

THE ASIAN AGE

| Patient tipping the scale at 267 kg has bariatric surgery |

Fab surgery cuts 140 kg flab

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Aug. 27: A surgery performed on an obese patient will result in the loss of around 140 kgs over a period of time. The patient at the time of admission, weighed 267 kgs.

For the last five years, Mr Suleiman Virani has been unable to move out of his residence due to the chronic problems due to his weight. As a result, he was forced to undertake small jobs which could be done sitting at his home.

In order to get rid of this difficulty, Mr Virani's friend and relatives started collecting money to get his surgery done. "Since the day he was admitted to hos-

days, he was prepared for the surgery and lost 12 kgs in a week and finally on August 18 he was operated," said Dr Ravindra Karanjekar, associate vice president of Wockhardt Hospitals, where the surgery was performed.

"It was Dr Ramen Goel who performed the 90 minute long Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy surgery on Mr Virani," added the doctor.

Now, after the Bariatric surgery Mr Virani who weighs 267 kgs is expected to be lighter by around 140 kgs, which means after a couple of weeks the weighing might read as 127 kgs.

Obesity is a cause of concern not only for the adults but also for the school going children.

tial years lead to obesity. Despite of working out, many obese people fail to lose their fat.

Bariatric Surgery has emerged as a boon to patients suffering from morbid obesity as it not only provides weight loss through surgery, but also improves the quality of life of such patient. Latest research shows that weight loss surgery not only helps patients to lose weight scientifically, but in many cases cures their Type II diabetes as well.

Bariatric surgery, also known as weight loss surgery, refers to the various surgical procedures performed to treat obesity by modification of the gastrointestinal tract to reduce nutrient intake and/or

