ARUNA ASAF ALI DAY- 16/07/2013

16th July is a "**Red Letter Day**" in the history of Aruna Asaf Ali Govt. Hospital as from this year and now onward every year on 16th July, we are going to celebrate this day as "**Aruna Asaf Ali Day**" – which is the birthday (16th July) of our **Veteran Freedom Fighter Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali** & in whose name finds the name of our hospital – "**Aruna Asaf Ali Govt. Hospital**".

To pay her a glowing tribute and in her cherished memory our hospital organized a "HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP" for EWS Children upto the age of 10 years in a colony in "TIMAR PUR" area – "ARUNA NAGAR" named after the *Veteran Freedom Fighter Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali*. The free medical check up camp was held on 12/07/2013 and Hon'ble MLA Sh. Prahalad Singh Sawhney was the Chief Guest. The camp was a great success and hundreds of children of the area attended & benefited from it.

Further on the eve of "ARUNA'S DAY" our Blood Storage Deptt. in association with Blood Bank Hindu Rao Hospital organized a Blood Donation Camp on 15th July, 2013, in which hospital doctors including Medical Superintendent, Staff Nurses, Paramedical & Group D employees donated the blood.

On 16th July, 2013 a grand celebration was held in the Conference Hall of the hospital in which nominee of Hon'ble MLA Sh. Prahalad Singh Sawhney, Members of **RKS**, Members of **RWA** along with all employees of the hospital participated. A brief history of Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali & that of the hospital was played through a **Documentary Film** prepared for the occasion which also depicted the ongoing changes in the hospital for the benefit of the patient & along with national songs – "Aai Mere Watan Ke Logon.... Zara Yaad Karo Kurbani" followed by "Jai Ho" was part of the documentary. The **Police Band played few National Songs** at the entrance near waiting hall which was appreciated by all, followed by prayer & song by the School Children. Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali was remembered by all of us on this day and a rich tribute was paid to her by all the elite dignitaries present.

It was followed by Award distribution function in which awards were given as — "Best Worker/Employee of the year" & Best Department of the Hospital, introduced for the 1st time in the history of the hospital & in the remembrance of Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali, to be continued every year on her birthday — 16th July. This is to motivate our staff and employees to give their best. This year Peads Ward won the Best Deptt. Award & Eye & Orthopaedic OPD were declared as a best OPD's. A revised "Citizen Charter" was also released on 16/07/2013 for the benefit of all those coming to this hospital. A light refreshment was served to all those present in the function.

The function ended with thanks to all the staff & employees who worked day & night to make the programme a success. Special thanks were given to the school kids who came at a very short notice & gave a beautiful presentation. Sincere gratitude was expressed to the dignitaries' & invites who spared their valuable time to attend the programme. The documentary on the Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali is being uploaded on our hospital website.

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