

Need to provide sufficient funds and infrastructure to Rangaraya Medical College

SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS (KAKINADA): Hon. Chairperson, Madam, I stand before this esteemed House today to bring to your attention an urgent and heartfelt request for the inclusion of the Government General Hospital, Kakinada under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. The GGH, Kakinada is a decades-old institution and has been a lifeline for the people across five neighbouring districts - East Godavari, West Godavari, Alluri Sitharamraju, Anakapalle, and Kakinada itself. Beyond serving as a critical healthcare provider, it also functions as a teaching hospital for the Rangaraya Medical College which is shaping the next generation of medical professionals. In the past year alone, the GGH, Kakinada handled over eight lakh out-patients, 70,000 in-patients, and performed more than 45,000 surgeries and conducted nearly seven lakh lab tests. These figures highlight the number of patients who rely on this institution for saving their lives. However, despite its critical role, the GGH, Kakinada is struggling. While it has speciality departments like Cardiology, Neurosurgery, and Oncology, many of them remain severely under-resourced. The hospital is grappling with inadequate infrastructure, outdated equipment and staff shortage. The gap between the rising healthcare needs and available facilities is putting immense pressure on both patients and medical staff and making urgent intervention necessary. Once a leader in cancer treatment in this region, GGH, Kakinada has suffered decades of neglect. I firmly believe this is a cause worth fighting for. I will personally meet the hon. Minister to present a detailed proposal and push for urgent action.