

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Project 'SAARTHI'- Orientation Programme

Chandigarh, 16th April 2018: An Orientation Programme for the **Project 'SAARTHI'** by State NSS Cell in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Chandigarh with the support of NSS Units of PU, Chandigarh, its affiliated colleges and PGIMER, Chandigarh was organized by the NSS Units of Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector-36 B, Chandigarh today. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi (IAS), Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, IRCS, Chandigarh.

The other main guests were Sh. Bikram Rana, State Liaison Officer, NSS, UT, Chandigarh; Dr. Navdeep Sharma, NSS Coordinator, PU, Chandigarh; Dr. Mini Arora, Medical Officer, IRCS, UT, Chandigarh; Dr. Raman Sharma, Assistant Professor, PGI, Chandigarh; Dr. Madhu, Assistant Program Advisor, NSS Regional Directorate and Sh. Sushil Tank, Indian Red Cross Society, Chandigarh. Volunteers from NSS Units of DSCE-36, PGGCG-11, MCM DAV-36, DAV-10, PGGCG-42, PGGCG-46, GGDS-32, SGGS-26, CCET-26, GCCBA-50 and PU Campus attended the orientation programme.

Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi shared his idea of the project 'SAARTHI' and his expectations from the NSS Volunteers. He also appreciated Dev Samaj College for successfully organizing this orientation programme. Sh. Bikram Rana motivated the students and appreciated them for volunteering for this noble cause. He also talked about the objectives of this project. Further Dr. Mini Arora instructed the volunteers about the Do's and Don'ts to be kept in mind while serving the patients, and Dr. Raman Sharma emphasized the importance of providing psychological support to the patients and their attendants.

Dr. (Mrs.) Agnese Dhiilon, Principal of the College gave her heartiest wishes to the NSS Cell, UT Chandigarh, IRCS, Chandigarh, NSS Units of PU, its affiliated

colleges and PGIMER volunteers and wished for the project to become a great success.