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Rare surgeries performed in Guntur

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Guntur: In a rare feat, an orthopaedic surgeon has replaced three joints on a 65-year old patient. The surgeries were performed in a span of just 45 days and helped the elderly woman on her legs. Giving the details here at a media conference, Dr Potla Sivaiah, who performed the critical surgeries, said that it was rare to replace two hip joints and one knee joint on a single patient. He said that he was very happy that the patient was back to her normal life after replacing three joints.

V.Varalakshamma, a resident of Yerragondapalem in Prakasam has been suffering from dreadful pain in both hips and right knee for the last eight years which confined her to wheel chair for more than a year. Following an advice by a local medical practitioner, she consulted Dr.Potla Sivaiah, chief of Shri Ramchandra Joint Replacement Center in Guntur about three

months ago.

After meticulous examination, Dr Sivaiah found that the woman was suffering with rheumatoid arthritis. This has caused severe degeneration in both hips and right knee, making her completely immobilized.

Although, she has very risky health profile including obese with a record of heart stroke, Dr Sivaiah decided to go with the surgeries as it was the only way to provide her relief. The preparedness of the patient had also boosted the doctors morale prompting them to take up the critical surgeries-one-after-one. The team of doctors headed by Dr Sivaiah performed first surgery to replace right hip on August, 3 and went for right knee joint replacement on August, 8. After giving her 60-days time to recover, the doctors replaced the left hip join on October, 12.Experts said that while replacing 3 joints is itself a very high-risk affair, performing the same on a patient with risky high-profile is further critical. However, Dr Potla Sivaiah replaced two hip joints and one knee joints on a 65-year old woman patient with ease. This is considered to be the first such set of surgeries to be operated upon on one patient in AP. Patient, V Varalakshamma of Yerragondapalem is back to her normalcy as she was walking on her legs free from pains.