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## Lilavati Hospital Revolutionizes Hearing Care With Cochlear Implants

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Mumbai 3rd March 2025 ( TGN) :On the occasion of World Hearing Day, Lilavati Hospital & Research Centre organized an Awareness Program in presence of Chief Guest Ms Anita Kelly, Consulate General of Ireland, Consul Generals and trade representatives of several countries, Bollywood Actor Sharman Joshi, medical professionals and esteemed invitees.

At the program world renowned ENT Surgeon and author of books on cochlear implants, **Dr.Christopher de Souza** shared his experience of over 27 years and valuable insights on how cochlear implants have transformed the lives of over **500 Indian children** suffering from congenital deafness and belonging to financially backward families.

Lilavati Hospital 's Surgically Implantable Hearing Device Program headed by **Dr Christopher de Souza** and team of eminent ENT surgeons – **Dr Kamal Parsram, Dr Preeti Dhingra and Dr Adip Shetty** provides complete evaluation and care by a team of audiologists, neurologists, psychiatrists and social workers.

**Lilavati Hospital** has the latest devices to access hearing in newborn children and state of the art operating room equipment, CT Scan, MRI etc

Cochlear implants are able to restore hearing completely in children when inserted before the age of 2 years. Cochlear Implants are inserted in both ears together and are meant to remain inserted for the patients lifetime. Children with cochlear implants by Lilavati are able to attend schools for children with normal hearing and have productive lives.

According to statistics 100000 children are born deaf every year and this is can be a huge catastrophe for the nation.

At **Lilavati Hospital** our Mission is to create awareness, identify deafness in newborn children and to treat with utmost Professionalism these children and ensure their rehabilitation long term.

The program also includes training and educating the next generation of ENT specialists.

Cochlear implants cost is unaffordable by most patients . The program is completely supported by the management of Lilavati Hospital in keeping with its ethos. "**More than Health Care, Human care**"

The endeavour has received enthusiastic encouragement from **Founder and Permanent Trustee Smt. Charu Mehta, Permanent Trustees Mr Prashant Mehta, Mr Rajiv Mehta, Mr Rajesh Mehta** and other Board of Trustees.

The passion and commitment of **Dr. Christopher de Souza** and his team at Lilavati resonates with the World Hearing Day theme "**Changing mindsets: Empower yourself to make ear and Hearing care a reality for all**"

**Mr. Prashant Mehta, The Permanent Trustee of Lilavati Hospital** underscored, " Lilavati Hospital has always been at the forefront of medical advancements and community-driven initiatives. By conducting such initiatives, we aim to bridge the gap between medical solutions and those who can benefit from them, helping children overcome hearing challenges and reach their full potential."