

**Department of Public Relations  
Chandigarh Administration**

Press Release

**Celebration of World Population Day 2017**

**Chandigarh, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017:** State Level Celebration of World Population Day 2017 was held at Auditorium of District Family Welfare Bureau, Sector 22 with the theme of “**Nayi Lehar, Naya Vishwas, Sampoon Zimmedari se Parivar Vikas**” under the Leadership of Dr. Rakesh Kashyap, Director Health & Family Welfare cum Mission Director, National Health mission, Chandigarh.

Dr. A.K Janmeja, Director Principal of Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest of state level celebration. Mr. Ravi Sharma, Councilor of Sector 22 attended the function along with all the Programme Officers, Medical Officers and other health staff. A Puppet Show and Documentary of Family Planning & Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao was shown to the participants.

Chandigarh Administration is observing a month – long period comprising of Mobilization Fortnight (27<sup>th</sup> June 2017- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017) and Population Stabilization Fortnight (11<sup>th</sup> July 2017- 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017). World Population Day is celebrated for creating awareness amongst the public regarding family planning and motivating them to adopt small family norms through Health talks, Counseling and by Holding Mobilization Camps. The overall objective is to put emphasis on the importance of family planning and to reduce the consequent issues arising from the increasing population by making them aware of the hidden disaster of population explosion.

In Mobilization Fortnight, many awareness generation related activities has been done for making the general public aware about the stabilization of population. Extensive Field level activities were conducted in high priority areas i.e. RHTC Palsora, Public Health Dispensary, Sector 25, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Maulijagan, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, UHTC Indra Colony.

Dr. Anil Garg, District Family Welfare Officer shared the important information about the availability of Family Planning Services in the health setup of Chandigarh. Dr. Sangeeta Ajay, Nodal Officer – National Health Mission concluded the celebration with a vote of thanks and requested all the participants to disseminate the important information shared over this platform to others as well.

