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BANGALORE: For eight-year-old Mahad Mehmood from Pakistan, all the hassles he had to face while securing a medical visa to India must now seem worthwhile. For, he is able to view the world with a perfect vision, thanks to the successful microsurgery conducted on his right eye at Narayana Nethralaya in Bangalore on Monday.

The surgery was conducted by Pediatric eye surgeon and squint specialist Dr Arun Samprathi to rectify the congenital squint in his right eye. Incidentally, Mahad is one of the four children of Mehmood Razzaq Chhotani, a Pakistani and Jameela Mehmood, a Bangalorean. His elder brother too was treated for a similar problem in Bangalore a couple of years back.

Speaking to media persons on Tuesday, Mr Chottani, now based at Karachi, spoke about the hurdles he had to put up



Master Mahad Mehmood a eight year old son of Mahamood and mother Jamela Mahmood who got treated for the problems of Squint at Narayana Nethralaya in Bangalore on Tuesday

with while securing a visa to India.

"All the hype about amity between India and Pakistan is a farce as I was subjected to a tedious enquiry procedure for the medical visa for nearly a month by the Pakistani Consulate in Islamabad." he said.

And due to the fear of the visa expiring, even the surgery

had to be conducted in a hurry, he added. "I am now worried about undergoing the same process during a follow-up consultation after six months," he said.

Dr Samprathi rubbished myths about squint eye being a sign of luck and added that it was merely a sign to begin treatment. Scap ma

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