

Two ICU ambulances dedicated, and ground broken for second puzzle park

At 10 am today, the 20th of September, 2017, an integrated car parking facility for staff and patients was inaugurated at the renovated Centenary Grounds,



across the Hospital Campus, by Director Dr Sunil Chandy. The event witnessed the ground breaking of the second phase of the Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) and the dedication of two ICU ambulances.

The facility will combine well-organised surface parking with multi-level parking for 240 cars, and will significantly reduce the growing demand for parking space by the swelling numbers of patients, as well as the hospital staff. RFID controls will be put in place to ensure fully automated parking, and there will also be CCTV surveillance for increased security.



CMC first adopted the puzzle parking technology in response to the space crunch in December 2016, when it commissioned Sieger Pvt Ltd, based in Coimbatore, to build its first semi-automated MLCP, which was also a first for the district. Sieger will be involved in the second phase as well.

The two ICU ambulances dedicated to the needs of the citizens of the city are the first ever to be run by the hospital. In “a paradigm shift”, as described by the Director, the ambulances will function not merely as vehicles to transport critically ill or severely wounded patients to the hospital in the shortest possible time, but will serve as mobile ICUs that will be able to administer basic and preliminary critical care to patients.



The vehicles, built as per national standards, have been customised for CMC, pooling in ideas from international standards, followed in countries such as the US and Israel. They will also be provided with radio access to the base hospital.

Apart from these add-ons to the ambulances that are currently in use in the city, there is another thing that will set these apart – the absence of a siren. These innovations are in response to the increasing congestion on our roads that make it impossible for patients being transported in ambulances to reach medical care in optimal time.

Dr Chandy congratulated the General Superintendent, Mr Ebenezer Sunderraj, and his dedicated team for completing the project in a month, and expressed his delight at the long-felt need for ambulances, a matter of great personal concern to him, becoming a reality.



Director Designate Dr J V Peter, felicitating the Director and the General Services team, expressed his happiness at seeing that change and growth – signs of life – are hallmarks of this institution. He also congratulated the team on using the latest technology to streamline our systems.



Mr V Jayashankar, Structural Engineer and Head of Planning, gave an overview of the facility and Mr Sunderraj proposed the vote of thanks.

[Read the report of CMC's first puzzle park](#)

