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SEVEN COACH LIFELINE EXPRESS OF IMPACT INDIA FOUNDATION

Inauguration of two additional coaches of the Lifeline Express (LLE)
for Cancer Detection and Family Health on 8th December 2016



Left to Right: Mr. J.P. Nadda, Minister for Public Health & Family Welfare and Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Railways



Left to Right: IIF's Trustee-Mr. Samir Shah, Chief Operating Officer-Dr. Rajnish Gourh, Minister for Railways-Mr. Suresh Prabhu and Minister for Public Health & Family Welfare - Mr. J.P. Nadda, Inside the Operation Theatre of the additional coaches.

FIRST CANCER SURGERY BEING CONDUCTED ON THE LLE ON 24th December 2016



52 year old patient was operated for oral cancer

Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi, Professor & Head and Neck Cancer Surgeon of Tata Memorial Hospital led the team of Surgeons -

Dr. Prashant Jain & Dr. Apoorva Garg, assisted by Anaesthetists Dr. R.K. Nema and Dr. K.L. Suryavanshi

LIFELINE EXPRESS (LLE)

INAUGURATION OF LIFELINE EXPRESS PROJECTS

176th LLE Project at Dantewada, Chhattisgarh -Sponsored by The Hans Foundation and co-sponsored by Dr. Michael Chowen, U.K.- 5th to 25th October 2016



Project was inaugurated by Mr. Kedar Kashyap, Honourable Minister of Education and Tribal Development, accompanied by Col. Sanjay Gangwar, Director (Program & Evaluation) of The Hans Foundation and District Collectors of Dantewada, Bijapur and Sukma. 3,389 persons were medically served.

178th LLE Project at Satna, Madhya Pradesh, conducted during the period 15th Dec.2016 - 5th Jan.2017, sponsored by Mahindra Group of Companies



The Project inaugurated by Mr. Naresh Pal, District Collector, Satna. 11,419 persons were medically served. Cancer services commenced at this project. Continuous Medical Education for doctors on early detection and prevention of cancer was held by Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi.

The 177th LLE project, sponsored by SBI Foundation from 9th to 29th November 2016 at Goalpara in Assam, was inaugurated by Mr. Farookh Alam, I/c District Collector, Goalpara, accompanied by Mr. Amitava Sinha, Superintendent of Police Goalpara. 8,061 persons were medically served.



The 179th LLE project from 12th to 31st January 2017 at Kazipath, Telangana, was supported by the State Bank of India Foundation at which 8,475 persons were medically served. Project was inaugurated by Mr. G. Sudheer Babu, Deputy Inspector General, Commissioner of Police, Warangal Commissionerate, Ms. Amrapali Kata, Collector and District Magistrate, Warangal Urban and Mr. Narrotham Reddy, CEO & President SBI Foundation.



INAUGURATION OF LIFELINE EXPRESS PROJECTS

180th LLE Project at Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh, sponsored by the Government of Madhya Pradesh & Taikisha Engineering India Pvt.Ltd., and supported by District Administration, Tikamgarh, was held from 20th February to 12th March 2017, at which 9,876 persons were treated.

Sadhvi Uma Bharati, Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India, inaugurated the project along with Mr. Rustam Singh, Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare, Madhya Pradesh Government and Mr. Bhupendra Singh Thakur, Home Minister, Madhya Pradesh Government.



"EXTRACTS" FROM COMMENTS BY VISITORS TO THE LIFELINE EXPRESS (LLE)

Smt. Devtikarma, M.L.A., Dantewada - Lifeline Express is a very good proactive initiative to reach the nooks and corners of India.

R. Narottham Reddy, President & COO, SBI Foundation - ... SBI Foundation is proud to have brought LLE to Goalpara, Assam. This has brought state of art technology and specialized treatments to several underprivileged patients. I thank the LLE team and doctors who are doing yeoman service.

MD Farouk Alam, District Development Commissioner & Deputy Commissioner I/c Goalpara District, Assam... It is my pleasure to inaugurate the LLE at 12 noon today and hope the poor people of Goalpara District and its adjoining areas avail the facilities of this moving hospital.

Amitava Sinha, Supdt. of Police, Goalpara I extend a hearty welcome to the LLE and to all the doctors and staff associated with it on behalf of Goalpara District Police. It is indeed a pleasure to have the LLE in Goalpara.

Amrapali Kata, IAS, Collector, Warangal - I have seen the dedication and enthusiasm with which the LLE team is doing their job and I am inspired and humbled by it. Keep up the Great Work!! Proud to be part of this team.

N. Madhusudhan, Chief Operations Manager, SC Rly., Secunderabad - A very noble example of selfless serving the needy, free of cost. Very impressed that a lot of doctors came from outside sacrificing their own interest to serve the cause of the poor. Facilities are excellent and we should all help in furthering the cause of initiatives like these.

