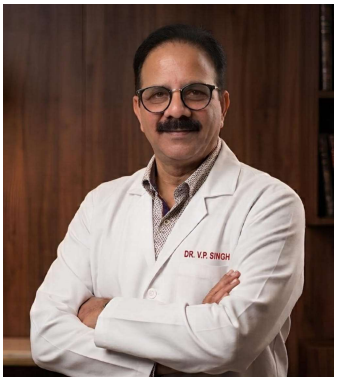
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Dr. Vijay Pratap Singh has played a pioneering and transformative role in revolutionizing cancer care in the state of Bihar, emerging as a beacon of hope for Lakhs of Cancer patients not just within the state but across Eastern India. Through his visionary leadership, tireless commitment, and unrelenting efforts, he has introduced specialized cancer services in a region that historically suffered from an acute lack of oncological infrastructure and expertise.

His contributions began with laying the foundation stone for Cancer Surgery in Bihar by establishing the first dedicated Department of Surgical Oncology in two of the state's most prominent institutions—**Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS), Patna**, a Regional Cancer Centre, and **Mahavir Cancer Sansthan**. These departments have since evolved into referral hubs for advanced surgical cancer treatment, catering to patients from Bihar and neighbouring states. By institutionalizing cancer surgery as a specialized and recognized medical field in the region, he set a precedent that continues to guide future oncological developments in Eastern India.

A significant milestone in his illustrious career was the launch of the **DNB (Diplomate of National Board)** program in Surgical Oncology under his dynamic leadership. This was the first time such a program was introduced anywhere in India. His mentorship and guidance have led to the successful training of over 10 DNB-qualified surgical oncologists and more than 50 general surgeons, establishing Bihar as a centre for academic excellence and high-quality training in cancer surgery.

In the realm of clinical practice, the nominee's impact is nothing short of extraordinary. With over **50,000 cancer surgeries** to his credit, he has personally treated nearly **one Lakh cancer patients**. His hands-on dedication to patient care has saved and improved countless lives, offering new hope to individuals and families who had limited or no access to quality cancer treatment.

To further bridge the gap between affordability and quality in healthcare, he founded **Savera Cancer Hospital**—a 100-bed, state-of-the-art private cancer hospital in Bihar. This facility was conceptualized with the vision of delivering comprehensive cancer care at a cost accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status. His mission was to create a world-class institute where no patient would be denied treatment due to financial constraints—a vision that has become a reality.

Savera Cancer Hospital is the largest private cancer care facility in the region and the first of its kind. Its national importance was highlighted when the foundation stone was laid by former

President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, and the inauguration was graced by the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. Today, it serves patients from Bihar, Jharkhand, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and even neighbouring Nepal.

The hospital operates under numerous public health and government schemes such as Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY), Chief Minister's Relief Fund, CGHS, and others, ensuring equitable access to care. Further strengthening this commitment, the nominee established the R S Memorial Cancer Society, a philanthropic wing of the hospital. This NGO actively supports treatment for underprivileged patients, organizes outreach initiatives, and mobilizes resources for community welfare.

Recognizing the importance of research and diagnostics in advancing cancer care, he also established a dedicated Research Wing with a state-of-the-art Molecular and Genetic Laboratory. This facility enables early diagnosis, explores genetic markers, and fosters the development of personalized cancer treatment protocols. He has authored over 20 research publications in reputed national and international journals, contributing significantly to the field of evidence-based oncology.

In a state like Bihar, where late-stage diagnosis is common, he has championed awareness and early detection through several campaigns. He initiated **"Savera Chala Gaon Ki Aur,"** a community outreach program that takes cancer awareness and screening directly to rural populations. These efforts are promoted with the slogan **"Jab Jago Tab Savera,"** stressing the importance of timely awareness and proactive health behaviour.

Under his leadership, over **150 cancer screening camps** have been conducted across Bihar, benefitting more than 15 thousands of poor, Dalit, underprivileged people screened and all suspected cases receiving free-of-cost treatment. Supported by institutions such as the Department of Health (Government of Bihar), SBI Foundation, Indian Cancer Society, and Rotary International, the program aims to reach more than 300 villages by the end of the year.

As the President of Rotary Patna Midtown (a chapter of Rotary International), he has led over 350 community service projects across diverse focus areas including healthcare, maternal and child health, sanitation, education, economic empowerment, and environmental sustainability. In recognition of his exceptional service, he was honoured with the **"Champion of Champions"** award by Rotary District 3250.

In conclusion, Dr V.P. SINGH'S outstanding contributions span clinical service, academic advancement, research, institution-building, outreach, and philanthropy. His relentless pursuit of equitable, accessible, and high-quality cancer care has transformed the healthcare landscape of Bihar and Eastern India. He has not only built institutions but has nurtured a movement—one that offers hope, healing, and a better future for cancer patients from all walks of life.