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## **One-day-old baby undergoes rare surgery at Lilavati hospital**

Seema Shiv Jagat delivered her baby in a local hospital at Vashi, Navi Mumbai, with low birth weight of 1.8 kg. The baby had difficulty in breathing immediately after birth. So, she was shifted to NICU immediately. In view of respiratory distress, chest x-ray was done, which showed intestinal loops in left chest cavity. The baby was diagnosed to have congenital diaphragmatic hernia. She needed ventilator support for breathing and urgent surgery. The parents went to JJ hospital, KEM hospital and MGM hospital to seek further treatment. However, there was no mechanical ventilator support equipment and financial support available at any of these places. So the baby was shifted to Lilavati hospital, where she underwent a surgery. Her entire small intestine, some part of the large intestine and spleen had migrated to the chest cavity and were causing difficulty in breathing. The defect was repaired and the child was kept on ventilator support in the neonatal ICU. The child is recovering satisfactorily.