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Helping hands for knee surgeries

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Mumbai, Feb. 25: Providing a healing touch to orthopaedic patients, the Gemini Group of Industries at Chembur, a leading chemical exports company, has donated a sum of Rs 10 lakhs towards the knee replacement surgeries for 20 needy patients.

The surgeries will be performed at the Mahavir Medical Research Centre, at Khar.

Dr Vivek N. Allahbadia, leading consultant and joint replacement surgeon from the Mahavir Medical Research Centre, has come

forward to support this noble cause. He will be operating on all 20 patients in the month of March.

Dr Vivek Allahbadia, leading joint replacement surgeon, said, "The patients will get their operations done at 50 per cent of the cost of operations that is currently prevailing in Mumbai."

He added: "There will be no compromise on the quality as the implant that will be used again is the same implant that has been used in former Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's knee operation."

Fifteen patients have



Dr Vivek Allahbadia

already registered themselves at the centre for getting their knees operated on.

Talking about the availability of facilities in the centre, Dr Allahbadia, said: "The facilities in the hospi-

tal are comparable to any of the big hospitals in the city. The hospital now has Laminar air flow operation theatres, which send filtered air into the operation theatre. Besides, the hospital doctors are also using space suits for all implant and joint replacement surgeries, which is especially important for diabetic patients. Thus, we have one of the lowest infection rate in the suburbs compared to most other hospitals. Patient care is of a very high standard and is comparable to any five-star hospital in the vicinity."

The Mahavir Medical Research Centre, estab-

lished 20 years ago, is known for a lot of charitable work besides some amount of private practice allowed to the consultants attached to the institute.

The 40-bedded hospital is equipped with an intensive care unit or ICU, in-house physiotherapy unit including 24 hours X-ray, ultrasound and pathology facilities. It also has two dimensional echo facilities for patients.

The centre, on an average, performs 1,500 major cases annually, of which 500 are orthopaedic cases, including trauma and joint replacements.