

## **Inauguration of Homi Bhabha Block on 02 March 2011**

**by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**

**Former President of India**

**Dr Ghulam Nabi Azad is the Guest of Honour.**

### **The Homi Bhabha Block**

The relocation of the erstwhile Cancer Research Institute (CRI) to the new premises at ACTREC, at Khargar Navi Mumbai, provided an opportunity to create additional infrastructure for the much needed expansion of patient facilities at the hospital.

The contemporary design blends seamlessly with the heritage structure which was commissioned in 1941 and yet retains the individuality of both the components. The 14 storied block provides 2,25,000 square feet of area designed for patient comfort, convenience and safety during inpatient stay and outpatient visits.

#### ***Extended patient care zone***

The lower levels house sophisticated, state-of-the-art Image Guided Radiation Therapy equipments which improve the accuracy of the radiation field placement, reduce the exposure of healthy tissue during radiation treatments allowing for increased radiation to the tumour. The clinical benefit for the patient is the ability to monitor and adapt to changes that may occur during the course of radiation treatment like tumour shrinkage or change in shape.

Four floors are dedicated to multidisciplinary outpatient clinics to cater to all the needs of the patient in a single location, minimising movement and maximising satisfaction.

**The existing outpatient areas once vacated will be used for Emergency Services, and additional space for Day Care chemotherapy and decrease the waiting times for treatment. This would also match the dedicated space and facility for General patients in the Golden Jubilee Block which has been in existence for over two decades.**

Six modern theatres will be equipped for minor surgical procedures, and allow an increase of suites in the main theatre block for a higher surgical throughput.

An additional 70 beds in the on three floors will increase in patient capacity for the general category patients in the old building. The vacated space in the old building will allow expansion of at least 110 beds to accommodate the general category patients from all over India.

#### ***Towards education and research***

The Centre has introduced several unique superspeciality courses over the last two years under the aegis of Homi Bhabha National Institute. The academic offices of the faculty and audiovisual training facilities have been provided on the higher floors of the facility to offer dedicated research environment to utilise protected time.

The Homi Bhabha Block is a step forward as we gear up to take on the challenge of the paradigm shifts in the management of cancer catering to the service, education and research requirements of the centre in the coming years.