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Tips on how to save mishap victims

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Celebrating World First Aid Day, Survival Instincts (SI) and various government agencies, including traffic police and naval commandos, took part in primary trauma care and accident simulation programme held at Express Avenue mall in the city on Saturday.

The volunteers of SI displayed various situations in case of accidents or medical emergencies and how a layperson could tackle it.

Anoop Madhavan, founder of SI, said, "Global status report on road safety last year estimates more than 2 lakh people are killed in road traffic crashes in



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India and almost half of them being vulnerable road-users like motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists." "Poor emergency medical

response, unsafe road infrastructure and high-speed vehicles sharing space with other vulnerable sections contributes to the high fatality rate. Apt care by trained and equipped first-aid professionals can improve victim survival rates to 95 per cent, especially in life threatening situations such as shocks due to excessive bleeding or cardiac arrest," he said.

Pavithra Nuthakki, senior training manager with SI, said less than 4 per cent of public is aware of the basic first-aid procedures in an accident trauma scene. "And a startling 15 per cent only correctly assess the needs for calling an ambulance," she said.