

Fresh tenders soon for Minto building

BANGALORE: Minister of State for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil on Monday said the government would float fresh tenders for taking up the delayed construction of new building at Minto Ophthalmic Hospital.

Stating that Rs six crore has been deposited with Public Works Department to pay the dues of contractors, the minister said that PWD engineers had assured him the work would be completed by December-end. Former vice chancellor of Rajeev Gandhi University of Health Sciences Dr S Chandrashekar Shetty said that the hospital has to focus on paediatric ophthalmology, rehabilitation, small-incision cataract surgeries and research in order to be a 'Centre of Excellence.'

New equipment by donated by Canara bank, provided by BMC Development Trust, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardio-Vascular Sciences and Joint di-

rector, Ophthalmology, department of Health and Family welfare were inaugurated at the hospital.

Two ophthalmic operating microscope with video facility for teaching micro-surgery, 1,300 intraocular lenses, autoclave, a clinical specular microscope (to examine transparency of cornea for patients), eye bank specular microscope (to examine transparency of cornea of donor eyes) and split air conditioners for operation theatre were additional facilities given to the hospital.

Moola Anuradha, Joint Director, IDSP, Department of Health and Family Welfare, said that eye donation would be linked to 104 helpline to make it easy for donors.

A new van was dedicated for eye donation on the occasion. The family of the deceased willing to donate eyes, can call 9481740137.

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