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More facilities for cancer patients

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NEW DELHI: To boost cancer care in the country, especially in the Capital, Max Hospital plans to establish a full-fledged cancer centre in Delhi.

To begin with, two centres will be set up at two of its branches — Saket, in south Delhi and Patparganj, in east Delhi. The centres will be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment to provide advanced treatment to cancer patients.

“Our aim is to develop a multi-disciplinary setup for cancer care in a private corporate hospital,” said Dr Pervez Ahmed, chief executive officer and managing director, Max Hospitals.

The centre will be a one-stop shop for a comprehensive cancer care programme, including cancer awareness, prevention, early detection and treatment.

The hospital has procured a Novalis Tx radio-surgery device — for advanced non-invasive radio-surgery treatment, to provide cancer patients quality treatment with minimal side effects.

The high-tech machine was previewed at an event in the Capital on Saturday and will be

ready for use within 10 days.

“It’s a versatile machine to treat all cancers that require radiation with minimum side effects,” said Dr A.K. Anand, chief of radiation oncology at Max.

With this new machine, the procedure — which takes around 50 minutes using conventional procedures — will be completed in a maximum of 12 minutes. The machine is also capable of treating comparatively larger cancerous and even non-cancerous tumours.

The east Delhi branch of the hospital will also have a two-bed bone marrow transplant unit. The unit is expected to be up and running in the next six months.

The centre is also going to start a stem cell programme in future.

“The structure is there, and we are now in the process of training the staff,” said Dr Bhawana Sirohi, chief of medical oncology at Max.

The hospital has added two operation theatres (OT) at Saket and one at Patparganj.

“The OTs are meant only for cancer surgeries,” said Dr Harit Chaturvedi, chief consultant and director of surgical oncology at Max.