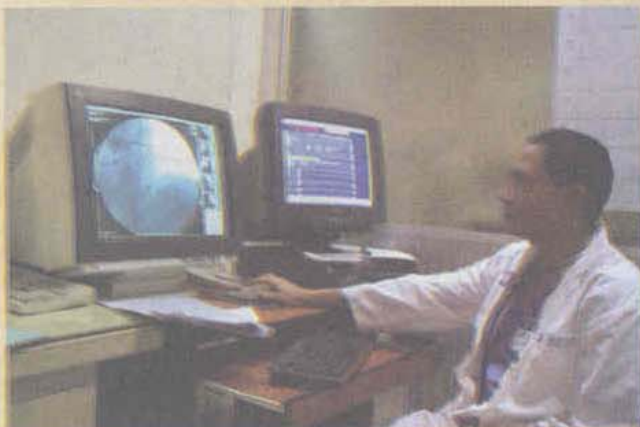


properly equipped to handle even small surgical procedures. The Emergency unit has nearly all the components as available in the ICU. The patients are then sent home or are sent to the Cardiac Care Unit.



Dr. Rezaul Karim checks the results of a surgery on an angiogram monitor.

Any cardiac centre can basically be divided into three segments. There is cardiac surgical services, cardiology and finally, outdoor facility. The outdoor facilities of ICHRI include a laboratory. "In the Department of Cardiology, there is angiogram, putting on pacemaker, etc," continues Siraj. "All these facilities are provided here and at a very affordable price." After cardiology, if any patient needs surgery this is provided by ICHRI. The centre offers a complete package in cardiac care.

The centre's location is a major plus point. Being right beside BIRDEM, it can get all the assistance they need from the general hospital, especially one which has built quite a good reputation for itself. A patient coming with chest trouble may not necessarily have ailments of the heart. In such cases, if such complications arise, ICHRI has the understanding with BIRDEM that the latter's consultants will come to ICHRI to tend to the patients. "Even though we are saying that we are a cardiac hospital, we are not only mono-disciplined. We are getting the advantages of multi-disciplined services by being in the same compound with BIRDEM," says Siraj. Precious time is saved as the patients get faster diagnosis and treatment. "In the field of cardiac surgery, we require help from the multi-disciplinary side as well. We have a well established hospital right beside us that provide us with assistant in the fields of neurology, neuro-surgery,

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The Intra Aortic Balloon Pump is a special equipment that can give support to the heart for about 16 hours.

diabetes management and others," says Lt. Col. (Retd) Dr. Md. Hamidur Rahman, Senior Consultant and Head of Anaesthesiology.

The rooms of ICHRI can be broken down to Operation Theatres (OT), Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Unit (CSICU), Surgical Stepdown and Ward. ICHRI has two modern fully equipped spacious operation theatres that has the ability to



The general Wards at ICHRI are all partitioned to give the patients ample privacy for recovery.