

## 135 polio corrective surgeries performed

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The three-day free polio corrective surgery camp, jointly organised by the Swami Vivekanand Swarg Ashram Trust and the Rotary Club of Ludhiana (central), got a good response on the opening day more than 450 patients were examined and 135 corrective surgeries were performed. Nearly 2,500 patients from different places in the state and even neighbouring states had registered themselves for the camp.

Mr Parag Jain, DIG of Police, Ludhiana range, and Lala Lajpat Rai, formed member of the Rajya Sabha, were guests of honour at the inaugural function.

A team of 16 doctors, led by Dr Adi Narayan Rao, Director-General, Prema Hospitals and Free Polio Corrective Surgery Foundation, Visakhapatnam, conducted the examination of patients and later performed corrective surgical at Swami Vivekanand Hospital.



Doctors from Visakhapatnam examine a polio-stricken patient at a three-day polio corrective surgery camp at Swami Vivekanand Hospital in Ludhiana on Friday. — A Tribune photograph

According to the project chairman, Mr Harish Singla, the camp was being funded under a matching grant of the Rotary Club of Terry Pines, San Diego, California (USA,) and the Rotary International, which had provided \$ 30,500 for the purpose. The project, he added, had been made possible with the help of Rotarian Philippe Lamoise, District Governor elect of California (USA).

Mr Ram Parkash Bharti, president of the trust, said the organisers had made elaborate arrangements for boarding, lodging, meals of patients and their attendants free of cost while the patients would also be given medicines free of cost.

Among others, Mr B.D. Arora, secretary of the Swami Vivekanand Swarg Ashram Trust, Mr Kailash Gupta and Mr Parveen Goyal, president and secretary, respectively, of the Rotary Club (Ludhiana central) were also present on the occasion.

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