

Dr. Bappu critical *Hindu*

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The Director of The Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Dr. M. K. V. Bappu, is in an extremely critical condition after undergoing heart by-pass surgery at Munich's University Clinic, surgeons said today.

They said they had been fighting to save Dr. Bappu's life after a heart muscle and kidney failure. An artificial kidney had been implanted but it had not helped.

Dr. Bappu was operated on last Monday to overcome a narrowing of the coronary vessels. He has been teaching in West Germany. — Reuter.

In Bangalore, the Institute's administration officer, Mr. M. Ramani, said Dr. Bappu 55, was said to be recovering after the surgery, reports PTI. But he had a sudden set back yesterday when both his kidneys failed and he also started having respiratory problem, Mr. Ramani said quoting information reaching him.

Dr. Bappu was put on dialysis thrice yesterday and today. There was no improvement in the condition.