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This is thanks to the work by a team of doctors from Chennai Meenakshi Multi-speciality Hospital, who performed a tissue expansion for knee replacement.

Addressing mediapersons here yesterday, orthopaedic surgeon from the hospital, Dr A K Venkatchalam, said that the man damaged his knee and ankle two years ago

The accident resulted in open fractures and initially treatment from another private clinic in his State left him with a swollen, deformed and stiff knee. There was damage to skin, bones and ligaments to his right knee rendering his condition very complex.

Later, Venkatachalam and his team examined the patient and drew an action plan.

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key hole surgery, scar revision in his thigh wound, ankle fixation to restore anatomy and permit navigational surgery, tissue expansion by plastic surgery to create skin in order to replace unhealthy scar tissue over his leg.

Stem cell treatment to his ankle for impending post traumatic arthritis.

After around eight surgeries, the patient is able to walk and even do cycling. 'I thought I would never be able to walk and I went into depression because I had a family to look after. Only after the doctors told me the action plan and told that my leg could be fixed did I feel confident,' said Kalyan.

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