

Cataract operation on 4-month baby

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Bangalore, Aug 18: In a rare surgery, Samprathi Eye Hospital and Squint Centre conducted a cataract operation on a four-month baby on Saturday.

The baby was diagnosed with cataract in both eyes as he failed to focus like other babies of his age. The surgery was carried out by Pediatric Ophthalmologist Dr Arun Samprathi to remove the opacity and allow light to pass through. Dr Samprathi said, "the child had small pupils that made the surgery more difficult. Presently, the child has better prognosis and stands a better chance in gaining vision. He will need glasses or contact lens to correct his vision." The child's mother Bhagyalakshmi was grateful to the hospital, which carried out the operation free of cost. According to the doctors, the most crucial issue is early detection and surgery to prevent lazy eye or permanent loss of vision.