



## TANCARE 2019

### Taking Healthcare Close to Home

14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Hotel Palmrya Grand Suite, Tirunelveli

FICCI in association with Health Department, Government of Tamil Nadu supported by IMA-Tirunelveli organized the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of TANCARE 2019 held on 14th July 2019 at Hotel Palmrya Grand Suite, Tirunelveli which was inaugurated by **Tmt. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Tirunelveli District** wherein more than 80 senior stakeholders participated from Healthcare Industry across Southern Tamil Nadu. The event was sponsored by Apollo Hospitals and Aladi Aruna College of Nursing (AACN- Tirunelveli), Shifa Hospitals and Annai Velankanni Multispeciality Hospitals.

**Tmt. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish I.A.S.**, Collector and District Magistrate, Tirunelveli District, Chief Guest, in his inaugural address said that Tirunelveli District is easily accessible by rail and is well connected to all the major cities of India such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata by rail and it is the best place for setting up new hospitals which would benefit one third of Tamil Nadu's population. She also stated that the hospital industry in Tirunelveli is highly affordable, acceptable healthcare in rural and urban areas and holds international standards. There are number of specialized hospitals and treatment centers, which Tirunelveli serves as the best place for medical tourism in India.

**Dr. S. M. Kannan MS MCh**, Dean, Tirunelveli Medical College said "Since healthcare has become a costly commodity in the modern world and the already suffering poor from severe inflation cannot afford to the medical treatment being given in private hospitals, we intend to create more infrastructure at TVMCH so that we can provide better diagnosis and quality treatment without charging anything from them"

**Dr. V. Balaji**, Convener, Healthcare Panel, FICCI TNSC & Senior Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals who moderated the entire event said that health is basic right of every citizen of the country. He said that the growth of private sector which contributes to 74% of health care will reach 133 billion dollars in 2023. He stated there are still disparities in subnational levels of personal health care access and quality care in India and there is an urgent need to fill this gap to provide services to all populations to meet the needs of the disease burden faced by the local communities.

**Dr. S. Arulhraj**, Founder & Chairman, Sundaram Arulhraj Hospitals, **Dr. A. Francis Roy**, CEO, Annai Velankanni Multispeciality Hospitals, **Dr. Krishnan**, Joint Director-Health Services, Tirunelveli District, **Dr. Arul Vijaykumar J MS, DNB(CTS)**, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, **Dr. Anand Peters** Moses Mathias Hospital, Nagercoil, **Dr. A. Helen Mary Perdita**, Principal, Madurai Apollo College of Nursing, **Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim**, Surgical Oncologist Shifa Hospitals also spoke on the occasion.

**Mr. Ruban Hobday**, Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council proposed a vote of thanks.

Photo caption: L to R: **Mr. Ruban Hobday**, Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council, **Dr. V. Balaji**, Convener, Healthcare Panel, FICCI TNSC & Senior Consultant Vascular Surgeon, **Tmt. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish I.A.S.**, Collector and District Magistrate, Tirunelveli District, **Dr. S. M. Kannan MS MCh**, Dean, Tirunelveli Medical College, **Dr. A. Francis Roy**, CEO, Annai Velankanni Multispeciality Hospitals.

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