

# Hospital saves lives of 3 liver patients

**Chennai:** Three patients with complex liver problems and advanced cirrhosis got a new life when they underwent surgery at MITR Hospital. While two patients had their tumours removed, including one that weighed 2.5kg, another patient underwent liver transplant.

The doctors at a private hospital stopped surgery on A V Viswanathan, who was diagnosed with a tumour, when he began to bleed. "They were then referred to us," said liver transplant surgeon Dr Pooja Vijayashankar of MITR Hospital. He was immediately operated on and the tu-

mour removed. In a similar case, Venkaiahrao, a senior lab employee, was diagnosed with a tumour in his liver.

"He had to reconstruct his digestive system and saved his kidney through chemotherapy," said Dr Pooja. In the third case, Aranganathan from Kanyakumari was diagnosed with a tumour in his liver. As the rest of the liver was damaged, doctors decided go for a liver transplant. "We put him through radiotherapy and alcohol treatment. He managed to get a donor liver and completed the surgery" said Dr Vijayashankar. (i)