

SHOT OF HOPE

900 needy persons at high-risk get free vax

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Nearly 900 people in the age bracket of 18 to 44 got their first free vaccination shot at Vashi at a special inoculation camp organized for those who could not afford to pay the rate of Rs 1,000 per injection but were in the highrisk group.

“Due to the prolonged lockdown-like situation, many youths were unemployed; hence many in the age group of 18 to 44 years were unable to afford vaccination shots costing over Rs 1,000 per head. That is why, some Vashi residents like advocate Nilesh Bhojane and others contacted the NMMC and Reliance hospital at Koparkhairane to organise the vaccination camp. Funds were internally raised in the ward; our aim is to make the entire ward fully vaccinated,” said a local organiser, Anshu Vaardhaan.

He further added: “Many lower middle-class citizens like drivers, maids, courier boys, gardeners, liftmen among others are in the high-risk category, but are not considered frontline workers. That is why some of the citizens decided to collect funds for the inoculation....”