

# Superspecialty hosp coming up in Jogeshwari

The Andheri-Borivli belt in the northwestern suburbs is set to get another superspecialty hospital, with the Hinduja group announcing that it will set up its third hospital in Jogeshwari. Now, five big-name projects are underway in the stretch that will add over 3,500 beds. **P 2**

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**Mumbai:** One more new superspecialty hospital will come up in the northwestern suburbs, with the Hinduja group announcing it will set up its third hospital in Jogeshwari. The announcement was made in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of the group's flagship P D Hinduja Hospital in Mahim completing 75 years on Tuesday.

The city has roughly 40,000 hospital beds, including 20,000 beds in the public sector. In recent years, new private hospital projects have been announced in the northwestern suburbs, mainly in the stretch between Andheri and Borivli.

Until a decade back, this stretch had barely a couple of multi-speciality hospitals—both in the public and private sectors. Now, five big-name projects are underway here: the Reliance group recently acquired the controversy-ridden Seven Hills Hospital in Marol that will reopen in a couple of years with 1,200-1,500 beds; the Medanta Group from Delhi is setting up a 500-bedded hospital in Oshiwara; the Adani group is working on a 1,000-bedded medical-college-and-hospital project in Kandivli; and in Borivli, the DMart group is also setting up a nearly 1,000-bedded hospital.

### Prez flags off campaign with focus on health of adolescents

President Droupadi Murmu flagged off the 'Saving lives. Building a healthier Bharat' programme on Tuesday. The project, which will be carried out by P D Hinduja Hospital across 75 districts in the country, will focus on the health of adolescents. "There are many national healthcare programmes that focus on the paediatric and adult populations, but the adolescents are forgotten," said Hinduja Hospital CEO Gautam Khanna. A special bus equipped with diagnostics will move across districts, starting with the urban poor in Mumbai, to carry out basic health tests among teenagers and women; a special focus will be type I diabetes. "We are working with state govts in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana on this public-private initiative," he added. **TNN**

The new Hinduja hospital is the latest to be announced. "By 2030, we will establish a 10-acre World Health Knowledge Centre in Mumbai integrating a multi-speciality future-ready hospital with precision medicine, genomics, medical, nursing and allied health education, with a research and innovation hub so that India not only consumes medical knowledge, but creates it," said Hinduja group of companies (India) chairman Ashok Hinduja.

Given the population growth in the western suburbs, more hospitals are needed, said Hinduja, adding that the group will also add 80 beds to its second hospital in Khar. It will also unveil a 13-storeyed diagnostic and genomics building near the Mahim sta-

tion. "The future of medicine will increasingly be personalised. The more we understand about our population's genetic patterns, the better we can prevent diseases rather than simply treat them," he added.

According to independent hospital planning and management consultant Dr Vivek Desai, "The Bandra-Borivli belt has a huge population, with around 10 lakh in each of the civic zones here, so new hospitals are needed here to achieve the World Health Organisation's ratio of 3 per beds per 1,000 population in this portion of Mumbai."

Moreover, Dr Desai said the Bandra-Borivli belt is an affluent part of the city even though its residents are forced to travel to south Mumbai in slow-moving traffic.