

# JIPMER starts trial run of OPD services in Yanam

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**THE** Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER) started a test run of Out-Patient Department (OPD) services in Yanam from Monday. Initially, OPD services in Medicine, Surgery, Orthopaedics and Obstetrics and Gynaecology are available. The trial is being held at JIPMER's Multi-Specialty Consulting Unit at Yanam.

The OPD functions from 8.30am to 12.30pm daily on all working days after registration of patients from 8.00am to 10.30am, according to a notice from JIPMER Director Rakesh Aggarwal. At present there is no facility of inpatient, emergency cases, Medico-Legal Cases (MLC) and delivery cases at the facility. "These facilities including in-

patient services and operation theatres will be added over a short period of time," said the Director.

JIPMER branch is a dream for the people of Yanam region, say residents. It became possible due to the efforts of former Health Minister Malladi Krishna Rao during his tenure (2016-21) in the Congress government led by V Narayanasamy.

The Central government also sanctioned Rs 100 crore for Yanam JIPMER in 2017 considering the lack of health-care facilities in the UT enclave located within the territory of Andhra Pradesh state.

Though a 80- bedded General Hospital exists in Yanam, it lacks specialised doctors and facilities. Hence patients are always referred to hospitals in Kakinada on the eastern coast of Andhra Pradesh.

