugu speaking people that have emerged in the horizon in the UK similar to what has happened in the USA & this has enlarged the scope for our nonmedical colleagues to come together. No doubt this has benefited a great deal the new immigrants from our region. The jewel in the crown of activities of GMC Alumni-UK is, without any doubt, HEAL, the children’s charity founded by Dr. K. Satya Prasad with active participation from other GMC alumni. Dr. Satya Prasad established this

unique foundation with the main base in Guntur and the UK base in Peterborough. Abandoned and street children are given a new lease of life at the children’s village which was opened in February 1999. Our alumni are also involved with charity work related to SKCV Children’s Trust. It is not possible to enumerate the individual contributions of GMC-UK members due to constraints of space. We hope that AMGR (GMC-UK) will be able to join forces in years ahead with GMCANA and GMCOSA to assist the progress that is being made at GMC/GGH Guntur.

Since the above narrative a number of changes have taken place in the UK about medical recruitment. Apart from plab exam routes we have MTI (Medical Training Initiative) as well as individual Health Boards & Trusts recruitment by travelling to India. Some of our GMC alumni are involved in this process. Hence AMGR has been taking a back seat, but several individual batch reunions are taking place across the world .

Dr. Bapuji Rao Velagapudi has been working as a Consultant in Psychiatry in the UK since 1981. He served as Chairman, Gwent Division of BMA, Chairman, Welsh Psychiatric Society, and President of European Telugu Association. He has been actively involved in coordinating Andhra Medical Graduates Reunions, British Indian Psychiatric Association and IMA of Great Britain.



# Hope, Healing and Innovation

## The New MCH Era



### Dr. B. Deeva Kumar

Professor and HOD  
Department of Paediatrics

In a landmark step towards strengthening of Paediatric and Neonatal care in the capital region of Amara-vathi, the newly constructed state-of-the-art Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center by GMCANA is being dedicated to the nation on 30-01-2026 by honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu. Spread across multiple floors and equipped with cutting-edge infrastructure, the facility is the largest dedicated mother-and-child care centre in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

#### History :

From humble beginnings as a small Paediatric unit in the Government General Hospital, Guntur with one treatment room and two wards with 10 beds each, the department has grown steadily over the decades. Academic training began in 1960 with four DCH seats, followed by the addition of two MD Pediatrics seats in 1963. The department evolved further when the DCH seats were converted to MD Pediatrics seats in 2019–2020, and the total intake was expanded from six to twelve seats annually in 2022–2023. To date, the institute has trained 208 DCH and 106 MD graduates, producing 314 Paediatricians serving the nation. The opening of the new MCH Center proudly builds on this rich legacy of growth and service.

#### Present Scenario of the Department of Paediatrics :

The Department of Paediatrics is currently functioning as a major tertiary care referral unit, catering to a large population of infants, children, and adolescents from the 8 districts and adjoining regions of Telangana State. With an ever-increasing patient load, the department plays a pivotal role in providing comprehensive pediatric and neonatal healthcare services, often under challenging circumstances. At present, the department comprises a 120-bed Pediatric ward, a 20-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), and an 80-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU + SNCU). These units collectively manage a wide spectrum of medical conditions ranging from common childhood illnesses to critically ill neonates and children requiring advanced life support.

Despite the dedicated efforts of the medical, nursing, and paramedical staff, the department is facing significant constraints due to congestion, inade-

quate infrastructure, and shortages of essential equipment and manpower. The patient inflow frequently exceeds the sanctioned bed strength, leading to overcrowding in wards and intensive care areas. This congestion not only affects patient comfort and infection control practices but also places immense physical and emotional strain on healthcare personnel. The PICU and NICU, which are crucial for managing critically ill children and high-risk neonates, often function at or beyond capacity. Limited availability of advanced monitoring systems, high end ventilators, infusion devices, and other life-saving equipment poses challenges in delivering optimal critical care. Additionally, the shortage of trained pediatric intensivists, nurses trained in neonatal care, respiratory therapists, and support staff further compounds the burden on existing manpower, affecting duty hours and staff-to-patient ratios. Space limitations have also restricted the scope of teaching, training, and research activities within the department. As a teaching hospital, the department is responsible for undergraduate and postgraduate medical education; however, overcrowded clinical areas and limited resources hinder effective hands-on training and academic pursuits.