G. Sudheer Babu, Dy. Inspector General, Commissioner of Police, Warangal - A great initiative in making India a healthy nation. We all are delighted to be part and a witness to this health dedicated operation.

Johnny Falconer, London, England - Volunteer - An amazing train doing extraordinary things. It's a shame it cannot stay longer at each place and address the endless need!

Andrea Elkenes from Norway - visited the CHI on March 7th and the LLE from March 8th to 12th 2017 at the Tikamgarh project. ...I witnessed the operations. The doctors explained to me how they give the children the ability to walk again. Impact focuses on innovative efficient methods that minimise costs. I was very amazed because I was not prepared for complicated operations.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI)

IIF Trustee, Mr. Samir Shah, visited Malvada on 12th January 2017 before attending the CHI Monthly Progress Review at Wada. Mr. Shah appreciated the CHI interventions introduced to educate rural beneficiaries on Adolescent health.



Mr. Samir Shah, distributed Menstrupaedia books to Kishori Samitees at Kasturba Gandhi School, Malvada



Mr. Samir Shah attended a Village Health Committee meeting at Wada.

Mr. Vinod Kulkarni, Head - CSR, Tata Motors Ltd. (TML), visited the CHI on 10th January 2017 to interact with beneficiaries. He was accompanied by Ms. Kavita Pokharkhar, Associate CSR, TML. The distribution of Menstrupaedia comic books and sanitary napkins has been supported by TML as a part of its programme "Promotion of Awareness & Healthy Practices in relation to Menstrual Hygiene Management and Nutrition among Adolescent Girls across Somta, Sakharshet & Malvada Public Health Centre.



Mr. Vinod Kulkarni, interacting with Out-of-school Adolescent Girls



Ms. Kaita Pokharkhar, in a 'selfie' with school-going Adolescent Girls



Students of Class III learn about balanced diet through the Food Pyramid Game at Zilla Parishad School Valve, Somta.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI)

Riya Kamdi



Riya Kamdi, a four year old girl, required corrective surgeries and was operated, free-of-cost, at Jupiter Hospital, Thane, thanks to our respected Medical Advisory Board Member, Dr. Taral Nagda.

Riya's feet can now touch the ground and her ability to walk will improve with exercises, which her parents have been taught to help her.

Nutrition Advice for the CHI staff



Ms. Neha Gehi Arora, Nutritionist, advised CHI staff on food supplementation provided by IIF as part of the Johnson & Johnson sponsored programme for 100 Pregnant & Lactating Women. She also counselled mothers on appropriate Breast Feeding practice.

FOCUS ON ADOLESCENT GIRLS -

Around 6294 adolescent girls were tested for Haemoglobin (Hb) levels and provided with Iron Folic Acid tablets and Health Cards to record their details.

Health and Nutrition Education sessions for adolescent girls and boys in schools and adolescent girls out-of-school, the capacity building of Village Health Committee meetings, and Government Health Staff, are underway.

The CHI team has conducted an exhaustive survey of Out-of-school Adolescent girls to understand their migration patterns, create a realistic target for interventions and to develop strategies to improve outreach, and to determine the actual figures of Non School going and school going adolescent girls.

Five training workshops were conducted for 86 School Teachers who were sensitized on Adolescent related issues.

UNICEF's Workshop on Infant and Young Child Nutrition by Dr. Rupal Dalal, MD, at Talasari, on 17th & 18th February 2017



Left to Right: Dr. Rupal Dalal with CHI female staff: Ms. Darshana Vartha, Ms. Ranjana Ghumal, Ms. Pramila and Mrs. Bharati Gharat. The workshop highlighted food types rich in iron and protein to control anaemia and demonstrated appropriate breast-feeding practices. Each participant was given a Nutrition Kit

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI)

Dasra Giving Circle (DGC) visited the CHI on 2nd March 2017



A group of six persons, comprising Dasra Giving Circle members who support the CHI, visited Malvada and observed CHI's Health & Nutrition classes for school and out-of-school Adolescents. They also visited a Kitchen Garden at Harnoli.

Mr. Donald Lobo, Mrs. Marie Lobo, Mr. Eric Nee from Stanford Social Innovation Review, Barbara from the BMW Foundation, Kate and Dr. Jo, MD., compiled their feedback and indicated areas that needed enrichment.

Donation of "Days for Girls Menstrual Hygiene Kits at Vikramgadth on March 15, 2017



A group of ten foreign nationals visited the CHI on 15th March 2017 from Australia, Israel, England, USA, France, Germany and Hungary belonging to "Mumbai Connections" and "Days for Girls". Menstrual Hygiene Kits comprising re-usable sanitary towels were distributed to 100 Adolescent Girls in schools and out-of-school.

