

Pay back time for doc couple from US

Duo Comes Every Year To Offer Free Services To The Poor

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Rajkot: Lopa Gupta, an ophthalmologist and cosmetic surgery specialist, and her husband Mantu Gupta, an endoscopic urologist, have come all the way from US to Rajkot to attend the free urology camp organized by Sindhi Samaj in association with B T Savani Kidney Hospital. The doctor couple has been visiting India for the last few years from New York to fulfill their dream of serving the underprivileged class in remotest area in India and to improve the quality and standard of medical and surgical care. Lopa, a native of Jhagadia town in Baroda district, married Mantu who hails from New Delhi.

The doctor couple says they always wanted to give back to their country. Mantu, who teaches at Columbia University, specializes in minimally invasive urology, especially the treatment of kidney stones and uretero-pelvic junction obstruction. He brings latest technology in the field of endoscopic urology with him which most Indian hospitals don't have.

Lopa, who has done her residency in ophthalmology from Stanford University, teaches and trains resi-



Mantu Gupta



Lopa Gupta

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dent doctors on oculoplastics at Civil Hospital in Rajkot.

"The field that interested me was oculoplastics. Since this is a very difficult fellowship to attain, I did not have high hopes. When I was interviewed for this fellowship in Albany, New York, by Dr Orkan Stasior, I promised him that I would pass on this advanced surgical knowledge and training to ophthalmologists in India as well as serve in the underprivileged areas. He offered me the fellowship on the spot."

The couple has set up SaDilKa Foundation (named after their three kids: Sarina Dilan Kasmira). Its mission will be four-fold or 4-T: Train, Teach, Treat, and Test (Research). "We may invite doctors from India to USA so that they get latest technology update," said Mantu.