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# Lawyer rescues injured youth in Nerul station, cries medical negligence

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NAVI MUMBAI: Lack of compassion towards destitutes was witnessed in the city recently, when a lawyer tried to help a sick homeless man get admitted to a charitable hospital in Nerul. The Navi Mumbai-based lawyer, Siddh Vidya, had noticed a young man crying in pain at Nerul railway station on March 23. He was suffering from extensive leg injuries and an infection.

"The 22-year-old youth, Krishna Mane, was in a very bad shape. He was lying on the platform and could not even walk due to blisters and cuts and possibly gangrene on both his legs," said Vidya.

With the help of a few passersby, she managed to put the injured man in an auto and brought him to Terna Sahyadri Speciality Hospital & Research Centre in Nerul (west) around 3pm. However, Vidya said that she could admit Mane to the hospital only by 5pm. As the patient was dirty, no one even wanted to touch him, she said.

"I went back to the hospital around 7:45pm and found that he had not been treated, except for some dressing on the wounds. He was crying in pain, lying on a bed in a corner of the ward. He was not even given pain killers," said Vidya, who then put her foot down and asked the hospital to treat him immediately.

"The next day, I was shocked to learn that he had been shifted to the civic hospital in Vashi. The Terna hospital officials told me that they had stabilized the patient and since he was poor, he was shifted to the civic hospital," said Vidya. She alleged that the youth was hardly given any treatment at the hospital, which is a charitable institute and governed by the Bombay High Court guidelines of providing free treatment to the poor. "The