



## Press Briefing on rare, challenging surgery on tiny heart

Saving a Child's Heart Initiative, SACHI, is an effort of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited to make good on its promise of ensuring affordable healthcare to the masses, especially those for whom advanced health care is beyond reach, be it geographically or financially. As the name suggests, SACHI focuses on children who suffer from cardiac disorders, primarily congenital heart disease, which often requires extensive medical intervention, and even surgery. With a highly skilled and motivated team of doctors, Apollo and SACHI have touched the lives of at least 50,000 children, since 2003, with many more waiting for treatment.

It is through generous sponsors, benefactors and donors that SACHI's vision of a healthier childhood for India is becoming sustainable. However, a lot more needs to be done for this dream to become a vibrant reality. More and more children today are suffering from complex congenital heart diseases which require urgent treatment. However, due to a paucity of funds, their families are unable to afford the requisite medical attention. This needs to be rectified and soon. So, it is up to the generosity of high-thinking individuals and socially inclined companies to now take up the cause of these young children who are the future of this country. SACHI is always looking forward to forging rewarding, long-term partnerships with corporate and industrial enterprises to ensure regular delivery of medical treatment to children in need of it.

In our pursuit for dispensing with world class healthcare, it is our medical team which has forged the way forward. We have on board Dr. Girish Warrier, Dr. Kavitha Chintala and Dr. Meena Trehan, who alongwith the hardworking and dedicated staff at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills have made SACHI's endeavors fruitful.

Dr. Girish Warrier, our Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon, has literally held tiny hearts in his hand to give them a new lease of life. From complex cases of ToF to ASD & VSD Closures, Dr. Warrier has handled them all with continued determination and fine skill. With an MBBS, MS, MCh (CTVS), and Fellowship in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery (FIACS) under his belt, Dr. Warrier has given his time and effort to ensure the treatment and recovery of children suffering from congenital heart disease. He is one of only five such specialists in Hyderabad and one of only thirty across the country.

Dr. Kavitha Chintala, our Paediatric Cardiologist, is usually the first point of contact for scared parents and sick children. More often than not, they are unaware of the disease that their child is suffering from and it is Dr. Chintala who assures them with a kind

smile and a quick hug. Having done her MBBS, MD in Paediatrics; DM in Paediatric Cardiology and additional training in fetal Cardiology, Dr. Chintala is highly skilled in VSD, ASD Closures, and performs Prefontan Cath Studies to correctly diagnose the patient and determine the next course of action to be taken.

Dr. Meena Trehan, our Cardiac Anaesthetist, has done her MBBS, MD in Anaesthesia and PDCC (Cardiac Anaesthesia) and is the one who monitors post-op and pre-op patients in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. Her attention to detail and in depth knowledge in her chosen field have made her an indomitable doctor who makes sure that the tiny tots in her care go home fully recovered and ready to live life with renewed vigour.

It is thanks to our highly qualified and dedicated team of junior doctors, nurses and other staff members that our Consultants are able to give their best to the patients on a daily basis. SACHI would not be able to function properly without any of them.