In spite of these challenges, the Department of Paediatrics continues to function with resilience and commitment, driven by a strong sense of duty towards patient care. The staff consistently strives to deliver quality services through teamwork, innovation, and judicious utilization of available resources. The current scenario clearly highlights the urgent need for expansion of infrastructure, augmentation of manpower, and upgrading of equipment to meet the growing healthcare demands. Strengthening pediatric and neonatal services is essential not only for improving survival and outcomes but also for ensuring dignified, safe, and efficient care for children—the future of the nation.

#### Future :

The new MCH Center constructed by GMCANA at a Cost of Rs 100 Cr will house 100 neonatal beds and 200 paediatric and adolescent beds, making it the region's most well-equipped centre for neonatal, child and adolescent health. This expanded capacity allows timely care for critically ill newborns, high-risk infants, and children with diverse medical needs.

The 100-bed Neonatal Wing is designed to address the critical gap in high-dependency newborn care :

- ★ Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with 60 beds
- ★ Level II Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) with 40 beds
- ★ Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) wards and maternal stay areas with 20 beds
- ★ Dedicated neonatal operation theatre and procedure rooms
- ★ Advanced equipment including high-frequency ventilators, bubble CPAP units, LED phototherapy systems, transport incubators, and point-of-care ultrasound machines
- ★ 24×7 availability of neonatologists, paediatric surgeons, and specially trained nursing staff

This expansion is expected to reduce neonatal mortality significantly by providing timely critical care within the “golden hour” to premature and critically ill newborns who were earlier referred to distant cities.

### **Comprehensive Paediatric Services under One Roof**

The 200-bed paediatric Wing offers end-to-end care from infancy to adolescence:

- ★ General paediatric wards (160 beds)
- ★ Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) 20 beds
- ★ Paediatric High Dependency Unit (HDU) 20 beds
- ★ Paediatric surgery and super specialty wards 30 beds
- ★ Isolation and infectious disease wards
- ★ Dedicated paediatric emergency and short-stay observation area
- ★ Super specialties now available on campus: Cardiology, Nephrology, Neurology, and Gastroenterology.

The facility also features child-friendly interiors, play areas, breastfeeding rooms, and parent counselling zones to create a healing and reassuring environment for young patients and their families.

### **Integrated Maternal Care**

True to its name, the MCH Center seamlessly integrates high-risk obstetrics with newborn and services:

- ★ Maternal ICU and fetal medicine unit
- ★ Direct in-house connectivity between labour rooms, operation theatres, NICU for zero-delay transfers

This “one-building continuum of care” model has already shown promising results in pilot centres and is expected to dramatically improve maternal and perinatal outcomes.

**In light of the above, we request the Government of Andhra Pradesh to kindly sanction:**

- ★ 3 Additional Pediatric Units
- ★ 1 Neonatology Unit
- ★ 1 Pediatric Neurology Unit
- ★ 1 Pediatric Cardiology Unit

along with necessary faculty, nursing staff, and supporting medical personnel, under the New MCH Center. We assure full cooperation from the hospital administration for implementation readiness and smooth operationalization.

### **The future with the new MCH Center at GGH looks promising:**

Greater bed capacity and modern equipment will handle more patients.

Reduced mortality and morbidity among mothers and newborns.

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**A Promise Kept:** “Every child deserves the right to survive and thrive. With this 300-bed facility, we are not just adding beds — we are adding hope, expertise, and a brighter future for thousands of families every year.”

**Thanksgiving to GMCANA:** We express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to GMCANA for its visionary support and generous contribution towards the construction of the Kanuri GMCANA Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center at an estimated cost of ₹100 crores.

