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the FIEO award in the category Best Service Provider
Southern Region (Gold) for the year 2013 -2014 from Nirmala
Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry.

tioned the various measures
taken by the government, in-

and Maharashtra

WhatsApp post on cop turns out to be fake

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI: A WhatsApp post
depicting a woman head constable
chasing down an accused that went viral on
Saturday has turned out to be
fake. The post narrated how
a head constable chased
a man who fled from police
custody at the Government
Medical Hospital, adding that
the two constables were
inside, she ran half a
kilometre and nabbed him.
Inquiries with the police
at Stanley Hospital Out-
patient and Fishing Harbour
revealed no such incident
had happened.
A police officer said that in
a sub-inspector and
constables had taken
the accused from the Fish-
ing Harbour station to the
George Town Com-
pound where they were re-
leased. He accused were
at the hospital for ex-
amination. One of the ac-
cused tried to flee but was
arrested by the team.
The accused was later lodged
in central prison. The
constable stood at
the hospital out-
patient and no connection
with the officer said.
The police are
taking criminal action
against the responsible.

Bicycles distributed to cancer survivors

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CHENNAI: Bicycles were dis-
tributed to close to 30 surviv-
ors of cancer and their fami-
lies, in recognition of their
battle against the disease, at
the Cancer Institute, Adyar
on Saturday.

The bicycles, given by TI
Cycles and DATRI, a blood
stem cell donor registry,
represent health, the cycle of
life and eco-friendly means
of transport, said Raghu Ra-
jagopal, CEO of DATRI.

Speaking about the orga-
nisation's journey, he said
that since 2009, when the
registry was founded, a total
of 1,57,000 people had reg-
istered as donors, and 203
transplants, including 20 of
international patients, had
been facilitated.

He encouraged people to
sign up as donors, and said it
was the HLA typing of the
stem cells — to determine
matches between patients
and donors — that was ex-
pensive. "We are working
with Cancer Institute for a
solution so more people can
be saved," he said.

Earlier, K. Krishnarathi-
nam, medical oncologist, had
asked DATRI to chart out a
separate tariff for patients at
Cancer Institute as most
were treated free. Dr. Krish-
narathinam said that the

Cancer Institute has
started a helpline at
8056189840 where
patients can talk to
doctors directly

number of bone marrow
transplants being performed
had risen over the last few
years, and since 1983, the
country had had over 10,000
such transplants in 52
centres.

"There is a lot of scope and
hope from this procedure,"
he said.

T.G. Sagar, director of the
Institute, spoke about its his-
tory and its many achieve-
ments and said the event was
celebrating survivorship.

Institute starts helpline

The Cancer Institute has
started a 24x7 helpline for its
patients. Associate professor
of medical oncology
Prasanth Ganesan said that a
lot of their patients were
from different parts of the
State and often had queries
once they went back after
treatment.

"Earlier, they had to call
the switchboard number and
then, were connected to us.
Now, they can directly speak
to the doctors at any time,"
he said. The phone
8056189840 was launched on
the occasion.

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