



Power of Health Gala - July 16, 2017--- Kennilworth Inn, Kennilworth, NJ

A brief Report of the Event presented by Anand Agarwala



The program started sharp at 10 am with a welcome address and Shri Ganesh and Maa Saraswati Vandana by Ms. Kalpita Khare. This was followed by a report on Arogya activities by Dr. Umesh Shukla with a video presentation. Subsequently Sri. Pragyakant Manglik made a video presentation on impact of Arogya work in Bihar State. Dr. Uma Thakur presented report on implementation and advantages of Saathi Pads for women and girls in Jharkhand State.

Dr. Pranaychandra Vaidya, an eminent cardiologist and Director of LIG (Life is Good) Foundation graced the program as Chief Guest. Dr. Sarah Timmapuri, MD CEO of LIG and Dr. Ernani Sadural, MD and CMO of LIG were also very kind to grace the occasion. Dr. Shubhangi Thakur introduced the Chief Guest and Dr. Vaidya very aptly recounted his long association with Dr. Ila Sukhadia and many others who were present in the program as participants. He even said he considers himself as one of all the participants and feels awkward to be there as Chief Guest of program. He said this is his program also. Dr. Vaidya then introduced Dr. Sarah Timmapuri who presented an excellent power point presentation on the activities of LIG. LIG has been actively involved in serving humanity globally since last 7 years. It was founded in Year 2010 after Haiti earthquake and after serving in Haiti under very trying circumstances, they have actively served in many Asian and African countries including Philippines, India many more. Dr. Sarah highlighted how they value volunteerism in their organization and how they have devised mechanism to keep youths in their networking and how they achieve a sense of fulfilment and stay motivated to work with LIG. Youths and Volunteerism are the lynchpin of HFRI and Arogya also. We had great discussions with all the three office bearers of LIG and both the organization have agreed in

principle to get together and explore the avenues of being able to work with each other in service of humanity in leading a healthier life. Dr. Sarah also introduced her husband Dr. Ernani to the audience. This couple has taken up a great mission in their life and we hope to learn from each other.

Mr. Abrar Hussain made a short presentation on social responsibilities and microfinancing with the help of a u tube video on Dr. Mohammed Yunnus, Noble Laureate.

Finally, Dr. Veena Gandhi informed about the unique program of HFRI – PMII – Premed students and Med students can avail of this program to get exposure to medicine, culture, patients, social taboos and poverty all packaged in a 10-14 days program. This is a great opportunity to get associated with your roots also. She concluded the program by summarizing HFRI initiatives, telemedicine, and financial status. She thanked each and every one for their participation.

Program ended with a short window of fund raising, which led to the collection of \$30,000. Lunch followed after a short prayer.