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**Chandigarh, March 19:- A state-level campaign on Homeopathy for 'Mother and Child Care' was inaugurated today by UT Home-cum-Health Secretary, Mr. Ram Niwas at Government College for Boys, Sector-11. The campaign has been organized by the Department of Ayush and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and it will be on till March 20, 2010. The workshop would highlight the strength of homoeopathy in mother and child care and shall pave the way for integration of homoeopathy into the mainstream healthcare of the country.**

**Outlining the importance of Homeopathy system, Mr. Niwas said that homeopathic system attempts to treat patients by analyzing the symptoms of the disease. Apart from the symptoms of the disease, homeopaths also use aspects of the patient's physical and psychological state in recommending remedies. 'Homeopathy system is growing fast but still a lot of people are sceptic about the use of homeopathic medicines. They rely more on allopathic system', averred Mr. Niwas. He expressed hope that this platform would come out with some meaningful ways to promote homeopathic system and sensitize people about the advantages of homeopathic medicines.**

**Director, Health Services, UT Administration, Dr. M.S. Bains said that the main objective of the workshop was to propagate and promote AYUSH systems in public healthcare as outreach of this system was limited. 'The workshop will provide orientation training to homeopaths on mother and child care and find ways and means of strengthening and equipping the Ayush system of medicines. It will also go a long way in offering people total healthcare under one roof', Dr. Bains added.**

**As many as 200 delegates from Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana, including doctors of Homeopathy, Ayurvedic, Allopathic and Dental, are participating in the workshop. It will seek to mainstream homoeopathy; focus on mother and child care, especially the psycho-socio aspect, during ANC; study systematic changes during pregnancy; and lay emphasis on global research.**

**Special Secretary Health, Mr. Ajoy Sharma, Director Principal, GMCH-32, Prof. Raj Bahadur and other senior doctors was present on the occasion.**