

## *Health Screening of Auto Rickshaw Drivers*



Auto rickshaws are the convenient way of transportation within the cities. Three wheeled auto rickshaw drivers play an important role as para transit modes in public transport of people in Delhi. They are mostly from poor financial and educational backgrounds. They are the most trusted for day to day life activities of travelling from the place to their destination. The drivers play a crucial role in travelling under the informal economy of service sector.

The hope for better tomorrow makes these people work for days and nights without any restrictions on working hours and rest hours without adequate holidays and proper working conditions. The drivers are not highly qualified in education but they work hard are leading a decent and respectable life within the society.

The auto drivers are face a many issues in working environment like health issues, lack of infrastructure facility and Traffic regulation etc. They need a highly competition between them majorly city busses and two-wheelers are partially effects to their earnings, they supply a 24/7 services with their commitment.



In association with the Indian Confederation of Labour (ICL) which is a small trade union federation in India, we have organized a health screening camp for the Auto Rickshaw drivers and their family members on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October` 21 at Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi. Around 72 beneficiaries took active participation in the camp to check their health condition.



A team of doctors and paramedical staff from the Star Group were present at the camp and provided free health consultation to the beneficiaries. Free blood tests (EDTA, SST) and BP Screening etc. were also made available. Since the beneficiaries were from the driving community, their health is always at risk due to the increasing air pollution. Counselling sessions were also provided to the needed individuals on their health conditions and further referrals were suggested. Mr. Anirban Bhattacharya, President ICL & Mr. Avtar Singh, Secretary General, ICL were the Chief Guests for the event.

Our doctors provided much needed consultation to help them understand ways to take better care of their health and respiratory system. We plan to conduct more such sessions/camps at regular intervals for such target groups in future also.