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Press Release

Chandigarh, December 29:- 'Skewed Sex Ratio- a cause of concern' was the topic of workshop held today at UT Guest House by the Health Department, Chandigarh. The Workshop was inaugurated by Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Mrs. Kamlesh. Director Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Manjit Singh Bains, senior health officials and various Councilors of Municipal Corporation were also present on the occasion. It was an effort to garner the support of the Councilors who are the voice of the people to percolate the message regarding the evil of Female Feticide at the doorsteps of the common man.

The Director Health & Family Welfare during his presentation sensitized the councilors regarding the prevailing catastrophe namely Female Feticide in the city. He said that there are 63 number of registered ultrasound centres in the city which are being regularly inspected by the four inspection teams deputed for the same after dividing Chandigarh into four zones. Various measures undertaken by the Health Department for the effective implementation of PC & PNDT Act and the guidelines laid down by the department for the maintenance of the identity - photograph & the residence proof of the pregnant woman undergoing ultrasound examination in the second trimester of the pregnancy were applauded.

A presentation regarding the 'Present Scenario of Sex Ratio in UT, Chandigarh' was also presented in the workshop. The pictorial presentation of all the activities undertaken by the department under PNDT- Project Mashal was a visual delight to see the amount of commitment and dedication of the Health Department to fight the evil of Female Feticide at all levels and the conviction depicted by the Health Officials at the grass root level i.e. the AWWs & ANMs etc.

Mrs. Kamlesh appreciated this step forward taken by the Health Department for collaborative effort to involve the community leaders who are the opinion makers for the common man and can facilitate in bringing about a change in society.