

Fortis Lisa Ray “Spirit of Life award” -Honoring The Cancer Bravehearts

An inspiration for cancer patients

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To honour the cancer patients who have conquered the disease with confidence and didn't let it affect their zest for living, a Mulund-based hospital awarded them with Fortis Lisa Ray Spirit of Life Award 2011.

The award by Fortis Cancer Institute was presented by renowned actor and cancer survivor Lisa Ray. Of the 79 entries for this award, the panel of judges shortlisted 10 nominees, of which three were selected for final round. The criteria for selection of the award was based on parameters like willpower, positive attitude, ability to fight against cancer, compliance and completion of the treatment, tolerating treatment, acceptance of the disease and ability to motivate among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Lisa Ray said, “We wish to celebrate the spirit of life that ex-



Actor Lisa Ray (left) at the award ceremony –SM Kabir DNA

ists within each of the cancer conquerors through this award. Overcoming cancer is not about healing the body, it's about healing the mind. As a patient, I had to go through fear and isolation, it is human. I have learnt that conquering cancer is all about attitude. I was blessed to find immense support because I sought for it.”

“Being a cancer survivor, I can surely say that this initiative will bring to the forefront many cancer advocates who are great inspires,” added Lisa while commenting about this initiative.

Dr Mary Francis, who fought her battle against cancer and was one of the awardees said, “I faced cancer with confidence

without letting the disease affect my zest for life. God has given me a new life and I would like to use it positively by spreading awareness about cancer and to urge people to face with the right spirit. If you have the will and determination, you can face this dreaded

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disease and come out victoriously”. Mary who owns a clinical research company, is a born fighter. She bravely fought against the disease. While she was undergoing surgery and chemotherapy, she continued doing her routine activities both at home and at work. She even dared to travel to France during her battling phase.

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डॉ. मेरी यांना पहिला 'लिझा रे स्पिरिट ऑफ लाइफ' पुरस्कार

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कर्करोग अर्थात कॅन्सर, हा आजार आज ही देशात मोठं संकट म्हणूनच ओळखला जातो. मात्र या रोगाशी जिद्दीने लढून त्यावर मात करणारा नक्कीच एक आदर्श ठरतो. डॉ. मेरी फ्रान्सिस हे अशाच एका कर्करोगाशी लढणाऱ्या रणरागिणीचे नाव. आज मुलुंड येथील फोर्टिस रुग्णालयात लिझा रे स्पिरिट ऑफ लाइफ हा पुरस्कार त्यांचा याच लढ्याचे कौतुक करण्यासाठी त्यांना प्रदान करण्यात आला.

या पुरस्काराचे हे प्रथम वर्ष आहे. कुटुंबातील एखाद्या व्यक्तीला कर्करोग झाल्याचे कळताच संपूर्ण कुटुंब हादरून जाते. अशाच परिस्थितीला धोराने सामोरे जाणाऱ्या व्यक्तींचे उदाहरण



'लिझा रे स्पिरिट ऑफ लाइफ' पुरस्कार सोहळ्याप्रसंगी लिझा रे, डॉ. मेरी फ्रान्सिस आणि फोर्टिस रुग्णालयाचे मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी आदित्य विज.

समाजासमोर यावे, या हेतूने हा पुरस्कार सुरू करण्यात आला आहे. लिझा रे हिने नुकतीच कर्करोगाशी यशस्वी टक्कर दिली. मेरी फ्रान्सिस यांना स्तनांचा कर्करोग झाला होता. त्यांना दहा वर्षांचा मुलगाही आहे. केमोथेरपी घेत असतानादेखील त्यांनी आपले

काम सुरूच ठेवले होते. घर आणि काम सांभाळत असतानाच त्यांनी हा लढा दिला. त्यांच्या या धैर्याला पुरस्काराने सन्मानित करण्यात आले. त्यामुळे तिचा आदर्श घालून देण्यासाठी हा पुरस्कार तिच्या नावे व तिच्याच हस्ते देण्यात आला.

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