

# Lilavati plans to set up two more hospitals

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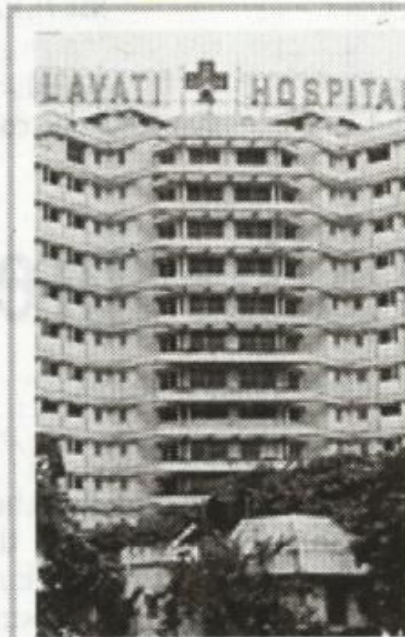
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MUMBAI-BASED Lilavati Hospital is planning to start two more hospitals in the country and is also looking to make its facilities accessible to the poor, a top official of the hospital said.

"Lilavati is among the top 10 hospitals in India. Now, we intend to open two more hospitals after obtaining the necessary permissions," Lilavati Hospital's trustee Vijay Mehta said on the sidelines of a business conference in Brussels.

The hospital is also keen on providing medical facilities to the poor and the needy and is looking at opening facilities in rural areas, Mehta said.

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## Family matters

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with an ultra-modern robotic operation facility. "We plan to utilise 1.80 lakh sq feet of additional floor space index (FSI) to add additional 150-200 rooms with an ultra-modern robotic operation facility at our hospital in Bandra in Mumbai," Mehta said. The proposal

to construct the expansion will be put before the trustees for approval in the forthcoming meeting in Mumbai. The hospital has adequate funds for expansion but it is waiting for the resolution of a continuing family dispute over trusteeship.

Charuben Kishore

Mehta and other Mehta family members who are the promoters of Lilavati Hospital are involved in a legal fight over the hospital trusteeship.

The application filed by Charuben Mehta for the removal of nine trustees has been partly allowed by the joint charity commissioner. One of the trustees, Vijay Mehta has been suspended, whereas eight others trustees have been discharged.

The dismissal of Vijay Mehta has been stayed and he has been given time to appeal in the city civil court.

When asked to comment on the joint charity commissioner's order in Mumbai, Mehta said although he respects the order he will challenge the order in the Mumbai High Court and that he has full faith in the judiciary.

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