

Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation(BMC) in association with S. L Raheja Hospital - A Fortis Associate hosts 'Vector Borne Disease' awareness rally

~ It is the 2nd consecutive awareness initiative conducted by the hospital in association with the BMC ~

Mahim, Mumbai, 4th July, 2018: Teams at **SL Raheja Hospital - A Fortis Associate** in association with the **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (G-North Ward)** along with the **NSS (National Service Scheme)** organized a rally to spread awareness on various water and vector borne diseases like Malaria, Dengue, Leptospirosis & Swine flu, today. Hosted for the second consecutive year, the rally was flagged off at Matunga Labor Camp premises today morning. During the course of the rally, the team of doctors along with an ambulance and nursing staff from SL Raheja Hospital, visited peripheral vicinities to spread awareness and educate locals about the various factors associated with these diseases.

Over **100** participants pledged towards spreading awareness about vector and water borne diseases and joined hands to walk for the cause. The initiative by the hospital and government body will continue to be hosted periodically throughout the season, in a hope to combat the spread of such diseases. The rally was flagged off by **Dr Prajakata Amberkar, Medical Officer of Health, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (G-North Ward)**, **Ms. Harshala More Prabhadg, Local Corporater (Ward 189)** and **Dr Bipin Chevale, Zonal Director, SL Raheja Hospital-A Fortis Associate**, who urged Mumbai'kars to be informed and take progressive steps towards creating awareness.

Speaking about the rally, **Dr Prajakata Amberkar, Medical Officer of Health, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (G-North Ward)** said, *"We are happy to be a part of such an initiative and to have partnered with a socially responsible hospital so that together, we can progressively work with the community to build awareness about these health concerns. We will continue to drive this initiative for the benefit of Mumbai'kars"*.

Talking about this initiative, **Dr Bipin Chevale, Zonal Director, S. L Raheja Hospital – A Fortis Associate**, said, *"This is a progressive step towards building healthier communities. We hope to reach a large section of the society with this initiative that we are driving with the help of BMC officials. Identifying basic symptoms, seeking medical treatment immediately and avoiding self-medication, is of utmost importance; we aim to sensitize our communities about this."*

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