

Lilavati Hospital Conducts An Awareness Programme On Hearing Care



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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

Mumbai: Hearing loss in children is a serious but often overlooked, timely detection and timely intervention are crucial to communicate and thrive. To spread awareness about the challenges and solutions related to hearing loss in children, Lilavati Hospital organized a dedicated awareness programme. The event covered essential topics such as the causes and consequences of childhood hearing impairment, the role of implantable hearing devices in restoring auditory function, and powerful patient testimonials from families who have benefited from advanced treatments.

Present during the program in Presence of Chief guest Ms Anita Kelly, Consulate General Of Ireland, Dr Christopher De Souza, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Mr. Prashant Mehta, The Permanent Trustee and Dr Niraj Uttamani, Chief Operating Officer. Through this initiative, Lilavati Hospital underscored its commitment to providing cutting-edge solutions and support for children with hearing difficulties.

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 1,00,000 children are born deaf every year and this is can be a huge catastrophe for the nation.

Dr Christopher De Souza, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Lilavati Hospital said, "Lilavati Hospital has successfully performed over 500 cochlear implant surgeries for children, transforming their lives, and restoring their ability to hear. 10% of these procedures involved revision surgeries for children who previously received implants and required further medical intervention. Given that the overall cost of a cochlear implant exceeds 8 lakhs, financial support has been crucial in making these surgeries accessible to underprivileged children. This remarkable accomplishment has been made possible through the relentless efforts of Mr Prashant Mehta, whose dedication has been instrumental in driving this initiative forward."

Dr. Christopher De Souza further added, Hearing loss in children can have profound consequences on their speech, cognitive development, and overall quality of life. When left undiagnosed or untreated, it causes communication barriers, academic struggles, and social isolation. "Due to advancements in medical technology, implantable hearing devices now offer effective solutions to restore hearing and help children live normal lives. The key lies in early diagnosis, as the sooner a child receives intervention, the better their chances of developing speech and language skills. Parents and caregivers should be vigilant and seek medical guidance at the earliest signs of hearing difficulties."

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."