

## **Press Release**

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# **World Tamil Chamber of Commerce Awards Dr KR Balakrishnan of Fortis Malar for Medical Excellence**

**Chennai, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017:** World renowned heart Transplant surgeon from India, **Dr. K R Balakrishnan, Director, Cardiac Sciences, Fortis Malar Hospitals** was awarded with the prestigious ***Medical Excellence Award*** in cardiothoracic surgery by World Tamil Chamber of Commerce here today. The honour was bestowed for his outstanding contribution in the field of Cardiology and his distinguished service across India. The award was presented by Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Mr Banwarilal Purohit**, Honorable **Health Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr C Vijayabaskar**, and **Dr C Radhakrishnan IAS, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Tamil Nadu** also graced the occasion.

The award was instituted to recognize efforts of best doctors from various specialties in the state. The award ceremony saw a total of 15 doctors honoured. The ceremony was held at Leela Palace, Adyar, Chennai.

Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. K R Balakrishnan, Director - Cardiac Sciences, Fortis Centre for Heart Failure & Transplant**, said *"I am extremely delighted to receive this award as it is for a cause which is really very close to my heart. This is in recognition to the exemplary team work that my colleagues and support staff at Fortis Malar who has steadfastly provided their commitment over the years that made this possible."*

Fortis Malar performed its first heart transplant in 2010 and its official Fortis Centre for Heart failure & transplant was launched in 2010. In an effort to keep heart failure complications under check, Fortis Malar has been tirelessly striving to bring better heart care to the country. Along with performing path-breaking cardiac surgeries, Fortis Malar has conducted more than 150 successful heart transplants.

### **About Fortis Healthcare Limited**

*Fortis Healthcare Limited is a leading integrated healthcare delivery service provider in India. The healthcare verticals of the company primarily comprise hospitals, diagnostics and day care specialty facilities. Currently, the company operates its healthcare delivery services in India, Dubai, Mauritius and Sri Lanka with 45 healthcare facilities (including projects under development), approximately 10,000 potential beds and over 374 diagnostic centres.*

### **About Fortis Malar Hospital:**

*Fortis Malar Hospital was acquired by Fortis Healthcare (India) Limited in early 2008. The hospital founded in 1992, is established as one of the largest corporate hospitals in Chennai providing quality super specialty and multi-specialty healthcare services. Fortis Malar Hospitals, with 180 beds, focuses on providing comprehensive medical care in the areas of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Neuro Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Paediatrics, Diabetics, Nephrology and Internal Medicine. Fortis Malar Hospital has a state of the art Cath Lab and multiple dedicated cardiac operation theatres and intensive coronary care units. Several rare and complex*

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*Adult and Paediatric Cardiac surgeries, Orthopaedic and Joint replacements, Neuro Plastic reconstruction surgeries have been performed at this hospital. The hospital Gynaecology services are among the busiest in the city, successfully performing deliveries and surgeries. They are supported by a dedicated Neonatology unit.*



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