

C.V.S. 8 Mitral valve prosthesis:

Gross:

- 1. Given specimen is of human heart which is normal in size and shape with smooth surface.
- 2. There is presence of prosthesis in mitral valve.
- 3. It is Starr Edwards caged valve type of prosthesis which consists of a circular sewing ring and a cage formed by 3 metal arches.
- 4. The thickness of interventricular septum is more than normal. There are no haemorrhages or adhesions present on heart surface.

MLI:

- 1. Prosthesis help in identification of individual.
- 2. Valvular lesions of heart if not treated at earliest contribute to causes of sudden death due to cardiovascular abnormalities.
- 3. Usual cause of valve obstruction is thrombosis or ingrowth of fibrous tissue or valve degeneration.
- 4. Complications of these valve prosthesis include paravalvular leak, occluder variance or erosion, structural fracture, pseudoaneurysm, thrombosis, vegetations or tissue overgrowth, infective endocarditis and primary valve regurgitation.