

# Ayurveda hospital for poor

**C**ITY-based ayurvedic centre Arth, to mark its fifth anniversary, will set up a 200-bed charitable hospital at Belanthur in north Bangalore.

Medical director Dr Prashanth S Acharya told reporters here on Thursday that the ayurvedic hospital for the underprivileged would be set up within five to six months. The centre also would conduct free camps to bring awareness among the people on the centuries old system of medicine.

Dr Acharya said the centre so far had treated 6,000 patients out of which 1,000 patients were with low-back ache. "We have formulated a unique medicinal combination that is used to cure backache related problems and are in the process of patenting this drug combination," he said. This unique drug combination and treatment have yielded major success with 99 percent of the patients, he claimed. Even those who suffered multiple disc prolapses could avert surgeries, he asserted.

Expressing concern over the escalating prices of herbs, he said the Centre would also promote farmers to grow herbal plants. "With the help of Sparsha Training for Auyurveda, our sister concern. We would also try to bring uniformity in treatments



**Arth Ayurvedic Centre managing director Rajat Gupta, medical director Prasanth S Acharya and joint director Sparsha Training for Ayurveda Marielle Holman Barnes at a press conference to announce the launch of medical facility for undeprivilaged in Bangalore on Thursday — Express photo**

including panchakarma and would highlight simple and basic treatments," he said.

Arth Managing Director Rajat Gupta and Sparsha joint director Marielle Holman Barnes were also present at the press conference. •ENS