

Medics from S.L Raheja Hospital - A Fortis Associate conduct BLS Training & Organ Donation Awareness camp for students at St. Xavier's College

~ The activity was organized to train youngsters in first aid and spread awareness about the importance of Organ Donation ~

Mumbai, 27th Sept 2017: The youth of today are burning with curiosity and are the age group that intends to bring about change in the country. To conquer this feat, they are willing to make informed decisions and voice their opinions. To bring to life **St. Xaviers Political Science Association's(XPSA)** theme for the year 'Right to Live', the educational entity in association with **S.L Raheja Hospital- A Fortis Associate** organized a Basic Life Support (BLS) and First Aid training and Organ Donation awareness program for the students of the college.

Over **300** students took part in the exclusive training program conducted by medical staff of S.L Raheja Hospital. Team of medics demonstrated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) procedures, which is one of the core skills required in providing care to a person who has gone into cardiac arrest. Students were also assisted and trained in the basics of First Aid requirements. Two sessions on BLS training were conducted to accommodate students from all streams. A session was organized for all the students to create awareness about the cause and need for organ donation in the country.

The Organ Transplant team from S.L Raheja Hospital organized a well structured session to discuss the importance of Organ Donation and the need for more donors to come forward and pledge their organs. The transplant coordinators covered topics such as - types of organs that can be donated, myths about Organ Donation, what is Brain Death, how are organs harvested, what is consent, who can give consent and why pledging is important. The students reciprocated well and were motivated to make a difference in someone's life. A huge pledge wall was set up which saw **54** students taking up the pledge to donate their organs.

Speaking on the initiative at the college, **Dr Bipin Chevale, Zonal Director, S. L Raheja Hospital – A Fortis Associate** said, *"It is welcoming to see how the youth of today are taking up the initiative to strive for a better society. We were indeed happy to be a part of this activity which reaches out to the youth that teaches them the basics in life support, which will help them tackle medical emergencies till medical aid*

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arrives. We must applaud the effort taken by the institution and we look forward to conduct more such activities that will help us engage with the youth”.

Echoing the sentiments of Dr. Chevale, **Pratibha Naitthani, Head of Department, St. Xavier’s Political Science Association**, said, *“We would like to thank the hospital for equipping the youth, with basics to help tackle emergencies. The students have certainly taken home with them a cloud of medical knowledge and can now implement them, if need be. The session on Organ Donation has indeed made an impact and we proud that over 54 students have pledged to donate their organs”.*

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