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BANGALORE: India's first laryngectomy club has been launched in Bangalore. BGS Global Hospitals in the city launched "[Global India Lary Club](#)", a support group for throat [cancer](#) patients who have lost their voice box after surgery on the occasion of World Voice Day last week. A corporate responsibility initiative of BGS Global Hospitals, this has been formed in association with International Association of Laryngectomees and Voice of Tobacco Victims (VoTV). It aims to assist the members in their efforts towards the total rehabilitation of the laryngectomee patients, help them regain confidence, empower them to carry forward the social responsibility to create awareness about ill effects of tobacco. It will provide a [forum](#) for patients to interact with the Doctors, speech therapists, psychologists and each other and learn the best way to cope with their speech related problems. The Global India Lary Club was inaugurated by AM Prasad ADGP (Crime). A M Prasad said, "A large number of these patients developed throat cancer owing to the use of tobacco. The Karnataka Police Department has taken serious steps to curb smoking in public places. A number of children fall prey to this habit. The police have taken steps to clear shops within 100 yards of schools that sell these products. We are committed to creating a tobacco free Karnataka." Speaking on the occasion, Dr. K. Ravindranath, Chairman and Managing Director, Global Hospitals Group said that this unique initiative is indeed a way to give voice for the voiceless and comes as a boon for those patients who suffer voice box

unique initiative is indeed a way to give voice for the voiceless and comes as a boon for those patients who suffer voice box cancers. It is our vision to spread the benefits of the forum to victims of Laryngectomy residing in small towns and villages across the State. Dr Vishal Rao, Consultant, Head and Neck Onco Surgeon said, "The theme for World Voice Day 2013, ""Connect to your voice,"" reminds us that our voice is essential for any number of basic activities that might be done on a given day - speaking with family or colleagues, placing an order in a restaurant, or just saying hello to a friend, etc. Your Voice Counts! However this may not be the same for patients of voice box cancers.

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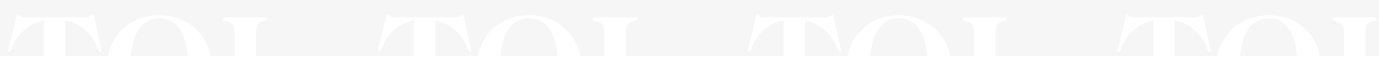
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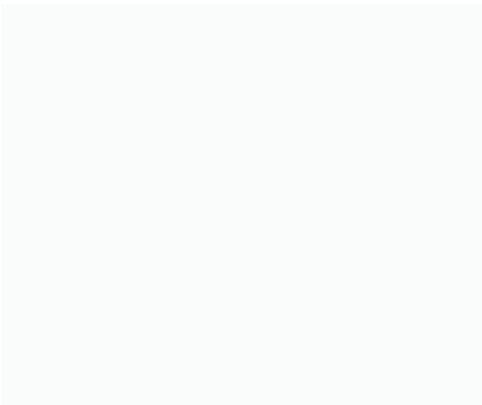
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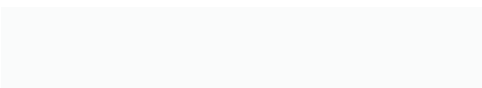
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