

# 42-year-old has a miraculous escape after rod pierces his face

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**Gurgaon:** Just as the 'brave heart' Supratim Dutta pulled off from his almost fatal condition two months ago after an accident he met in Delhi, a 42-year-old Mohammad Mandal in Gurgaon too survived miraculously, after a rod pierced through his face — it entered from near his left eye and came out from the right side of his neck in an accident.

As per sources, the accident happened at around 2.30 am on Monday when Mandal, a dumper driver with DLF construction, met with an accident at Silkora site, Gurgaon. All of a sudden, the dumper overturned and Mandal fell on the iron rods lying at the construction site. One of the rods pierced through his face near the left eye and just missing the brain, it cut through his face bones, sinus, tongue, floor of the

mouth and came out from the right side of the neck. The patient was immediately rushed to Paras Hospital in Gurgaon in extremely serious condition. He underwent a major surgery under a team of ex-

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pert doctors for around two hours. The rod was successfully removed.

Dr Meenakshi Sharma, who led the team, said, "It was good that the people did not try to pull out the rod and brought him to the hospital immediately. Thankfully the rod had

missed the major part of the brain, eyeball and major arteries supplying blood to the brain." The challenge for the doctors was to ensure the airway does not remain choked with blood for long and oxygen supply to the brain does not get affected, Sharma added.

The patient is said to be in stable condition and will be discharged in five days. The incident came as a reminder of Supratim Dutta, a 23-year-old old BPO employee, who had met with a similar accident on Mehrauli-Gurgaon road. A five-foot-long and 2-inches-wide iron angle had pierced through the upper half of his body on July 12 this year. Although Dutta had the rod pierced in his abdomen, doctors at AIIMS were skeptical about his chances of survival. Dutta showed immense strength and like Mandal, had a rebirth of sorts.

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**SURVIVOR:** Mohammed Mandal recovering in Paras Hospital in Gurgaon