Palliative Care in Rural India: Lessons from Hemalkasa

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Deep in the heart of the Indian Subcontinent is a rural health clinic called Hemalkasa. Six hours by bumpy road away from the nearest city, the doctors at Hemalkasa serve an impoverished tribal people, whose villages are scattered yet farther from the lone road. Amidst lush forests, Hemalkasa has grown in stature and capability over the past 30 years. From humble beginnings, the clinic now boasts three operating rooms, hospital wards, and even incubators and ventilators. Beyond the impressive medical care provided at Hemalkasa, the clinic serves as