This landmark initiative stands as a testament to GMCANA’s unwavering commitment to strengthening public healthcare, particularly in the critical areas of maternal, neonatal, and pediatric and adolescent care. The state-of-the-art MCH Center will significantly enhance healthcare infrastructure and ensure comprehensive, accessible, and quality medical services for mothers and children across the region.

On behalf of the Department of Paediatrics, faculty, healthcare workers, and the countless beneficiaries we extend our deepest appreciation to GMCANA for this noble and impactful endeavour. This contribution will leave a lasting legacy, improve health outcomes and save lives for generations to come. I hope this contribution and assistance from GMCANA will continue forever.

## Paediatric Surgery at GGH

### Dr. K. Jaya Pal

Professor & HOD  
Department of Paediatric Surgery  
Guntur Medical College



We express our gratitude to the alumni and members of GMCANA for their compassionate initiative in establishing the Kanuri GMCANA Maternal and Child Health Center at Government General Hospital, Guntur, AP, India.

While Guntur Medical College itself was established in 1946 and clinical courses at GGH began in 1954, specialty surgical services developed gradually over subsequent decades as medical science advanced. As the demand for child-specific surgical care increased, the department of paediatric surgery was created and started functioning from 01.08.1976 by Dr. R.B. Krishnamurthy, MS, FRCS, Professor of general surgery, professor of general surgery and incharge H.O.D of paediatric surgery.

The department of paediatric surgery at Guntur Medical College is a distinguished clinical specialty that evolved in response to the growing need for dedicated surgical care for children at the associated Government General Hospital (GGH), one of the Andhra region's largest public tertiary care centres.

The history of paediatric surgery at GGH spans over nearly half a century. It was started as a clinical department for patient care by Dr. R.B. Krishnamurthy, MS, FRCS, Professor of general surgery. The legacy was carried forward by Dr. T.V.M. Murthy, MS, Dr. Nagaraja Rao, MCh and Dr. Yarlagadda Nayudamma, MCh who all spearheaded the growth of paediatric surgical services beginning in the 1970s. For over nearly three decades, Dr. Y. Nayudamma served as professor & head of the department of paediatric surgery and established it as a strong clinical and academic unit. The department gained national recognition for performing complex procedures, including the separation of conjoined twins, a remarkable series of surgeries that brought widespread acclaim and showcased the specialty's capabilities, for which Dr. Y. Nayudamma was awarded one of the highest civilian awards in India, Padma Sri.

Over time, paediatric surgery at Guntur transitioned from being primarily a service wing to a su-

per-specialty academic department, contributing to undergraduate clinical education and offering postgraduate training. Dr. P. Subbarao played a pivotal role in starting postgraduate course in M.Ch paediatric surgery, which was later recognised by the NMC, reflecting its evolution into a center for specialist surgical education and practice.

The department has robust academics along with clinical care and had also conducted the IAPS-AP Chapter, State Conference NEOCON 2018.

The future and scope of paediatric surgery is constantly evolving and to contribute to the vast repository of knowledge, the department has been conducting regular clinical research work, publishing case reports and case series in national and international journals. The department is also actively creating awareness regarding congenital anomalies and neonatal surgery amongst the healthcare professionals and general public.

Today the department of paediatric surgery has a dedicated team of faculty and supports a range of surgical disciplines, including neonatal surgery, congenital anomaly corrections, and advanced minimally invasive paediatric surgical procedures. With new horizons opening up every day, the department aspires to be a centre of excellence for paediatric robotic surgical care and fetal surgeries, as it continues to deliver high-quality surgical care to children from all over Andhra Pradesh.

