

# A stitch in time saved this youth

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**Gurgaon:** Nineteen-year-old Pradeep Yadav was returning to his Sikkhopur village residence on a bike from college on December 8, when he met with a major accident on NH-8 near IMT Manesar. The crash wounded his liver severely and he was rushed to the hospital with a bad case of internal bleeding.

Although his parents, and even the doctors, were apprehensive of his survival, Pradeep has managed to recuperate and is almost ready to be discharged from the hospital. Thanks to a timely surgery, which proved to be a life saver for the youth.

Dr Arvind Kumar and Pankaj Kumar, laparoscopic and general surgeons at Paras Hospital, said survival rate of such patients is very less as they die of internal bleeding and shock.

"Pradeep's case is an exception. When he was brought, his blood pres-



**JUST IN TIME:** Pradeep Yadav in hospital

sure and pulse had dipped and we told his parents that his survival chances were minimal," they said

Dr Arvind Kumar said: "The pa-

tient was in a state of shock and we were not very sure whether he would survive or not. We still decided to operate upon him immediately and stitched together the ruptured parts of his liver. The operated part was put in a bag for recovery."

Doctors said another surgery was done after 48 hours and patches that were put inside Pradeep's stomach to stop bleeding were removed. The third surgery was performed on the fifth day, after it was found that water and blood had accumulated in his chest.

After spending a week in the ICU, Pradeep was shifted to the private ward. According to doctors, his liver has regenerated and is functioning well. "The patient is free from any infection, blood leakage and fever. Rest for a month or so will make him fit to resume his daily activities," they said.

A grateful Pradeep told TOI, "I have no words to express my gratitude. The doctors here have given me a second life."