

JSW Group opens 1,000-bedded Covid hospital in Ballari

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JSW Group has launched a 1,000-bedded oxygenated covid care district field hospital in Toranagallu, Ballari, Karnataka. This is one of India's biggest Covid-care facilities with a dedicated 4.8 km oxygen pipeline originating from its steel factory and supplying medical oxygen directly to the hospital for treatment of ailing patients.

This mega healthcare facility was constructed in a record period of 15 days. JSW Group has created this mega hospital in collaboration with the District Administration of Ballari and is dedicated to the nation and the people of Karnataka. This Mega-Hospital will be managed and administered by the Ballari District Administration.

Sajjan Jindal, Chairman, JSW Group, said, "JSW would like to do everything in its humble capacity for the service of mankind. We have created this field hospital to ensure direct oxygen supply from plant to patient."

Commenting on the newly opened medical facility, Sangita Jindal, Chairperson, JSW Foundation, said, "JSW remains committed to support the Government's efforts in flattening the Covid infection curve while helping patients recover by providing them the best healthcare facilities at this hospital."

According to Dr Vinod Nowal, Deputy Managing Director, JSW Steel Ltd, "This Mega Covid-care facility is equipped with all necessary medical facilities for treating patients from North Karnataka and neighbouring districts of Andhra Pradesh."

The Mega Covid-Care Hospital created by JSW is equipped with medical equipment for critical care, pharmacy as well as supported by kitchen and laundry services. The Ballari District Administration will be managing the hospital in multiple shifts with the help of 700 personnel across three shifts, comprising doctors/specialists, nurses, paramedics, supervisors, and non-medical staff.

In order to ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply, JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works will supply 1200 Nm³/hr of oxygen to this mega-hospital. The hospital premises will be kept cool through 850 tonnes of air-conditioners installed across the premises

with electrical substation. It also has an exhaust and air purifier system installed to maintain appropriate temperature range and air quality inside the premises. It will also have all necessary power and water supply to ensure smooth running and uninterrupted care to the patients.