We are deeply thankful to the visionary members of GMCANA for their persistent efforts in transforming the ambitious dream into reality. Our heartfelt gratitude to all GMCANA donors particularly Dr. Gavani Umadevi, and we acknowledge Dr. V. Balabhaskara Rao and Dr. P.V. Hanumantha Rao for their continuous co-ordination with the government and GMCANA. We are confident that the Kanuri-GMCANA MCH Center will serve as a regional referral hub and aid in decreasing surgical neonatal and infant morbidity and mortality.

# The Science of Relief, the Art of Care



**Dr. K.P. Polaiah**

Professor & HOD Department of Anaesthesiology  
Guntur Medical College

**Anaesthesia** is the cornerstone of modern medicine, a silent yet transformative force that has redefined human health, productivity, and compassion worldwide. Once surgery was a last resort marked by unbearable pain and high mortality, but the advent of anaesthesia in the mid-19th century revolutionized medical practice by enabling safe, precise, and complex interventions. Today, anaesthesia underpins advances across all disciplines—extending life through treatments for cancer, cardiac disease, trauma, and congenital anomalies; supporting maternal and child health by reducing mortality; and strengthening economies by minimizing complications and accelerating recovery. Beyond its clinical and economic impact, anaesthesia is an act of profound empathy, alleviating both physical pain and psychological fear while fostering trust and dignity in care. Ongoing research into its mechanisms continues to unlock insights into consciousness and mental health, while its role in geriatric and critical care remains indispensable—exemplified by institutions like Guntur Medical College, where innovation thrives even in resource-constrained settings.

**The Department of Anaesthesiology** at Guntur Medical College (GMC) stands as a proud pillar of public healthcare in Andhra Pradesh. Established in 1954, the department has grown steadily in scope, expertise, and academic strength. Postgraduate training commenced in 1961 with a Diploma in Anaesthesia, followed by the introduction of MD programs. Currently, 14 postgraduate students are trained annually, nurturing a skilled workforce committed to excellence and service.

Over the decades, the department has played a crucial role in advancing complex surgical care within the government sector. Among its landmark achievements is the provision of anaesthesia for the successful separation of conjoined twins—an extraordinary feat requiring meticulous planning, coordination, and expertise. This achievement not only saved lives but also demonstrated the department's capability to manage highly specialized paediatric surgeries.

The department was also instrumental in supporting the first heart transplantation performed in a government hospital in Andhra Pradesh, marking a milestone in public-sector healthcare. Despite resource constraints, the anaesthesia team ensured meticulous perioperative management, enabling advanced cardiothoracic procedures and narrowing the gap between public and private healthcare services.

Significant contributions have also been made in the field of renal transplantation, helping patients with end-stage renal disease regain productive, independent lives. The department has further demonstrated its adaptability and technological advancement by providing anaesthesia support for awake craniotomy procedures, reflecting its commitment to staying abreast of evolving medical innovations.

In addition to operating theatre services, the department provides comprehensive care in intensive care units, emergency services, and non-operating room anaesthesia, including sedation for radiological procedures and electroconvulsive therapy. Anaesthesia services extend across all major specialties, including general surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, orthopaedics, neurosurgery, and plastic surgery.

A newly established Pain Management Clinic addresses the needs of patients suffering from chronic pain, offering compassionate care through modern interventional techniques and reducing dependence on long-term medications. These services have significantly improved the quality of life for many patients.

**GMCANA and the Department of Anaesthesia** : The sustained growth and excellence of the department have been strongly supported by the Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (GMCANA). In 2004, GMCANA established the Anaesthesia Endowment Fund with the vision of strengthening and advancing the Department of Anaesthesia at GMC/GGH. The interest generated from this fund is utilized annually to support teaching, academic activities, and the





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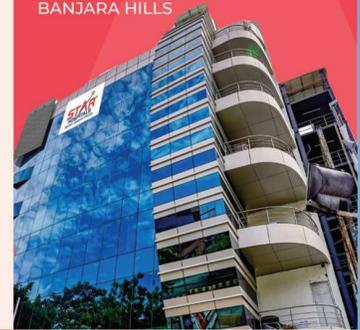
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