

## **Apollo Hospitals announces free cardiac surgeries for underprivileged children**

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In a gesture of humanitarian outreach, Dr. Prathap C Reddy, the visionary Founder Chairman, Apollo Hospitals announced an initiative under which 100 underprivileged children would benefit from free cardiac surgeries. The initiative is part of the Lions Clubs International – Apollo Hospitals Partnership Program, under which Lions International would refer under-12 patients for evaluation to Apollo Hospitals. Apollo Hospitals would carry out free cardiac surgeries on 100 of the most critical cases.

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Under Dr. Reddy's guiding hand, Apollo Hospitals has harnessed technology and insurance to take healthcare to the masses. The pioneering success of telemedicine and innovative insurance in Aragonda, the world's first V-SAT enabled remote village in Andhra Pradesh validated the concept of 'Healthcare for All'. The groundbreaking Apollo Reach Hospitals model has enabled high quality healthcare to reach semi urban and rural areas in the very heart of India.

Dr. Reddy has been a tireless advocate for creating access through insurance. The innovative insurance project of Re.1 a day that he introduced decades ago in his native village has been adopted in multiple ways across the country and its core idea is reflected in the Government of India's Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance programme.