

# New mental health helpline launched

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**NEW DELHI:** Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit has launched a 24-hour Mental Health Helpline started by the Vandrevala Foundation Mental Health Initiative-India. The helpline has been started by Vandrevala Foundation in association with The Emmanuel Hospital Association, St. Stephen's Hospital and the Mar Thoma Church.

The launch of the helpline in Delhi is part of the Foundation's vision to reach out and provide medical assistance to

a large number of patients, specially the underprivileged.

The Emmanuel Hospital Association, which has more than 20 hospitals over North and North East India along with many community health care initiatives, joined hands with St. Stephen's Hospital, the premier institution in the city devoted to health care of all sections of society, and the Mar Thoma Church to be actively involved in anti-stigma and awareness campaigns.

The Helpline 1860 266 2345 would provide service to Delhi and North India.