

## Eye surgery to become cheaper

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**Kolkata:** In a bid to eliminate curable blindness by providing affordable eye care, Priyamvada Birla Aravind Eye Hospital introduced laser-assisted in situ keratomileusis (LASIK) surgery on Saturday.

H V Lodha, chairman M P Birla Group inaugurating the facility, said, "LASIK, initially known as a cosmetic surgery has gradually opened a new era of expertise in today's ophthalmic practice. The Rs 4-crore wavelight allegretto excimer laser machine is the world's highest frequency laser delivery that enables patients to get high quality result. Since the application is delivered under computer control, it is one of the safest methods of refractive corrections."

"The ideal age to get the surgery done is between 18-40 years. LASIK on both the eye can be done simultaneously as it takes just 15 minutes. The total cost of surgery for two eyes is Rs 30,000" said chief cornea consultant and medical director eye bank Jayangshu Sengupta. P:5