## "Hope"

".....we want to create a culture of Hope. The name of my clinic is not just a co-incidence. It has a purpose. I have learnt from close family experience that Hope is the ultimate weapon in fight against cancer.

Hope can achieve what chemo or radiation can't. Cancer can defeat the body but not the Hope.

Hope is an instinctive feeling and every cancer patient has right to be hopeful. However, Hope is the first casualty of cancer diagnosis for many.

If I could, I would first prescribe Hope for all cancer patients, way before chemo, surgery or radiation. But you can not write prescription for Hope or get it filled at a pharmacy.

It takes a great instinct and effort for any one to feel Hopeful in difficult times and it takes even greater instinct for an oncology provider to give Hope to their patients every single day as part of their job.

Nobody is taught in school how to give Hope. It comes from one's heart.....".

Adapted from a speech given by Dr. Harmesh Naik, Hope Cancer Clinic.