

Installation at Medcover Group Hospitals India, at Bangalore



At the Heart of Patient Care: Consolidating Cardiology Services in India

Medcover, a global medical group which is headquartered in Sweden, has consolidated its world-class cardiology services in India, employing the latest technology from Canon. Formerly known as Maxcure Hospital, it became the Medcover Group in 2017. By 2024, Medcover India operated 24 medical service facilities in four main regions in the country, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

Medcover's aim is to increase its role in providing high quality healthcare throughout India and the world, with the mission of providing European-standard medical services to all who need them. Medcover India is working together with Canon to achieve this and recently was provided with three

Canon Alphenix angiography systems. VISIONS Special spoke with Dr. Anil Krishna Gundala, an Interventional Cardiologist, Chairman and Managing Director of Medcover Group Hospitals India, about his inspiring journey in healthcare, his past experiences, future ambitions, and the partnership with Canon, which is set to redefine

healthcare in India.

"As the CEO of Medcover Group Hospitals in India, my journey in healthcare began not from the corporate heights, but at the very heart of patient care—as an Interventional Cardiologist."

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“My path was profoundly influenced by a personal ordeal. My father suffered a sudden heart attack, and we had to rush him from our home at Nellore to Chennai (a distance of 185km) to find the appropriate medical care. This experience instilled a deep resolution in me to pursue cardiology, driven by the conviction that life-saving treat-

ment should be accessible to everyone, everywhere.”

“Cardiac emergencies can strike without warning, and in such critical moments, having immediate access to specialized care can mean the difference between life and death. This belief inspired me to establish a hospital

where timely and top-tier cardiac treatment is always within reach.”

“Supported by a dedicated team of partners who shared this vision, we built a facility equipped to provide 24/7 care throughout the year. Our hospital proudly hosts a team of 22 interventional cardiologists and six cardiac

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surgeons, who operate around the clock to handle even the most complex cases.”

A beacon of hope

“With three catheterization labs, our hospital manages nearly 1,000 cases annually—a number that stands out as a remarkable achievement, even among neighboring institutions. Our Cardiac Surgery Department, too, has risen to the challenge, performing over 250 heart surgeries each year. These accomplishments are a testament to the relentless dedication of our team and the unwavering support of our partners.”

“The success of our Cardiac Department paved the way for us to expand our services beyond cardiology. We developed specialized departments for emergency care, trauma medicine, and interventional radiology, and have transformed our hospital into a super-specialty center that serves as a ‘beacon of hope’ for patients in the Hyderabad region and beyond.”

A golden opportunity

“In August 2017, our hospital took a significant step forward by joining the Medcover Group, marking the first time that an Indian hospital had ever become part of a European-based healthcare network.”

“This was more than a strategic alliance: It was a golden opportunity to elevate our clinical standards to European levels, thereby enhancing the quality of life for our patients

across India. Achieving such a milestone requires the best partnerships and joining Medcover was perfectly aligned with my vision of creating a hospital that patients instinctively trust for the highest quality care.”

Pushing the boundaries of technology

“Even during the global challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, we continued to push the boundaries of innovation. We became the first hospital in India to invest in and implement robotic-assisted joint replacement technology. This pioneering move ensured that we remained at the forefront of providing minimally invasive treatments, and further consolidated our position as the preferred choice for advanced medical care.”

“As the demand for cardiac treatment continued to rise, it became clear that our aging angiography equipment needed an upgrade to keep pace with the growing number of cases. That’s when Mr. Kumaran from Cardiology Solutions at Erbis Engineering (Canon Medical’s distributor in India), and a long-standing partner in our technological advancements, introduced us to Canon’s Alphenix Angiography System.”

“Canon’s innovative low-dose radiation technology, the ergonomic design that enhances procedural efficiency, and the superior image quality with low dose compared to our existing equipment were all factors that made the Alphenix system the perfect choice

for our hospital. Moreover, Canon’s impressive track record of success in Europe and other international markets gave us the confidence to make the switch.”

Exceeding expectations

“As an Interventional Cardiologist, I remain closely connected to the operational aspects of our hospital. The feedback from our interventional cardiologists on using the Alphenix has been overwhelmingly positive. The system has not only met but exceeded our expectations, enabling us to provide the highest level of care to our patients. We are thoroughly satisfied with our decision to adopt Canon’s technology and are confident that it will continue to play a pivotal role in our future upgrades.”

“India’s interventional cardiology sector is brimming with potential, and while Japan’s market may be more mature, there is much we can learn from the expertise of Japanese leaders in the field.”

“As we continue to grow and evolve as a critical care center, I look forward to deepening our partnership with Canon. Together, we will ensure that our hospital remains at the cutting edge of medical technology, always ready to meet the needs of our patients and deliver world-class care that they can rely on.”

“The future of healthcare in India is bright, and with Canon as our partner, we are well on our way to setting new standards in cardiac care.” //