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Price capping on knee implants gets further extension

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In August last year, the government had capped prices of knee implants at a significantly lower rate than the market rates. As part of the initiative, NPPA had capped the price of widely used Cromium Cobalt knee implants at Rs 54,720. Prior to that it used to cost between Rs 1.58 lakh and Rs 2.5 lakh.

The new MRP of special metal titanium and oxidised zirconium was fixed at Rs 76,600 plus GST, 69 per cent lower than an average rate of Rs 2,49,251 earlier.