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SETTING UP SMALL HOSPITALS IN TAMIL NADU – PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES,

Talk by **Shweta Menon, Director and Principal Architect, ACME Hospital Projects.**

Small Hospitals are the only way forward to solving India's major problem of lack of access to Quality Healthcare in the Rural and Semi-Urban Areas, including the Tier III, IV & V Towns. This being especially applicable in Tamil Nadu too where people with serious ailments in these areas are forced to go to the nearest Cities like Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem, Madurai or Trichy for treatment, incurring a more expensive cost of care and additional costs incurred on travel and stay, during the course of the treatment.

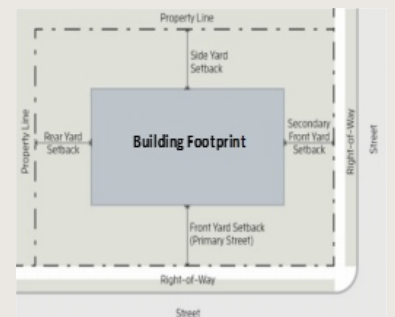
The solution lies in building many more Good Quality Hospitals in Mofussil Areas, outside the Metros and Cities, Hospitals that would be both Multi-specialty and Single-specialty, with Advanced Technologies, Qualified Doctors and Staff to run and maintain the Hospital and Accreditations like the NABH.

These Hospitals cannot be large ones as they will not be viable. In these towns the patient footfalls will not be sufficient to recover the capital costs incurred on a large hospital. Hence what is viable in the smaller towns will be Small Hospitals, Specialty Centers and Day Care Clinics, which can quickly breakeven and become profitable, even with a lesser patient load.

But there are challenges in putting up these Small Hospitals, in being able to keep Capital Costs, i.e., on Construction and Equipment at a minimum, while still being able to provide all the higher-end Specialities, Procedures and Services. The challenges are making do with lesser area to build the Hospital, and a lesser budget for the Medical Equipment too. This is at a time when the Cost of Medical Equipment is constantly rising.

These challenges can be addressed mainly in the following ways.

1. Optimising the space available, by designing the hospital and its facilities far more efficiently, keeping in mind also the many mandatory building regulations to be met like Floor Space Index (FSI), Setback Areas, and Restrictions on the Height of Buildings. There are also the NABH requirements on infrastructure to be kept in mind. Today every hospital needs to be compliant with this National Quality Accreditation, to get Insurance Empanellment from Public, Private and State Government Insurers.



2. Minimizing Medical Equipment Costs through better utilization, optimal sharing between Departments and using various Financing Options like Leasing, Rental, Pay Per Use.

3. Finally, and most importantly making sure the Hospital is put only after conducting a Detailed Feasibility Study in the identified Catchment, to assess the need in the Area for the various Specialities and Services being considered. The Study also helps to understand the level of competition there is and planning the facilities accordingly.

If the Hospital is planned based on such a Study it becomes much easier for Funds to be raised from Banks and Financial Institutions.

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AHPI Tamil Nadu Executive Committee Meeting:

The AHPI Tamil Nadu Executive Committee Meeting was successfully conducted on March 29, 2025, at Hyatt Regency, Chennai. The meeting convened key members to deliberate on vital developments, address prevailing challenges, and plan strategic initiatives for advancing healthcare delivery in Tamil Nadu.

The session opened with a welcome address, followed by an expert talk on “Setting Up Small Hospitals in Tamil Nadu – Prospects & Challenges.” Ms. Shweta Menon, Director & Principal Architect at ACME Consulting, shared valuable perspectives on infrastructure planning, regulatory compliance, and financial sustainability for small and mid-sized hospitals. She also emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships in enhancing access to healthcare in under served areas.

The committee then engaged in strategic discussions focused on healthcare infrastructure development, exploring collaboration opportunities with government and private stakeholders, and integrating technology-driven solutions for improved service delivery.

Key updates were presented on AHPI Tamil Nadu’s advocacy efforts, covering issues such as:

- Minimum wage regulations
- Hospital accreditation processes
- Ongoing legal challenges

Further discussions highlighted the expansion of the Nursing Skill Development Program, the introduction of specialized training modules, and leadership development initiatives aimed at empowering the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The meeting concluded with planning updates for AHPICON 2025, with members aligning on priorities to ensure a successful and impactful conference.



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