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### **Vashi hospital to teach cops basic life support skills**

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NAVI MUMBAI: The city police commissioner, K L Prasad, has initiated a programme where officials from Fortis Hospital, Vashi will train cops in basic life support (BLS) and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Prasad said it was imperative that the police know how to help accident victims. "Traffic police and the ambulance drivers are generally the first to reach any accident spot. One of the important responsibilities of a policeman is to provide first aid and shift the patient to a hospital. That is why it is imperative for them to learn this basic skill," Prasad said.

First aid kits have already been provided by the hospital, so each police station can deal with an emergency, when needed.

**Dr Bipin Chevale**, facility director at the hospital, said that timely help could be the difference between life and death. "If an accident victim is given life support and rushed to a hospital with established trauma care within the golden hour, it is believed that about eight out of 10, who would normally die in road accidents can be saved," he said.

The training session was conducted by Dr Chandrashekhar Tulasigiri and Dr Rahul Gupta.

"Many countries have guidelines on how to provide BLS, which are formulated by professional medical bodies. The guidelines outline processes for managing a number of conditions, such as cardiac arrest, choking and drowning," said Tulasigiri.

He added that most laypersons can master BLS skills after attending a short course. "Fire-fighters lifeguards, and police personnel are required to be BLS-certified and this training will provide them that," he said.

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