

**RMCANA Usharani and Upendranadh Nimmagadda Maternal and Child  
Health Hospital,**

Government General Hospital, Kakinada



Ask not what your country can do for you

— ask what you can do for your country.

- John F Kennedy





*When you make a commitment you create hope*

*When you keep a commitment you create trust*

- John C Maxwell



*A dream being realized*

*A commitment being honored*

Construction of the RMCANA MCH Project begins

Friends,

We flew thousands of miles away from our homeland

Made our nests and settled here after realizing our dreams for a better life and career.

But we left our heart with our motherland and visit our dear ones, friends, village, and our alma mater which made us what we are today – successful professionals trusted by our country of adoption.

Now, let us visit the dreams of the less privileged of our motherland and help them realize those dreams.

Dreams of not just a better but the best healthcare in the most needed sphere of public health system – the Maternal and Child Health.

Friends, India still has a Maternal Mortality Rate of 97 in 2020. MMR in AP was 45 and in Kerala it was 19.

It is 13 among white Americans and 42 among the coloured people of USA in 2015.

Similarly the present Infant Mortality rate in India is 28, in AP it is 24, which is better than the national average. In Kerala it is 6 and in the USA it is 5.

Yes friends, our state of Andhra Pradesh has better national averages in both MMR and IMR. Let us make it much better and help them bring it on par with the US average.

Yes, it is a big task, but let us give our helping hand.

With this goal in mind RMCANA decided to take up the stalled Mother and Child Facility in GGH, Kakinada which was started in 2014 with central funds under the National Rural Health Mission project.

It was conceived as a G + 4 structure but stagnated after the G+1 superstructure was completed due to lack of funds.

We were alerted of this need by our friends in India and the college administration, discussed it extensively in the 2018 Atlanta Biennial Reunion where our generous members whole heartedly voted for it and pledged their support for its completion.

Yes, there were a lot of hiccups on the way but we never gave up hope and tried doggedly to finally obtain a Government Order of assent for our proposal which led to a MOU in 2019 wherein we have committed to build three floors over the existing structure after the government completes construction of the G+1 structure.

However the cash strapped state could not fulfil its obligations of the MOU and requested us to take up the project in total.

The matter was discussed again in the 2022 Dallas Biennial meet and was finally approved. A fresh G.O was issued assenting to our request and another MOU was signed in April 2023. And we have initiated the process of planning.

The plans were extensively discussed with the stake holders and finalized as per existing norms like the NABH, LaQshya, National Building Code, and Fire Safety guidelines.

A reputed local Architect of M/S Design Concepts was entrusted with the work of design with the help of a structural engineer, and a MEP Consultant. A trusted contractor Mr Chode Suresh, a Class-I contractor, who worked for our Golden Jubilee Library project was entrusted with the construction of the Building under the guidance of the above. The government body Andhra Pradesh Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation will be supervising the quality of construction at every stage as per the MOU terms.

The total cost of construction of the project as per government estimates comes to Rs. 42.0 Crores (including equipment), equivalent to USD 5.03 Million.

Meanwhile the funds started flowing in. Our members are identifying the facilities which they want to sponsor and donated generous amounts.

Dr Nimmagadda Upendranadh promised one million dollars in memory of his dear wife Dr Usharani – the biggest donation of all, and the RMCANA board has decided to name the project as ‘RMCANA Usharani and Upendranadh Nimmagadda Maternal and Child Health Hospital, GGH, Kakinada’.

In recognition of his generous donation a Civic Felicitation was organized by the public of Kakinada on Dt.24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Honourable Minister of Health Mrs Vidadala Rajani felicitated Dr Upendranadh and also formally inaugurated the works of the project in the presence of all the local and surrounding peoples’ representatives, general public, and faculty and students of RMC. Everybody thanked RMCANA for the endeavour and praised Dr Upendranadh for his generosity.

RMCANA proved itself in providing exemplary facilities of the highest quality when it built the ‘Pokala Sridevi and Nagendrarao memorial Building’ – The Golden Jubilee Library. It was the biggest project undertaken by RMCANA till then and proved our unity and commitment and is serving well in augmenting the educational facilities in the college campus.

We have undertaken the MCH Project to make a difference to public health and particularly to Maternal and Child health, as we are seized with the problem of inadequate Maternal and Child health facilities in GGH, Kakinada, which are bursting at the seams due to not only the growing population, but also public awareness towards institutional deliveries and early child care and also better transport facilities.

So our project is the need of the hour and is definitely going to be a game changer in enhancing the Maternal and Child Health Services in this part of the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Our project is uniquely positioned to provide efficient Maternal and Child Health services as GGH, Kakinada attracts patients not only from the districts of the erstwhile East Godavari which was the biggest state of the combined state of AP but also patients from neighbouring districts of West Godavari and Visakhapatnam. Most importantly this hospital is the sole Tertiary care centre for the agency areas where medical services are sparse and the population are illiterate and ignorant and have many health problems which are unique to them like rampant Malaria infections, Sickle cell anemia etc. Poor sanitation and malnutrition compound their health issues.

