

## First-of-its-kind comprehensive urban primary health centre opens in Bengaluru

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### **'Malleswaram Model' to be recognised as an ideal model for the entire country**

The first-of-its-kind Comprehensive Urban Primary Health Centre (CUPHC) with new-age technology and quality equipment has opened in Malleswaram, Bengaluru. The upgradation of the PHC from conception to execution was completed under Karnataka Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan's direction. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was also present at the inaugural function of the centre.

The CUPHC has been set up by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in collaboration with Manipal Health Enterprises and with philanthropic contributions by several citizens. In all, Rs 3 crore has been spent on civil work of the PHCs in Malleswaram.

The CUPHC offers end-to-end services like testing, hi-tech diagnostics (Xpress Clinic) and treatment, medicines will also be provided at either zero cost or an affordable price. Both APL and BPL card holders will get between 30-60 per cent rebate at the centre.

A pilot project to understand the efficacy of Virtual Speciality Clinical Services including General Medicine, General Surgery, ENT, Ophthal, Dermal, Ortho, Pulmonology and Cardiology has already been set up. An estimated cost of Rs 16-17 crore over the next three years to develop 27 such centres across the city has been chalked out.