

# 22 little ones benefit from cardiac surgery performed by UK-based Healing Little Hearts Foundation

## Mukul Madhav Foundation

Established 1999

**Pune:** A total of 22 children from ages 4 months to 20 years would be undergoing heart surgery as a part of the Healing Little Hearts Initiative of the Mukul Madhav Foundation, the CSR arm of Finolex Industries. The other two collaborators in this initiative are the Healing Little Hearts Foundation, UK and Ruby Hall Clinic in Pune.

This initiative was conceived to benefit people at the bottom of the pyramid and addresses a critical gap in health care. A team

of 6 specialists fly down from UK once a quarter every year to perform heart surgeries on children at Ruby Hall Clinic and also to train the local cardiac team in postoperative care.

The Ruby Hall Clinic apart from providing the infrastructure for the operation also helps in short listing the children. About 50 % of the surgeries are done at a concessional rate ranging from 20 % to 80 %. Since the programme commenced in 2014 about 68 children have benefited