The actual construction of the building after obtaining all necessary permissions from government was started on 13<sup>th</sup> September after a formal puja by the contractor in the presence of the local Member of Parliament Smt. Vanga Geeta who is taking keen interest in the project along with Sri Dvarampudi Chandrasekhar Reddy, MLA, Kakinada, and the Director of Medical Education Dr D S V L Narasimham, Superintendent GGH Dr Hemalatha Devi and HODs of Paediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynaecology and other college staff.

The timeline for completion is 16 to 18 months. The contractor is hopeful of completing the superstructure of all the floors including ramp and stair cases by May 2024. Meanwhile he will be constructing the walls and interiors of the lower floors from first floor above.

We have committed in the MOU for providing the Civil works along with five Lifts, Plumbing and electric lines, Fire safety equipment, and Medical gas pipelines.

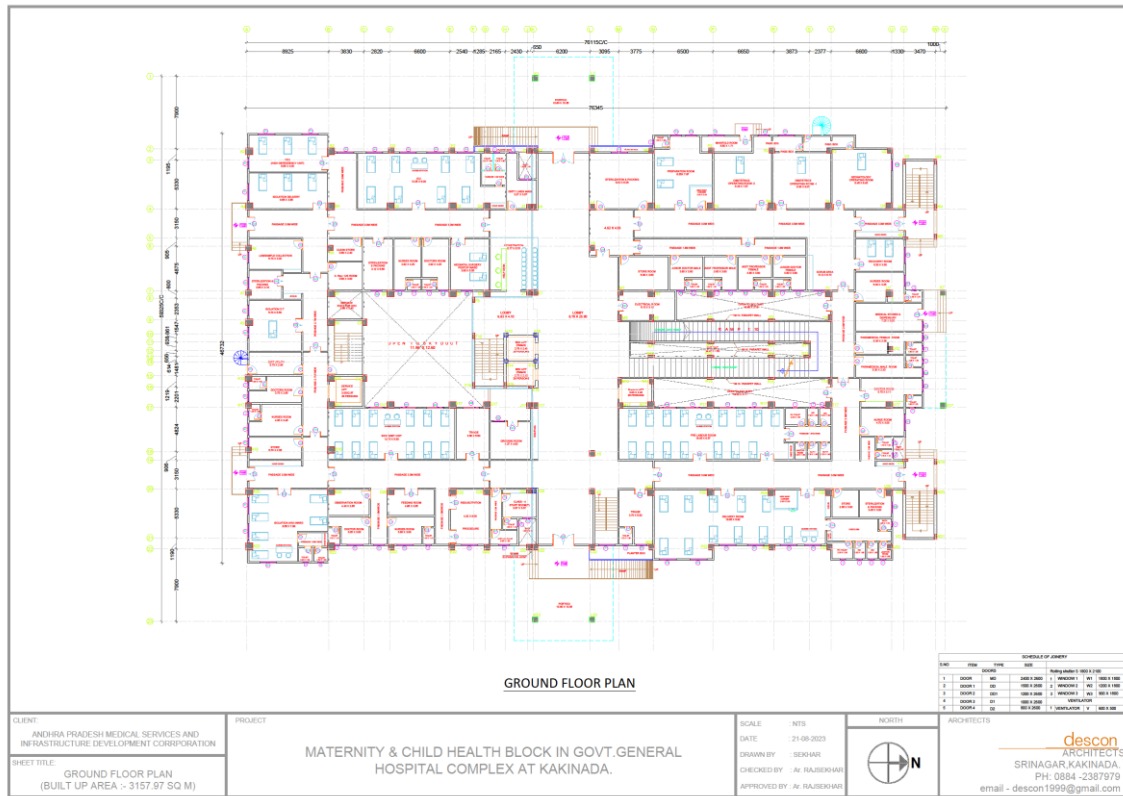
We are also planning to provide Laminar flow Operating rooms, CC Camera surveillance system with central monitoring station, Data lines, Telephone lines, and Vacuum chute for transport of samples to the central Laboratory on Fourth floor.

The facility will have two external and three internal staircases and will be having a total of seven operating rooms, Obstetrics ICU, Neonatal ICUs, Sick baby Unit in Neonatal casualty, Milk bank (funded and run entirely by a private NGO), Central laboratory, Central Sterilization unit, Seminar halls, Libraries, Demonstration rooms for students, and special rooms. Every floor has a dedicated patient's attendants waiting area and a dedicated Attendants amenity area is also being planned to cut down on attendants flocking in the wards, ICUs and Verandas.

The following are the floor plans of the various floors along with a list of the facilities contained within.



