

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**Annapurna Akshaypatra Yojana- Affordable, Hygienic and Nutritious
Food for Needy**

Chandigarh, 2nd January, 2017: The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh jointly with Member of Parliament, Smt. Kirron Kher inaugurated “ANNAPURNA AKSHAYPATRA” a project initiated by Indian Red Cross Society, U.T. Branch, Chandigarh to provide affordable, hygienic and nutritious diet to the labourers, Industrial workers and all the needy in the city with active support of Health Department, Labour Department, Food & Supplies Department, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum corporation Ltd., Sewa Bharti, Chandigarh., Panchkula Gaushala Trust, Panchkula and Market Committee, U.T. Chandigarh.

Under this project, a Kitchen Shed is erected at Karuna Sadan Building, Sector 11-B, Chandigarh with total initial cost of the project of Rs.70 Lac. The required infrastructure has been arranged through different philanthropists. The food will be prepared and packed in kitchen set up at Karuna Sadan Building, Sector 11, Chandigarh and daily distribution will be done at the following areas from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. The cost of Food Packet will be Rs.10/- each.

- Sabji Mandi (Transport Area), Sector 26, Chandigarh.
- Labour Chowk, Manimajra, Chandigarh.
- Labour Chowk , (Near EWS Colony),Dhanas
- Labour Chowk, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh.
- Labour Colony No.4, Industrial Area, Phase 1, Chandigarh.

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh, Sh. V.P Singh Badnore appreciated the initiative taken by the Indian Red Cross Society, Chandigarh with active support of Chandigarh Administration and different philanthropists towards this noble cause for the welfare of needy populace of the city. The Chief Guest also honoured all the donors for their active support in effective implementation of this Annapurna Akshayapatra Yojana.

Applauding the move of Indian Red Cross Society, Smt Kirron Kher, Member of Parliament, U.T., Chandigarh decided to give five vans from the MPLAD fund which would help in serving more people of the city.

On this occasion, Sh. Parimal Rai, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, IRCS, Sh. Rajiv Gupta, PCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh, members of Managing Body of Red Cross, Red Cross Volunteers and staff members were also present.