

# Bangladeshi actor gets tumour removed, says surgery not scary

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**CHENNAI:** Bangladeshi actor Parveen Sultana Diti never realised that the severe headache she suffered during outdoor shoots could possibly be a brain tumour.

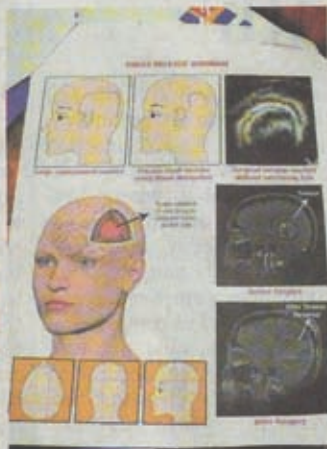
After suffering for a couple of days from headaches which quickly escalated to loss of memory, nausea and incoherence in speech, she decided to see a doctor.

Initially, her doctors thought it was a sinus problem, but when treatment for the condition yielded no results, they sent her for an MRI scan which revealed a tumour in her 'eloquent' area, on the left side of her brain. Now, close to a month after the detection, she is ready to get back to work after the doctors at MIOT International, here, used a special navigation system to perform a minimally invasive surgery to remove the tumour.

According to Paul T. Henry, senior neurosurgeon,



*Bangladeshi actor Parveen Sultana Diti (left) with Mallika Mohandas, Chairman MIOT Hospital in the city; a graphical representation of the tumour that was removed. — PHOTOS: M\_KARUNAKARAN*



many people are afraid to go in for surgery for brain tumours, since they are unsure of the outcome.

"In conventional brain surgeries, there is a chance of a lot of collateral damage. With this new navigation system, however, the chance of surgeons damaging other

parts of the brain is greatly reduced," he said, adding that Mrs. Diti was able to walk around, and even dance, within a week of her surgery.

Speaking of the surgery, Mallika Mohandas, chairman, MIOT International explained how the new navi-

gation equipment helped ensure sub-millimeter accuracy while the doctors were trying to locate the tumour. "With this form of surgery, we did not even have to shave her head, which happens to be one of the reasons people do not opt for brain surgery," she said.