

## District Level Good Samaritan Workshop

On 30 May 2019, District Level Good Samaritan Workshop was held at unique hotel, Bhilwara on Good Samaritan Guidelines on Road Safety. Gourav Chaturvedi, Program Assistant, CUTS CHD Bhilwara, welcomed to guests and Gauhar Mahmood, Assistant Director, CUTS CHD, gave detailed information on the rights of the Good Samaritan.



Deepak Saxena, Assistant Director, CUTS CART, said that the decision has been given by the Supreme Court in the Paramanand Katara case and Save Life Foundation case which mentions about the injured persons in road accidents and role of Good Samaritans and their rights.

He added 150,000 people die each year on the roads in India, yet through a dangerous mix of weak law enforcement, a lack of emergency medical care and an unwillingness by the public to come to the aid of those injured, 80% of victims of road traffic crashes do not receive help within the critical first hour.



CP Goshawami, RCHO Health Department, Bhilwara emphasised the usefulness and need for the basic life support and Good Samaritans. He stressed the need for providing road safety information to the people in the villages to district level with the help of Community, Community Based Organisation so that awareness is created and which will slowly lead to transformation in behaviour of public.

Shambhu Lal, Inspector, RTO Bhilwara, spoke that Law Commission of India states that 50% of those killed in such crashes could have been saved if timely medical care had been provided to them.

Ajay Agarwal, Officer, Roadways Bhilwara, said the most crucial role is played by the person at the scene of the crash—the bystander or passerby. Not only can such people invoke the official systems of care by making that all-important phone call but they can also play a game-changing role in saving lives of victims by providing them first-aid. At the end of the session, the participants raised many queries related to Good Samaritan law, the resource persons respond well

