

## **Pak doctors conduct Trauma Course for Indian Physicians -**

NEW DELHI, Sept 18 (APP): Timely and competent medical care can significantly help save traffic fatalities with medical and road traffic safety experts, direly needed to respond to this challenge vigorously.

This was emphasized at the inauguration of a three-day Primary Trauma Care Workshop at the Apollo Hospital here in the national capital, being conducted by Pakistan's Trauma Care Group of Sindh.

The inaugural function was presided over by the Chief Minister, Delhi, Sheila Dikshit, and Pakistan's High Commissioner to India, Aziz Ahmad Khan.

A seven-member team of doctors of the Primary Trauma Care Group of Sindh (Pakistan) along with an instructor from the UK, Prof. John Beavis, is conducting the course for a group of 25 physicians from Delhi and other parts of India. The seven-member visiting PTC team comprises of Professor Rashid Jooma, Dr. Shariq Ali, Dr. Saeed Minhas of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Dr. Inam Pal and Dr. Rashid Punjwani of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Dr. Nur ul Haq of the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Dr. Bushra Shirazi from the Ziauddin University Hospital.

The aim of the course is to train senior doctors in the systematic management of victims of trauma who would in turn, as the Delhi Chapter of Primary Trauma Care, run these courses for the physicians and paramedical staff of peripheral hospitals particularly those in the proximity of major roads.

The rapid motorization in the developing countries has in its wake brought about an epidemic of injuries and fatalities on the roads particularly in the subcontinent where 1 in 6 injured in a traffic accident dies compared to only one in 200 injured in the USA.

Of these traffic fatalities, up to a third could be saved by timely and competent medical care and the medical and road traffic safety experts must respond vigorously to this challenge, this was observed during the course.

Speaking on the occasion, Delhi Chief Minister, Sheila Dikshit, expressed her gratitude to the team from Pakistan for coming to Delhi to initiate this training program of vital public interest.

She said the Indian Government had initiated work on two dedicated trauma centres and conveyed the commitment of the administration to work towards a Delhi based trauma system on trained personnels deployed in specially equipped areas in all the metropolitan hospitals.

The workshop could contribute well to this scheme by providing the module on which the care providers could be trained, she said adding, work was being done to develop a Major Incident Plan for Delhi and suggested that experts from the two countries work together to devise Disaster Management Plans for the major hospitals that would also suit local circumstances.

Appreciating the growing interaction between physicians of India and Pakistan, Pak envoy Aziz Ahmad Khan welcomed the event having benefits for the poor patients and victims of trauma in both countries.

Earlier, Professor Rashid Jooma, speaking on behalf of PTC Sindh said under the courses, initiated by the group with over 200 doctors, imparted training in Karachi and the district hospitals of Sindh. The Group had also traveled to Quetta and Lahore to assist the formation of Provincial chapters of Punjab and Baluchistan.

Besides the aims to extend this trauma training to the district hospitals they had plans to take a specifically devised training module for the Highway Police and other law enforcing personnel who were often the first to respond to injury-causing events, he added.

Primary Trauma Care was also working with the Government of Sindh to improve the training of the traffic police and the licensing procedures for drivers of commercial vehicles, said Dr. Jomma.

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Delhi Government will start a special training course for health personnel working in the various Trauma Centres in the capital to prepare them to meet any kind of emergency to save the precious lives of the patients.

This was disclosed by Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit today while inaugurating the first Primary Trauma Care (PTC) Course organised by Apollo Hospital here.

Ms Dikshit made it clear that it was the commitment of her government to provide better health care to the citizens. Treatment including different kind of surgeries were, no doubt, a challenging assignment for the health personnel working in the Trauma Centres as they require a different sort of skill and expertise which was required to provide immediate relief.

The Chief Minister also stated that the curriculum of the course would be chalked out with the consultation of international experts and well-known faculty services would be made available to the trainees.

She elaborated the services being rendered by various super-specialty hospitals of her government and added that the state government was also committed to provide better healthcare at the nearest possible Centre to the weaker sections of the societies.

Apart from Pakistan High Commissioner Aziz Ahmed Khan, representatives from Pakistan were also present on the function which was attended by large number of physicians, surgeons, medical specialists and para-medical staff.

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## Pakistani team holds trauma course in Delhi

By A Reporter

NEW DELHI, Sept 17: Rapid motorization in developing countries has in its wake brought about an alarming increase in injuries and fatalities on the roads, particularly in the Sub-continent where one in six injured in a traffic accident dies compared to only one in 200 in the USA.

Of these fatalities, up to one-third could be saved by timely medical care, highlighting a need for medical and road safety experts to respond vigorously to this challenge.

These observations were made at the inauguration of a three-day primary trauma care workshop at New Delhi's Apollo Hospital on Friday. The workshop was presided over by Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dixit and the Pakistan High Commissioner, Abdul Aziz Khan.

A seven-member team of doctors of the Primary Trauma Care Group (PTC) of Sindh is conducting the course for a group of 25 physicians from Delhi and other parts of India. Prof John Beavis, a Briton, is among the instructors.

The visiting PTC team includes Prof Rashid Jooma, Dr Shariq Ali, Dr Saeed Minhas of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Dr Inam Pal and Dr Rashid Punjwani of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Dr Nurul Haq of the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Dr Bushra Shirazi of the Ziauddin University Hospital.