## Ground floor



### Ground floor:

- Labor and Delivery wards
- Emergency Obstetrics and Paediatric surgery operating rooms (3 numbers)
- Neonatology casualty with Sick baby unit
- Obstetrics ICU
- HIV Cum Hepatitis B patients Delivery room, wards, and Operating room
- (Total four operating rooms in ground Floor)
- Grieving room



## First floor



### First floor:

- Antenatal (prelabor) wards
- High Dependency Unit (semi ICU)
- Septic labor room and wards
- Department of Obstetrics with Seminar hall and Library
- House keeping room



Reception area (Ground floor)

## Second floor



### Second floor:

- Postnatal (post delivery) wards,
- Post operative wards
- Students Demonstration room
- CSSD - Central Sterilization and supply Department





## Third floor



### Third floor:

- NICU wards – 12 (NICUs 1 and 12 to have Negative pressure facility and TPN room to have Laminar flow facility)
- Department of Neonatology with Library and Seminar hall
- Students Demonstration room



## Fourth floor



### Fourth floor:

- Elective Obstetrics Operating rooms -3
- Post operative ward
- Milk bank complex
- Special rooms
- Obstetrics Skill lab
- Central laboratory
- Central Monitoring station



Sick baby unit (Ground floor)

## GROUND FLOOR DONORS

AREA	NUMBER OF BEDS	DONATION AMOUNT (\$)	DONOR(S)
ICU	8	50 K	Sudhakar Jonnalagadda
HDU	4	15 K	Praveen Seshabhatar
Isolation Delivery Room	2	10 K	Radhika and Siva Kumar Oruganti
Lab		10 K	
Isolation OT		10 K	
Isolation Ward	8	15 K	
Sick Baby Unit	12	25 K	Swathy Kolli
Neonatal Casualty with Triage, Resuscitation, Observation Room, and Procedure Room		25 k	Venu Madhav Madhipatla
Emergency OT, Pre Op, and Recovery		25 K	Lakshmi Krishna Leela Baisetti
Labor and Delivery	22	100 K	Paladugu Rambabu



## FIRST FLOOR DONORS

AREA	NUMBER OF BEDS	DONATION AMOUNT (\$)	DONOR(S)
HDU-1	12	35 K	
HDU-2	20	50 K	
HDU 1 + 2	32	85 K	
Seminar Hall		25 K	
Lab		10 K	
Library		10 K	Anusha Valluru
Septic Labor Room -1	12	25 K	Team Sakhi
Septic Labor Room -2	10	25 k	Garaparti Sarada Padma Bhanu
Antenatal Ward 1 + 2	35	100 K	Manju Badam
Antenatal Ward 3 + 4	36	100 K	Seshukumari Chintamaneni
Antenatal Ward 5	11	35 K	



NICU

## SECOND FLOOR DONORS

AREA	NUMBER OF BEDS	DONATION AMOUNT (\$)	DONOR
Postnatal Ward 1 + 2	30	100 K	Venkata Subbaraya Chowdary Achanta
Treatment Room 1		10 K	
Lab		10 K	
Treatment Room 2		10 K	
Postnatal Ward - 3	16	50 K	
Postnatal Ward - 4	13	50 K	
Postnatal Ward 3 + 4	29	100 K	
Postnatal Ward 5 + 6	36	100 K	Satyanarayana Prasad Kante
Postop Ward 1	18	50 K	
Postop Ward 2	18	50 k	
Postop Wards 1 + 2	36	100 K	
Postop Ward 3	10	35 K	

### THIRD FLOOR DONORS

AREA	NUMBER OF BEDS	DONATION AMOUNT (\$)	DONOR
NICU -1	6	25 K	Anil Gogineni
NICU- 2	13	50 K	
NICU - 3	16	50	
NICU 2 + 3	29	100 K	
Lab		10 K	
Seminar Hall		25 K	1974 Rangarayans
Library		10 K	1974 Rangarayans
NICU 4 + 5	32	100 K	Gayathri and Raja Sreekrishna Talluri
NICU - 6	18	50 K	
NICU - 7	16	50 K	
NICU 6 + 7	34	100 K	
NICU - 8	5	25 K	
NICU - 9	14	50 K	Mythily Varanasi
NICU – 10	5	25 K	
NICU - 11	12	35 K	
NICU - 12	6	25 K	Mohan Kishore Kesani

## FOURTH FLOOR DONORS

AREA	NUMBER OF BEDS	DONATION AMOUNT (\$)	DONOR
Special Room - 1	2	10 K	Radha Rani Prattipati and Narendra Achanta
Special Room - 2	2	10 K	Radha Vallabhaneni
Special Room - 3	2	10 K	
Special Room - 4	2	10 K	
Special Room - 5	2	10 K	
Special Room - 6	2	10 K	
Special Room - 7	2	10 K	
Special Room - 8	2	10 K	
Central Lab		10 K	
Milk Bank (milk expressing room, counselling room, thawing room, pasteurization room, storage room)		35 K	
Elective OT Complex		50 K	Suresh Kodali
Postop Ward - 1	18	50 K	
Postop Ward - 2	18	50 K	
Postop Ward – 1 + 2	36	100 K	
Postop Ward 3 (OB postop)	16	50 K	

### Procedure to donate:

#### USA:

Wire transfers:

Account Name: RMCANA

Bank: Wachovia bank

Account type: Checking account

Account No. 2000053694911

Routing No. 121000248

**Cheques may be mailed to:**

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**Donations in India – in INR only please:**

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