

**Nagpur:** Thanks to the CM's Skill Development Initiative the two medical colleges in the city will not only get 4-5 dialysis units each but also the manpower to run them. This will immensely benefit the kidney failure patients who require regular dialysis and have to run to private sector due to non availability of the dialysis machines in the two colleges.

The Indira Gandhi Government Medical College (IGGMC) has just a single machine only for emergency patients. GMCH and the Super Specialty Hospital (SSH) do have few machines in working condition but are rarely functioning due to lack of professional manpower to run them.

A team headed by the CM Devendra Fadnavis's personal secretary Pravin Darade including the district collector Sachin Kurve, the NIT Chairman Shyam Wardhane, additional collector Asha Pathan visited the two colleges to decide on the site as per the requirement of at least 300 sq ft to accommodate at least five beds.

Team leader Darade told TOI two dialysis centres would start in the government set-up under the project. The team identified a place in SSH (the urology ward) and one site at IGGMC. But the entire project will be funded by some industry under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) which the government is yet to identify. "This project will serve two purposes. First it will bring dialysis machines to the two medical colleges free of cost. Second, it will also bring trained manpower to run it. Under the CM initiative XII pass students will be trained in conducting dialysis and they will be given specialized training under a certificate course. So it will generate skilled manpower as well and thus create employment as well," said Darade.

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