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Dr. Ashok Seth conferred with Padma Bhushan for his contribution in the field of Cardiology

New Delhi, April 8th, 2015: Dr. Ashok Seth, Chairman of the Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (FEHI) has been conferred with **Padma Bhushan**, the prestigious National award and civilian honor for his contribution in the field of Cardiac Care by the Honourable **President of India**.

Dr. Ashok Seth's contribution to the growth of Cardiology especially Interventional Cardiology has been unparalleled. Over the past 26-years, he has pioneered numerous angioplasty techniques for India and Asia Pacific region like Directional Atherectomy, Angioscopy, Stents, Thrombectomy devices & Drug Eluting Stents, use of Impella heart support device failing heart, Bioabsorbable Stents and TAVI. His other achievements include being a part of the focused Advisory Group and seminal studies for development and clinical applicability of Bioresorbable Scaffold (BRS) Stent, which is recognized internationally.

One of the best globally known and respected Indians for his unique achievements & contributions, Dr. Seth, has been honored by the National award of 'PADMA SHRI' by the President of India in 2003, the National Award of Republic of Spain "Officer's Cross Order of Isabella the Catholic" in 2010, 'Mason Sones Award' from SCAI (USA) in 2010 among numerous other awards.

Dr. Seth has mentored thousands of doctors by spreading knowledge through his lectures and demonstration of complex angioplasty techniques and training more than 350 cardiologists from India and abroad in advance techniques of angioplasty. He also has more than 250 publications to his credit in prestigious Indian and International medical journals and has been honored by Honorary Doctorate from four prestigious Universities in India.

Congratulating Dr. Seth on the honor of the award, **Ashish Bhatia, Chief Operating Officer, Fortis Healthcare Limited** said, "The teams at the FEHI and at Fortis Healthcare are extremely proud to have a charismatic, yet humble man who leads by example as their leader. This award, among the numerous awards he has received, is a reflection of his commitment and dedication towards his passion in Cardiac Care. We are proud to be associated with such a luminary and wish him greater success."

On being congratulated for the award, **Dr. Ashok Seth**, humbly said, "I am thankful for the honor. The award makes my mission to work tirelessly in this field of medical sciences more resolute. As the

Chairman of this Institute, my endeavor will always be to lead my colleagues to many more victories and strive towards more solutions to give a ray of hope for numerous patients dying of failing hearts. "

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.

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