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**CARE Hospitals Expand Network: Units at Jabalpur and Vizag**

Hyderabad based CARE Hospitals Group has signed an agreement with Marble City Hospital, Jabalpur to operate the facility as part of the CARE network on an Operations and Management (O&M) Contract, through its subsidiary Ganga CARE based in Nagpur. The hospital with a capacity of 200 beds would mark the entry of CARE Hospitals into Madhya Pradesh.

“This is the third O&M contract by CARE Hospitals in the last 6 months, and each offered an access to new territories and increased depth of coverage, apart from being a good geographical fit with our existing network. For the O&M partners, the value add is in the form of professional management, enhancement of clinical programmes, branding as well as benefits of scalar economies of the parent network”, said Dilip Jose, Group CEO of CARE Hospitals. “In the case of Jabalpur, which has natural linkages to Nagpur for specialty healthcare needs, the collaboration made a lot of sense given our already existing presence in Nagpur” Jose added.

In December, CARE also added a unit in Vizag by long term lease of a standalone hospital, to meet the growing demand for tertiary healthcare in the city. With this, CARE now has three hospitals in Vizag with combined bed strength of 400.

These additions take the Group to 17 hospitals across South & Central India with a capacity of over 2400 beds.