

Chandigarh, May 11:- The residents of Chandigarh can now look forward to additional health care services. The Primary Health Centre in Sector 22, now upgraded as Civil Block Hospital, is all set to launch its 24-hour Emergency Ward. Presently, only the PGI, GMCH, Sector 32, and GMSH, Sector 16 offer emergency services. In the civil block hospital segment, it will be the second after Mani Majra to offer such services.

“Built at the cost of Rs. 40 lacs, the fully equipped Emergency Ward with separate entry and approach will boost health care in a specialized manner and enable providing 24-hour emergency services to patients. The construction work is over and equipments are being installed. Besides emergency services we shall also provide referral services to critically ill patients”, said Dr. Rajinder Sharma, SMO-cum-Joint Replacement Orthopaedic Surgeon.

The Emergency Ward, set up by the Chandigarh Administration, is being equipped with X-ray room, emergency operation theatre, general emergency ward, procedure room, doctors/nurses rooms, pharmacist’s room, registration room, and a store for stocking emergency drugs, medicines and bandages etc. It will also have an ECG facility & clinical lab for conducting all types of tests which are required in emergency cases.

Once in operation, it will help contain over-crowding in the Emergency Wards at PGI, General Hospital, and GMCH. Since the hospital is centrally located, it is easily accessible and draws patients not only from Chandigarh but also from Mohali, Panchkula and even Solan.

“With the launch of the Emergency Ward here, the rush of patients is bound to increase. To cope with it, process for hiring additional staff and obtaining more equipment has been initiated. We also plan to hire experts for medical advice and surgeons for conducting operations, on a pooling basis,” Dr Sharma added.

A digital X-ray machine will be added soon to the emergency ward. It will not only help save time and expenses but also enable the doctor to have a closer, cleaner and broader view of inside of a patient to reach the conclusion on the course of treatment.

The hospital has also started a blood storage bank facility to meet emergency demands. It has five private rooms, two fitted with ACs and three with desert coolers. Recently, an ambulance has also been arranged for emergency services.