

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Fortis Escorts Heart Institute extends its expertise and skills to mega camp at Shahdol; identifies the population suffering from Rheumatic Heart Diseases (RHD)**

- *1, 000 patients were consulted in 48 hours at the camp by Fortis Escorts Heart Institute*
- *FEHI identifies youth in the age group of 25-35 years increasingly affected by RHD*

**Shahdol, MP 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016:** Fortis Escorts Heart Institute extended its clinical excellence, skills and expertise of its top level consultants in cardiac sciences in a mega camp at Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh on 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. The team was led by **Dr. Yugal Mishra, Director Cardiac Surgery, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute.**

The mega camp at Shahdol is a repeat event after the success achieved through a similar event conducted two years ago at Chindwada and four years ago at Mandla near Jabalpur. The event had been attended by several top players in healthcare and it is expected to be repeated again in the camp organised this year.

The camp is sponsored by the Madhya Pradesh Government, Rahat Foundation and Rotary Club of Shahdol and will witness the participation of several other hospitals. There will be tests extended free of cost to patients and patients will come with pre-determined treatment solutions based on the medical condition faced by them. The patients are a part of the data screened at seven districts prior to their attendance at the camp.

Shahdol and the nearby area is known as tribal area in Madhya Pradesh and a majority of youngsters are suffering from very severe Rheumatic Heart Disease. There are many patients who are also suffering from hypothyroidism and sickle cell anemia. There are recurrent episodes of RHD and there are no facilities around Shahdol that offer appropriate treatment solutions to needy patients.

**Dr Mishra, Director Cardiac Surgery, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute** said, “The camp is based on the concept of bringing medical treatment solutions to the doorstep of a segment that faces challenges of receiving expert advice for their health problems. Through an initiative like this and the participating hospitals we are bringing solutions to the patients in a way that will facilitate easier access to doctors who are experts in their respective areas of specializations.”

**Dr. Mishra** also added, “The socio-economic heart disease like RHD (Rheumatic Heart Disease) is very common in Shahdol, Rew, Satna, Panna, Chattarpur, Sagar, Tikamgarh, Jhansi, Allahabad & Varanasi. Patients in their age group of 25-35 are coming with RHD and it is sad to see young Indians

falling prey to the disease. On the other hand, It is motivating to see the Rheumatic Fever declining in our country but we still need to put more efforts to eradicate them.”

**Dr. Somesh Mittal, Zonal Director, Fortis Escorts** said, “The camp is an innovative initiative to take FEHI expertise to the doorstep of patients in smaller cities and towns. Our doctors are consistently trying to reach across to segments that face challenges in reaching doctors with optimum skills and expertise. Events like these are geared to provide treatment solutions from super specialized healthcare players and doctors who are part of these organizations.”

Though the CM of MP created many schemes for heart patients but due to ignorance and later presentation of diseases those schemes are not able to fulfill the need of huge population. FEHI will be taking this initiative further in its continuous support to Bundelkhand and Bangelkhand area on the Rheumatic Heart Disease as it prevails in significant proportions in these areas.

**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 and 2015.*

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