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PMC hospitals get two more neonatal intensive care units



■ (From left) Siddharth Dhende, Pune deputy mayor; Girish Bapat, guardian minister and Mukta Tilak, Pune mayor at the inauguration of NICU in Rajiv Gandhi municipal hospital. HT PHOTO

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PUNE: Rajiv Gandhi municipal hospital in Yerawada and Chandumama Sonawane hospital in Bhavani peth on Saturday opened their newly set up neonatal intensive care units (NICU) under public private partnership model with the Mukul Madhav Foundation and the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC).

Each of the NICU units have 14 beds with state-of-the-art neonatal care facilities. This is the fifth NICU to come up in municipal hospitals across the city and there are two more set to open this year, at Dalvi hospital and Kamla Nehru hospital. They will be maintained and monitored by the Mukul Madhav Foundation and PMC.

The units were inaugurated by Girish Bapat, guardian minister; Mukta Tilak, Pune mayor; Saurabh Rao, Pune municipal commissioner; Ritu Chhabria, managing trustee, Mukul Madhav Foundation and director, Finolex Industries Limited; and Prakash Chhabria, executive chairman, Finolex Industries Limited.

The units are in the memory of Prahlaad Chhabria, founder of Finolex and co-founder of Mukul Madhav Foundation and his

wife, Mohini Chhabria.

PMC and Mukul Madhav Foundation have spent ₹3 crore each under the memorandum of understanding (MOU) which Mukul Madhav Foundation and PMC signed to undertake the projects in the city.

In April 2018, a 59-bed NICU was also opened at the Sassoon General Hospital in collaboration with the Dagdusheth Halwai Ganapati Trust.

"We agreed to the MOU only after PMC agreed to have specialised training for hospital staff for three months.

"The PMC has also hired a neonatologist before we started building the units. These were our prerequisites before we signed the MOU," said Ritu Chhabria.

The units are a life saver for those who cannot afford expensive private medical care.

The units have advanced equipments like radiant warmers, phototherapy machines, oxygen cylinders and bubble continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines among others.

"These facilities are to help people who come from a poor background. We are trying to improve people's access to proper neonatal medical facilities," said Girish Bapat, city guardian minister.

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SECOND CHANCE Green corridor between Kolhapur and Pune's Jupiter Hospital give a new lease of life to a 60-year-old

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PUNE: Driver Kiran Jadhav pulled to a stop the ambulance, which was carrying a valuable human organ, in front of the entrance of the Jupiter hospital at exactly 8.15 pm.

The green corridor created between Kolhapur and Pune's Jupiter Hospital helped give a new lease of life to a 60-year-old man whose health was deteriorating. The ambulance took 3 hours and 17 minutes to reach the hospital from Kolhapur.

Jadhav has driven in a green corridor before but this was the first time he drove on a longer route. "It feels good that I was a part of the team which saved a life," said Jadhav.

"The patient is suffering from hepatic artery thrombosis (blockage of blood vessels), and hence, needed an urgent liver transplant to save his life. His health was deteriorating and because of which, the transplant committee took the decision to push the case as a priority. The patient's waiting number was six on the list of people waiting to receive transplants," said Dr Sunil Rao, COO of Jupiter Hospital. Cadaver (living) liver was available at Kolhapur. The Pune Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee (ZTCC)

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"The ambulance was at the hospital at 5.02 pm, was harvested at noon and reached the hospital at 8.15 pm. It took 17 minutes to reach the hospital on this route usually takes 15 hours," said a senior police officer. Morale, traffic police. The traffic division has 100 police officers on a green corridor. They had two escorts along the route to the hospital.

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"We had covered heavy traffic to fast as we could record time," said awadi traffic director. The old donor was dead on May 4. The accident on April 30, family volunteer, three of his org-

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PUNE: Dairy farmers across Maharashtra started a seven-day agitation in Ahmednagar district on May 3, demanding a minimum support price (MSP) for milk. While the farmers have decided to distribute milk for free between May 3 and May 9, they have threatened to do so outside the Mantralaya in Mumbai after May 9 if the state government does not meet their demands.

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