The Team which donated German Measles vaccines, IFA Tablets and Menstrual Hygiene Kits to the CHI with Vikramgadth's Education Officer and Head Master of Bhadange Ashramshala, Vikramgadth

Kamalnarayan Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation's workshop on "Life Skills Education" on 15-16 February 2017 at Wardha, Maharashtra



CHI's Mr. Sagar Thakare, Project Coordinator and Mr. Sachin Tumbda Community Health Officer attended the workshop and were very enthusiastic about conducting a similar workshop for CHI staff to develop their smart skills

Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi, seminar on "Approaches for implementing Adolescent Health Programs was conducted in Gurgaon from 20 - 23 February 2017.

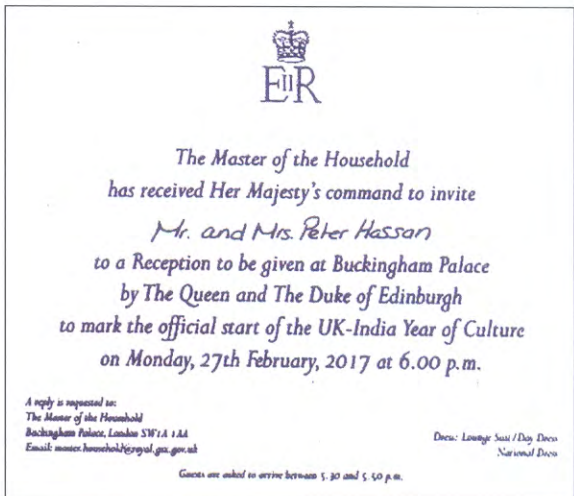


The seminar was attended by Dr. Sujay Joshi, Project Director, CHI, who explained IIF's approach to anaemia control, and Mr. Pravin Londhe, Project Manager, CHI, who described how IIF observes Village Health Day.

The course covered Mental Health Professionals and the need for male and female counsellors at schools and experts on Substance and Sexual abuse to counsel and empower adolescents. IIF plans to advocate for the above in the CHI.

MEETING THE QUEEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

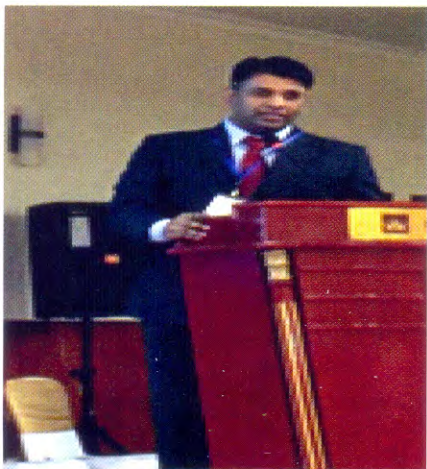
IIF's Advisor, Mr. Peter Hassan, Honorary Consul of Russian Federation at Hyderabad and Mrs. Doreen Hassan were special invitees to a Reception by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth-II at Buckingham Palace to mark the official start of the UK-India Year Culture. As special invitees from Hyderabad, this was a unique occasion to be at the Palace amidst a distinguished gathering and an opportunity to meet the Queen.



8th International Federation of Impact Organisations (IFIO) Conference, 27-28 February 2017 at Phnom Penh, Cambodia

IMPACT members from twelve countries participated in the IFIO Conference which is held every two years to promote exposure to the initiatives of other member countries and foster cross-learning. IIF was represented by Dr. Rajnish Gourh, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Sujay Joshi, Project Director, CHI.

Dr. Rajnish Gourh presented IIF's Projects' Highlights and Future Plans & Local Fund Raising. Mental Health was discussed for inclusion in IFIO's priority areas. Dr. Sujay Joshi presented a group discussion on working with volunteers. The magnitude of IIF's activities was well appreciated.



Dr. Rajnish Gourh



Dr. Sujay Joshi

Impact India Foundation is grateful to the Board of Directors of Cognizant Foundation for a generous grant towards the purchase of the entire medical equipment required for use in the two new coaches of the Lifeline Express



Dr. Rajnish Gourth, IIF's Chief Operating Officer (second from left) receiving the cheque from Mr. Lakshminarayanan, Director, Cognizant Foundation & Vice Chairman, Cognizant (extreme left) and Dr. S. Ramamurthy, Director Cognizant Foundation, and Mr. N.R. Krishnan, Director Cognizant Foundation, at a special function in Chennai.

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Thanks the Government of India, the Government of Maharashtra, the Indian Railways and the thousands who have risen to help - Surgeons, Nurses, Paramedical Staff, Students, Trusts, Foundations, Corporates, Institutions and Individuals. It would be difficult to name all.

We remain grateful to everyone

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