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Advanced knee surgery raises patients' hopes

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For the first time in eastern India, Minimally Invasive Computer-Assisted-Total Knee Arthoplasty (MICA-TKA) surgery was performed on three patients on Wednesday. The knee surgery reduces recovery time for patients.

The surgeries were performed at Belle Vue Clinic under the supervision of Dr Santosh Kumar. Interestingly, the live surgery performed on the knee of 72-year-old Chaya

Chatterjee was shown on a giant screen at the clinic. It was a unique way to introduce one of the best medical advancements.

This latest (MICA-TKA) procedure enables patients to stand up on his feet on the same day of the surgery, climb the stairs on the second day and are released on the third day. While the conventional procedure takes at least seven days' time for the knee of a patient to function properly.

According to Dr Kumar, the knee transplant is useful for professionals who need a high performing knee.

"The surgery results in fantastic tackling of knee cap bone which leads to improved and full knee bending.

"With this knee transplant, people now will be able to use public transport, indulge in sports activities and lead a normal life," said Dr Santosh Kumar, who is also the head of the clinic's Computer-Assisted (Navigated) Joint replacement Centre.