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Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, 20th Feb 2026 - International business and healthcare publication *EN TIMES* has recognized Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla among the “Most Influential Healthcare Leaders 2026,” profiling his role in advancing minimally invasive neurosurgery and strengthening independent neuroscience infrastructure in India.

The January 2026 feature highlights his contributions to expanding high-acuity brain and spine care beyond traditional metropolitan centers.

Responding to India’s Growing Neurological Disease Burden

Neurological disorders represent one of the leading causes of disability and mortality worldwide. According to findings from the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study, neurological conditions contribute significantly to India’s total disease burden, with stroke alone ranking among the top causes of death and long-term disability in the country.

As life expectancy rises and diagnostic capabilities improve, the demand for advanced neurosurgical services continues to increase across both urban and semi-urban regions.

Expanding Advanced Neurosurgical Access in Andhra Pradesh

Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla, Founder and Chairman of Dr. Rao’s Institute of Medical Sciences (Dr. Rao’s Hospital) in Guntur, has focused on decentralizing tertiary neuroscience care by building an independent, standalone neurology and neurosurgery center outside metro corridors.

The institution has treated thousands of patients from Andhra Pradesh and neighboring states, offering services that include:

- Minimally invasive brain and spine surgery
- Endoscopic and micro-instrument techniques
- Endovascular and cerebrovascular interventions
- Functional and stereotactic radiosurgery

By strengthening regional capability, the center has reduced reliance on metropolitan referral pathways for complex neurosurgical procedures.

**Advancing Minimally Invasive Neurosurgical
Techniques**

Trained across leading institutions in India and the United States, Dr. Rao has emphasized precision-based, minimally disruptive surgical approaches.

Modern minimally invasive neurosurgical methods are associated with:

- Smaller incisions
- Reduced operative blood loss
- Lower complication risk
- Shorter hospital stays
- Faster functional recovery

These trends align with global neurosurgical evolution toward recovery optimization and neurological preservation.

Integrating Technology with Clinical Governance

The EN TIMES feature also underscores Dr. Rao's approach to integrating advanced imaging systems, stereotactic navigation, and data-supported planning tools while maintaining ethical oversight and patient-centered decision-making.

"Technology must enhance clinical judgment—not replace it," Dr. Rao notes.

Forward-Looking Institutional Initiative

Looking ahead, Dr. Rao's Institute of Medical Sciences plans to expand its structured training and mentorship initiatives aimed at strengthening neurosurgical capacity in emerging urban regions. The institution is also focused on integrating next-generation surgical planning technologies and reinforcing multidisciplinary collaboration to meet growing regional demand.

As India continues to modernize its tertiary healthcare infrastructure, decentralized specialty centers are expected to play a critical role in expanding equitable access to advanced care.

About Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla

Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla is a neurosurgeon based in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and Founder of Dr. Rao's Institute of Medical Sciences (Dr. Rao's Hospital). He completed his MBBS from Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, and his MCh in Neurosurgery from Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad.

He has undergone advanced subspecialty training in minimally invasive skull base surgery, pediatric neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, functional and stereotactic radiosurgery, and endovascular neurosurgery across institutions in India and the United States.

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