

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Chandigarh, 9th February, 2018: National Deworming Day (NDD) was launched today on 9th February 2018 from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sector 15, U.T. Chandigarh. All children in age group of 2-19 years will be administered Deworming tablets, free of cost in all schools & Aaganwadies of Chandigarh, followed by the mop-up day on February 15th 2018. Students are appraised with education training practice on the importance of “Hand washing” & and Maintaining personal Hygiene.

On this occasion, Director Health & Family Welfare, Dr. G. Dewan, addressed children on key points to prevent worm infestation & importance of National Deworming Day. He stressed that worm infections can cause anemia, malnourishment, impaired mental and physical development and may cause a serious threat to children’s health, education, and productivity. The infected children cannot concentrate on their studies and they find very hard to put up their daily activities.

He further emphasized that parasitic worms are among the most common infections worldwide. It lives in human intestines and consumes nutrients meant for the human body. They produce thousands of eggs each day, which are passed in faeces and spread to others in area used for public toilet. Proper hand Washing and sanitation play an important role in preventing such disease.