

## Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Centre opens at Chikkaballapur district, Karnataka

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**To eliminate the imbalance between the affordability and availability of specialised healthcare treatments**

Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Tourism H K Patil inaugurated the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) Centre at Muddenahalli, Chikkaballapur district, Karnataka. The Centre includes a dedicated cardiac OT, ICU and heart-lung machine and proves to be a boon to the residents of this district and the surrounding regions.

It is the only centre to provide free super-speciality treatment for the rural in this district, who otherwise would have to travel 70 kilometres in search of it.

The Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital under the Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (SMSIMSR) is all set to provide healthcare services including Cath interventions (Angiogram and balloon angioplasty, stent placements, correction of congenital heart defects of CHD in children) and heart and chest surgeries (open heart by-pass surgery, beating heart procedures, valve replacements, and CHD surgeries for children) totally free of cost.

The hospital will not only cater to diagnosis and surgical corrections of the cardiac conditions but soon going to be the world-class centre of academic surgical excellence and research and a homograft bank.

Dr Anand Agarwal – Head of Department, CTVS Centre said, “First ninety minutes after the heart attack is extremely crucial and therefore called as the golden hour. Treating the heart attack in within this timeframe with primary PTCA or medication can help salvage the heart. The Centre will be open 24/7 for all the cardiac emergencies treating coronary artery disease, and rheumatic and congenital heart disease.”