

Healer Of The Poor

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Despite being on the doorstep of Mumbai, Palghar is a deprived district. Two decades ago, a well-equipped hospital was set up by the Dhawale Memorial Trust. Following the triad of patient care, education and research, this organization has become a messenger of health for the poor and tribals.

Palghar is a tribal dominated district. Despite being just 100 km from Mumbai, this district is extremely backward. As a district, it appeared on the map seven years ago. But Palghar, which lacks basic

facilities despite being in the Thane district, which has high rates of malnutrition, anemia and other diseases.

A large number of home births are practiced. Therefore, maternal and child health is neglected and the problem of child mortality and malnutrition is very serious. In changing this picture of years to some extent, Dr. M. L. Dhavale Memorial Trust is a major contributor.



More than two hundred professional doctors of the organization work together to further the goal of helping patients in their area by developing affordable treatments for healthy health through expertise in homeopathy, patient care, medical education and research.

Around 1989, the first homeopathic clinic was started at Palghar Khanapada. Building on the experience of treating maternity and other patients while running the Mahaveer Hospital at Malad Kurar on lease, the organization started a rural homeopathic hospital on a three and a half acre plot in Palghar in January 2000. The expansion of this hospital is increasing step by step and currently a modern hospital with 100 beds is functioning.

Presently, this hospital has general, pediatrics, rheumatism, mental diseases, diabetes, chest diseases, dermatology, endocrinology, infertility, heart diseases, nephrology, geriatrics, accident departments in this hospital. Allopathic services include Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Infertility, Pediatrics and Neonatal, Dentistry, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, General Surgery, General Medicine and Emergency Department, Intensive Care Department, Renal Disorders.

The examination department of the hospital includes well-equipped laboratories, digital x-ray, 2D echo, pulmonary function test, stress test, pathology, radiology, occupational therapy, neuro-physiotherapy, speech therapy, diet guidance etc. 28 to 30 patients are dialysed daily with the help of ten dialysis machines in an area of 1300 square feet of the hospital. The patients of Palghar, Dahanu and Vikramgad talukas are benefiting from this service.

The 'Daridrinarayan Nidhi' is raised by the 'Community Care Committee' of the organization and is utilized for patients with halakhic financial conditions. This assistance is given on priority to mothers and children, elderly, disabled etc. More than one lakh patients are treated at this place every year.

Nursing training course has been running since 2006 through Yashwantrao Chavan Open University and 40 students are given education every year. Since last year, efforts are being made to train health workers to take care of senior citizens through the medium of 'Jyeshtha Nagarik Sevak' course. A 14-bed Compassionate Ward has been opened in this hospital to provide services to mentally ill patients and bedridden senior citizens. From August 2020, 50 beds in this hospital have been reserved for corona patients.



Joint transplant surgery is performed at a modest cost in the hospital. In this hospital, the facilities of Radical Ambulance are available, Laparoscopic and Urological surgeries are also performed. MD for 36 students at Palghar hospital. (Homeopathy) This post graduate course is running since 2004.

In Bhopoli area of Vikramgad taluka, anemia among women and health problems among young women were found on a large scale. Considering its seriousness, many activities are being implemented by the organization under the Community Health Project. Among them, many activities have been undertaken such as education-health services for young women, supervision-guidance of pregnant women and addition of nutritious food to them, awareness about institutional delivery and health check-up of new-born children as well as organization of health check-up camps to solve general health problems.

Health services are delivered to 25 villages within a radius of 25 km through the organization's 'Mobile Medical Unit'. In the same way, a special campaign is going on for malnourished children, adopting a village, providing ambulance services and trying to provide early treatment to the sick. Seminars and camps are organized to create

awareness about health. The organization is committed to serving the poor patients of Palghar.

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How to reach the institution?

Dr. M. L. of Dhawale Memorial Trust

The Rural Homeopathic Hospital in Palghar is 22 km west on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad National Highway. The hospital is located near the newly constructed district headquarters on the Palghar-Boisar road.

