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## **BAPS Care Inaugurates Ultramodern Hospital in India**

With the rising need of quality healthcare services in southern Gujarat, BAPS Care International held the opening of the “BAPS Pramukh Swami Hospital and Research Center” in Adajan, Surat on Sunday, January 30th in the presence of the Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Narendra Modi.

Along with the Chief Minister, Minister of Law - Shri Ashokbhai Bhatt and Minister of Water Supplies - Shri Narottambhai Patel also graced the inaugural ceremony. During a brief tour of the hospital, the dignitaries expressed their accolades for the quality and meticulous care taken in constructing the hospital.

The inauguration coincided with a seminar consisting of thousands of dignitaries, educationists and doctors on how best to serve the sick and needy.

Minister of Parliament Shri Kashiram Rana hailed the inauguration of the hospital and said, “BAPS’ services extend from cities to tribal areas. The ultramodern hospital here seems as if it is a hospital from London, Paris and New York. I have seen it and when you will step into it you will experience your pain and misery fade.”

The 150-bed hospital and research facility will be a hub for all medical services in southern Gujarat including inpatient care, outpatient care, and emergency services. The facility will provide a wide range of consultation services, ranging from internal medicine and pediatrics to psychiatry and neurosurgery. The six-floor facility will house state-of-the art diagnostic medical technology such as CT scans and MRI machines in addition to 24-hour services in radiology, pathology, and pharmacy.

Today, Surat thrives with a population of more than 3.2 million active in all areas of industry including diamonds, textiles, heavy industries, natural gas, trade, commerce, agricultural products, petroleum, steel, amongst others. This vibrant city requires extensive medical facilities to meet the growing needs of its citizens and the surrounding villages. The hospital will provide quality, low-cost health care to all, regardless of caste and social class and serve the people of Surat and the surrounding areas of Bharuch, Valsad, and Dang.

Many generous donors from India and abroad have contributed funds towards this hospital. In September 2004, BAPS Care International hosted one such fundraising event in New Jersey wherein donors generated their support for the hospital. Although phase-one of the hospital is complete, BAPS Care International is currently accepting donations for expanding the reach of the hospital and research facilities.

BAPS Care International has built and managed fourteen other hospitals, clinics and healthcare centers in India in addition to providing services through medical mobile vans and free diagnostic camps in tribal areas. With the strong desire to help all those in need, BAPS Care has been the force behind the community movements of this organization. This great service only further emphasizes the mission of BAPS Care International to serve the individuals who are desperately in need.