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Dr Ashok Seth, Chairman, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute conferred with Honorary Doctorate of Science by Aligarh Muslim University

≈ *The degree was awarded to Dr Seth for his outstanding and valuable contribution to the field of Cardiology*

New Delhi, 2nd May, 2015: At the recently held 63rd annual convocation ceremony of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), **Dr Ashok Seth, Chairman, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (FEHI)** was conferred with **Doctorate of Science (D.Sc.)** by His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, Chancellor of the university. This is the fifth university to honour Dr. Seth with doctorate for his contribution and pioneering efforts to the field of medical science, particularly cardiology.

Over the past two and a half decades Dr. Ashok Seth is recognized to have contributed significantly to the unprecedented growth and development of Cardiology. With a special focus on interventional cardiology, Dr. Seth has pioneered numerous angioplasty techniques for India and Asia Pacific region with performance of more than 50,000 angiograms and 20,000 angioplasties. He is recognized for introducing new procedures for treating Coronary Artery Disease like the Directional Atherectomy, Rotablator, Drug Eluting Stents, Thrombectomy devices, use of Impella heart support device failing heart, Bioabsorbable Stents and percutaneous valve replacement (TAVR).

Dr. Seth's recent and one of the most significant achievements is to become the first ever Indian doctor to be invited to Washington to present his experience on the use of bio-absorbable stents to the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Panel. He is known to be a part of the focused Advisory Group and seminal studies for development and clinical applicability of Bioresorbable Scaffold (BRS) Stent, which is recognized internationally.

Globally known and respected for his unique achievements and contributions, Dr. Seth is also a recipient of the National Award of 'Padma Shri' (2003) and the Padma Bhushan' in 2015 by the President of India, among numerous other awards. Dr. Seth was conferred with Doctorates by other prestigious universities Benaras Hindu University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Amity University and Tirthankar Mahavir University in the past.

Dr. Seth has mentored and trained thousands of doctors on the complex angioplasty techniques and has more than 250 publications to his credit in Indian and International medical journals. He has taught and live demonstrated complex angioplasty techniques at more than 400 scientific meetings across the globe

and is Founder Member of numerous scientific bodies across the world. His large experience, expertise and techniques in this sphere are recognized and respected worldwide.

On receiving this honour, **Dr. Ashok Seth** said in his speech, “ It is one of the most touching and memorable moments of my life. If time could stand still I would ask it to do now, for it is a fortunate few who have this satisfaction and privilege to be recognized by their Alma Mater, their teachers, their peers and provide inspiration to the students of their Alma Mater. My efforts to help India with the highest standards and quality of healthcare is strengthened.”

Congratulating Dr Seth on being presented with Honorary Doctorate of Science by Aligarh Muslim University, **Col (Retd) Harinder Chehal, Chief Operating Officer, Fortis Healthcare**, said, “ We are proud of Dr. Seth on being conferred with this recognition. It is an acknowledgement to the tireless endeavours Dr Seth has undertaken to provide optimised clinical treatments in excellence for heart diseases and offer best patient care at Fortis.”

About Fortis Escorts Heart Institute

Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (FEHI), Delhi, a pioneer and centre of excellence in cardiac care, is celebrating 25 years of path-breaking work and service to the numerous heart patients, who have benefitted from treatment, at this outstanding facility. Armed with clinical expertise and cutting-edge medical technology, the hospital has set enviable benchmarks in Cardiac Bypass Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, Non-invasive Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery. Till date, FEHI has successfully completed over 1,72,000 Coronary Angiographies, over 90,000 Cardiac Surgeries and almost 52,000 Coronary Angioplasties, in addition to several life-saving procedures. The hospital also performed India’s first Trans Catheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS); Asia Pacific’s first Directional Atherectomy, Angioscopy, Drug Eluting Stenting, etc. Over the years, FEHI has cloned a Heart Care Network of 19 hospitals and Heart Command Centers in India and abroad. It has also launched the revolutionary e-ICU program, enabling remote and timely access to critical care. Fortis Escorts Heart Institute has won numerous awards and accolades, the most recent among them being the ‘Best Cardiology Hospital’ at the ICICI Lombard & CNBC TV18 India Healthcare Awards for 2012, 2013 and the No 1. Ranking in the Private Cardiac category Hospital by The Week Nielson Best Hospitals Survey, 2014.

About Fortis Healthcare Limited:

Fortis Healthcare Limited is a leading integrated healthcare delivery service provider in India. The healthcare verticals of the company primarily comprise hospitals, diagnostics and day care specialty facilities. Currently, the company operates its healthcare delivery services in India, Dubai, Mauritius and Sri Lanka with 54 healthcare facilities (including projects under development), approximately 10,000 potential beds and 306 diagnostic centres.

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