

Balkrishna Industries injects Rs 20 Cr to build Sports Injury and Rehabilitation Centre at KEM Hospital, Mumbai

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Balkrishna Industries Ltd. (BKT), a global leader in the Off-Highway Tyre (OHT) industry, through its CSR arm, The BKT Foundation, has partnered with King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital, Mumbai, to establish a state-of-the-art Sports Injury and Rehabilitation Centre, spanning over 15000 sq. feet within the hospital premises.

This landmark initiative marks a major advancement in public healthcare and provides advanced rehabilitation, demonstrating BKT's commitment to supporting India's rapidly evolving sports ecosystem.

The newly opened center is expected to provide world class rehabilitation services to athletes, enabling faster recovery, improved performance, and enhanced readiness for national and international competition. With the capacity to assist over 1000 athletes annually and enable more than 500 specialised surgeries. It will stand among one of the western India's most comprehensive rehabilitation hubs in the public healthcare system.

The centre will be spearheaded by Dr Roshan Wade, sports specialist & additional professor at the Department of Orthopaedics, along with his team. It offers holistic care and brings together a multidisciplinary team of surgeons, therapists and nutritionists under one roof.

Facilities include a 20-bedded ward, a modern operation theatre complex with three fully equipped operating rooms, ICU-supported postoperative care, and a comprehensive rehabilitation unit. The centre is equipped with advanced technologies such as Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, underwater and zero-gravity treadmills, virtual reality-based rehabilitation systems, and a dedicated gait laboratory. The OPD complex features consultation rooms and in-house radiography, including X-ray and scannogram facilities, along with a range of interventional therapies such as Tecar, laser, ultrasonic, shockwave, and electrotherapy.

Through 'The BKT Foundation', BKT has spent around Rs 20 crore (\$2.25 million) into building the centre and has entered a multi-year MoU with the equipment suppliers which includes long-term maintenance and infrastructure support.