

A SHOT OF HOPE BEACONS OF HOPE

After seeing death from close range, young guns take to streets to assist the helpless

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A couple of friends living in the same housing society found themselves in a predicament to find a woman, a neighbour, crying in the middle of the road, clasping her two-year-old son, her Covid-positive husband unconscious in the ICU. Though the men did their best for the family, they couldn't save the life of her husband.

One of the friends, Mudit, 28, said that many like that woman were suffering for lack of information about Covid hospital beds, oxygen, medicines and injections. The two started a group called Generous Hearts, and personally began verifying these resources for those in need. Gradually, the number of volunteers increased and now there are more than 100 people working to help the helpless.

Generous Hearts has, till date, assisted over 45 people to procure hospital beds and raised funds for more than 10 patients, while also helping people with free online medical consultations and basic necessities.

“The sight of the society neighbour crying in the middle of the road because she did not have money to support the treatment of her husband who was in the ICU was the trigger for us,” said Mudit. “We assisted her financially, but she lost her husband the following day. When people around and close to us start suffering, that is when it hits us the most. We realised that if we all contributed a little of our time and effort, we would be able to save precious lives.”

Mudit is currently heading the voluntary group, which assists with ICU and ventilator beds, oxygen cylinders and concentrators, medicines and injections. “We are also constantly engaged in raising funds. Besides Generous Hearts' 100+ volunteers, there are many others who have been aiding us with these lifesaving resources,” said Mudit. “While we are doing our best, there are times when we are unable to save Covid patients. We can't express our

feelings at such times in words, how hard It is to break the news to the families.”



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