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HANNAH JOSEPH HOSPITAL, MADURAI

Hannah Joseph Hospital: Taking Advanced Neurosciences Beyond India's Metros

For a patient with a brain tumour, aneurysm or serious neurological emergency, “the right hospital” is not simply the one closest to home—it is the one with the expertise and technology to treat the condition. Yet access to specialized neurological care remains uneven across regions, with advanced services often concentrated in larger healthcare centres.

Hannah Joseph Hospital was built around a different idea: that patients in South Tamil Nadu should not have to travel to a metropolitan city to access sophisticated neurosurgical care. Started in 2008 by Dr. M.J. Arunkumar, Founder–Chairman & Managing Director, Director Neurosciences and Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon, Hannah Joseph Hospital began as a 40-bed Neurosciences and Trauma Centre. The vision followed his experience of establishing the Department of Neurological Sciences at Apollo Hospital, Madurai in 2000 and serving there for seven years. Today, the institution has evolved into a 150-bed hospital, with neuroscience remaining at its core.

Building Tertiary Care Beyond Metros

Hannah Joseph Hospital has built its identity around specialized clinical expertise, advanced infrastructure, technology adoption and patient safety. The hospital received full NABH and NABL accreditation in 2023, reinforcing its focus on clinical and operational standards.

Its differentiation is also visible in its adoption of sophisticated technology. The institution introduced Brainlab Fibertracking Navigation 3.0 Version, an AI-enabled technology using real-time Diffusion Tensor Imaging to map critical neural pathways during brain tumour surgery. Introduced in September 2024, the technology was a first of its kind in India and South Asia. For the hospital, however, technology is not viewed in isolation. Its value lies in combining advanced capabilities with experienced professionals, empathy and responsible clinical care.

An Integrated Neurosciences Ecosystem

Neuroscience remains the cornerstone of Hannah Joseph Hospital, spanning Neurosurgery, Neurology, Neuroradiology, Neuroanaesthesiology, Neuro Critical Care, Neuro Trauma, Neuro-Psychiatry and Neuro-Rehabilitation.

The institution's infrastructure includes a 60-bed Neuro ICU, advanced MRI and CT imaging, a hybrid neuro-cardiac cath lab, five operating theatres, intraoperative neuro-monitoring, and advanced neurosurgical microscopes and endoscopes integrated with neuro-navigation systems.

These capabilities allow complex brain and spine surgeries, aneurysm procedures, tumour surgeries and trauma care to be managed within an integrated clinical ecosystem. The emphasis is on providing patients with diagnosis, treatment and post-operative support under one roof.

Trust Beyond Treatment

For Dr. Arunkumar, healthcare is ultimately about more than procedures and technology. Patients and families often arrive during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives, making communication, safety, comfort and comprehensive pre- and post-operative support central to patient-centred care.

The hospital continuously evaluates its processes and uses patient feedback to identify areas for improvement. The philosophy is that clinical excellence becomes more meaningful when accompanied by empathy and compassion, while satisfied patients become the strongest advocates for an institution.



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A Milestone In Institutional Growth

Building advanced tertiary neurosurgical capabilities in a Tier II city has been one of Hannah Joseph Hospital's defining challenges and achievements. Continued investment in technology, talent and infrastructure, alongside full NABH and NABL accreditation, has strengthened its position in specialized healthcare.

A significant milestone came in February 2026, when Hannah Joseph Hospital Limited was successfully listed on the BSE SME platform following its ₹42 crore IPO for setting up a Radiation Oncology Centre. The listing provides a stronger platform for the institution's long-term expansion and healthcare ambitions.

The Road Ahead

Innovation remains central to Hannah Joseph Hospital's future. Its priorities include expanding access to specialized care, strengthening clinical talent and training, advancing research and developing integrated neuro-oncology capabilities on a larger scale. The institution also aims to extend its model of advanced healthcare beyond its existing geography.

Talent development forms part of that ambition. Its Direct 6-year DrNB Neurosurgery programme for post-MBBS graduates, accredited by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, offers two seats annually, with structured clinical rotations, skill-lab training and exposure to multiple surgical and neurological disciplines.

For Dr. Arunkumar, the journey ultimately reinforces a simple principle: building a healthcare institution is a long-term commitment to trust, people and purpose. Recognition and growth, he believes, should remain outcomes of consistently doing the right things—with the larger goal of creating enduring value for patients, strengthening communities and building an institution that earns trust across generations.