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Apollo opens dedicated cancer centre for women in Delhi

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Asiaâ??s first dedicated cancer centre for women

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd (AHEL) has announced the launch of Apollo Athenaa – Asia's First Dedicated Cancer Centre for Women, located in Defence Colony, New Delhi.

The centre was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Delhi, Rekha Gupta, in the presence of Dr Prathap C Reddy, Founder-Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group, Bansuri Swaraj, Member of Parliament, Neeraj Basoya, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, AHEL, and Harshad Reddy, Director, Group Oncology, AHEL.

In the recent past, more women than men have been diagnosed with cancer, notably with cancers in women, accounting for the highest incidence. A new study from ICMR's National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) has revealed that breast and cervical cancers are the most common types of cancers among Indian women. According to data from GLOBOCAN 2022 estimates, nearly 54% of incidence among women in India is attributed to cancers that majorly affect women, including breast and cervical cancers.

Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister of Delhi, said "Cancer care for women is a deeply sensitive issue, and it gives me great satisfaction to see us moving towards real empowerment for women. Apollo Athenaa will stand as a milestone in cancer care, ensuring dignity, security, and privacy for every woman."

Bansuri Swaraj, Member of Parliament, New Delhi, said, "As cancer is rising at an alarming pace, the Government of India has introduced robust policies and strategic interventions to enhance prevention, early detection, treatment, and patient care nationwide. Our government is also consistently prioritising women's health. Apollo's transformative initiative and setting a global benchmark in women-centric cancer care will complement the national health mission."