

Anti Dengue Camp at Motor Market-Sector 48

Chandigarh, July 23: As per guidelines of GOI and the Director Health & Family Welfare UT-Chandigarh the month of July is being observed as Anti Dengue Month. As a part of this month, a camp was organized in Motor Market-Sector 48 on 23.7.2010. The main purpose of the camp was to create awareness among the owners of the Motor markets, mechanics and tyre traders so as to reduce the Mosquito genic potential in their areas. The camp was attended by the Medical Officer I/C, Homoeopathic Dispensary Sector 47, Chairman, President, Vice President and other office bearers of the Motor Market Association-Sector 48. Besides this all mechanics working in different sites in the Motor market area also attended this camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Dr. G.C.Bansal -Assistant Director Malaria-cum-State Surveillance Officer-IDSP, UT-Chandigarh. He informed the members to take part in the programme for reducing the Aedes mosquito-breeding in the Motor market area. He advised to join hands with the govt for protection of Malaria, Dengue, JE and Chikunguniya.

Dr. Bansal also stressed that monsoon month could easily increase the mosquito breeding places in and around the working places. He emphasized that during monsoon months discarded tyres, junk material and other water holding containers shall become permanent source of Aedes mosquito breeding. He advised the Motor market owners and the

mechanics not to throw any discarded containers on the rooftops of the shops and do not allow water to accumulate in underground *haudies* because *haudies* are the main source of mosquito breeding.

Dr. Bansal also informed that *Aedes* mosquito breeds in fresh water collection i.e. Coolers, containers, flower pots and overhead tanks etc. He also informed about the signs and symptoms of Dengue and its fall outs i.e. Dengue can be fatal also. If anybody suffering from fever, get your blood examined at the nearest dispensary/ hospital and take treatment free of cost.

The NVBDCP constituted the various teams (i.e. Anti larval team, Anti adult team, Fever alert team, Mosquito genic situation team, IEC team). The teams carried out comprehensive activities, which included Anti larval measures, Collection of blood smears from the fever cases, Examination of slides and treatment of positive cases, Vector control measures, checking of mosquito genic situation, Checking of coolers, and Issue of notices to the defaulters.

Dr. G.C.Bansal-ADM along with the members of the motor market association and mechanics took out a flag march in the motor market-Sector 48 for the purpose for creating awareness.

S.Kehar Singh President of Motor Market Sec 48, Chandigarh highlighted about the various activities which are being carried out by the staff during the Anti dengue Month. He informed that the anti malaria services were being provided at the doorstep of the motor market. He thanked Dr. Bansal and NVBDCP staff for holding the camp and educating the people.

Special health awareness drive was launched by the song group through various songs on prevention and control of Malaria and Dengue in the Anti Dengue Camp at Motor Market Sec 48, Chandigarh.

The teams were pressed into action in Motor market-Sector 48 for ensuring treatment of Mosquito breeding situation and collection of Blood smears from the fever cases. At the end of the camp the "Fever Alert" teams and operational teams screened the entire area of Motor market- sector 48 and treated 816 points of breeding places with larvicides and insecticides and 268 numbers of blood slides have been collected and examined during the camp on the spot.