

GMR Group joins hands with Fairfax India to Provide Free Dialysis in Odisha

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Bhubaneswar, Jul 1 : With an aim to provide free dialysis treatments to the kidney patients in Dhenkanal & Angul District, GMR Group through CSR contribution from DIAL has extended its helping hand by donating 18 dialysis machines to both districts through Fairfax India Charitable Foundation for deployment of 7 dialysis machines at Dhenkanal District Hospital and 11 dialysis machines at Angul District Hospital part of CSR initiatives. GMR CSR donation has strengthened the Fairfax India Charitable Foundation's larger social initiative in Odisha- of creating access to free dialysis facilities at 26 district hospitals by donating 156 dialysis machines to the Odisha



Government under PPP. As of April 2019, more than 60,000 free dialysis sessions have been delivered in Odisha, including over 1400 free dialysis sessions at Dhenkanal District Hospital & 6350 at Angul District Hospital. Meena Raghunathan, Executive Director, CSR, GMRVF, said, "GMR Group & DIAL operates a 1050MW Power

Plant in Kamalanga/Mangalpur Villages in Dhenkanal District. As part of CSR, GMR Group in association with Fairfax India Charitable Foundation, availed the opportunity to fulfill their social commitments through initiating participatory community development programs to ensure quality of life of people living near the power plant in

Dhenkanal & Angul Districts." Speaking on its association with this noble cause, Ramesh R Pai, COO, GKEL said, "We are thankful to GMRVF, the CSR arm of the Group, DIAL and the Fairfax India Charitable Foundation for providing this facility in the vicinity of our Power Plant. Now, kidney failure patients needing dialysis of Angul and

Dhenkanal districts will get all benefit from the facilities at their doorstep as earlier they had to travel to Cuttack & Bhubaneswar for dialysis. The poor patients in the region will be more benefited from the free dialysis services." Speaking on this partnership, Abraham Alapatt, CEO, Fairfax India Charitable Foundation said "We are grateful for the strong support of the GMR Group in partnering with us in our efforts to create and support a sustainable dialysis ecosystem in parts of India that need them the most. Our social impact target through this project is to offer 24,00,000 free dialysis to patients across India & 3,75,000 free dialysis to the patients of Odisha over a 5-year period".