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PRESS RELEASE

No radiation risk to public due to non-functional Gamma Knife unit at Ojjus Good Will Hospital, Noida

This has reference to the news article, “**Noida: Gamma Knife at closed hospital sparks radiation fears**” dated 04/09/2019, published in Times of India regarding a Gamma Knife unit containing Cobalt-60 radioactive sources at Ojjus Goodwill Hospital, Noida.

In this regard, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) would like to inform that the Gamma Knife unit, though non-functional, containing sealed Cobalt-60 radioactive sources does not pose any undue radiation risk to public, as these sources are heavily shielded and highly inaccessible.

AERB has been informed that the hospital management has engaged security personnel to guard the facility round the clock, preventing unauthorised access to this unit. AERB is periodically inspecting the Gamma Knife unit and as per the recent inspection on 09/08/2019, the unit was found to be in safe and secure condition.

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