

City docs operate on Ugandan DyPM's wife

Deborah Kirunda, who underwent a knee joint replacement, says medical treatment in India is simply wonderful

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A knee replacement surgery was successfully performed on Deborah Kirunda, wife of Uganda's 3rd deputy prime minister Kirunda Kivejinja, at a hospital in the city. Talking to *DNA* four days after the surgery, Deborah said she was feeling much better and could walk with the help of a walker.

Her experience of medical treatment in India had been "simply wonderful", she said.

"The doctors and other medical staff here are very caring. I feel completely cured and I am sure I will soon be able to walk on my own. When I came to India, I had acute pain in my knee joints and found it difficult to walk even with help of a stick," said Deborah.

She was advised by friends in Uganda to seek treatment in India when the pain in her knee became unbearable. "I was suffering from arthritic pain in the knee for the last 7 years. My son's friend told us about the medical facilities in India and, through him, we got in touch with Dr Animish Chokshi and Dr KC Mehta," she said. Dr Animish Choksi is the joint MD of Krishna Heart & Surgery Specialty Institute where the operation was performed.

Dr KC Mehta, the special in knee surgery who operated upon Deborah Kirunda, is confident of her complete recovery. "Deborah was suffering from severe osteoarthritis. We advised total knee replacement in both the legs. She has been recover-



Deborah Kirunda, wife of Uganda's 3rd DyPM Kirunda Kivejinja at a city hospital —Piyush Patel.DNA

Health tourism

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A knee joint replacement surgery costs around Rs 8 lakh in the UK while, in India, it costs around Rs1.3 lakh

ing from the surgery very well and is able to walk without any complications. We are confident she will not require any other medical assistance in this matter."

The Ugandan medical assistant, Peopetra Kirunda, who is accompanying Deborah, is also impressed with the services provided by Indian doctors and other healthcare staff. "We had little idea of the kind of facilities available here but we are now happy that we came to India," he said.

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