

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

World Malaria Day- “Ready to beat Malaria”

Chandigarh, 26th April, 2018: As per the guidelines of WHO and Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, New Delhi. The Malaria Wing of Health Department, UT-Chandigarh organized the World Malaria Day-2018. The theme for the year is “Ready to beat Malaria”.

As per directions and under able guidance and leadership of worthy Director Health & Family Welfare Dr. G. Dewan the following activities were carried out:

1. **Pledge for prevention and control of Malaria:** A pledge was administered to the Staff of NVBDCP & IDSP under the supervision of Assistant Director Malaria for prevention & Control of Malaria at Headquarter, Sector-9, Chandigarh. Same pledge was undertaken at various Public Health institutions where SMO’s/ MO’s, Paramedical staff and patients were involved. During the prayer meeting students and teachers of all educational institutions took oath.

Malaria Staff of all units, Staff of National Health Mission, staff of O/o District Welfare Family Office, Staff of RNTCP took pledge to work towards malaria elimination. Anganwadi workers also took oath in the conference hall of GMSH, Sector-16, Chandigarh.

2. **Organizing awareness Rallies:** Various awareness rallies at 25 malaria field units were organized by the malaria workers where they visited houses for creating awareness and distribution of IEC material.

3. **Involvement of Para Military Forces:** An awareness camp was organized to sensitize the para military forces i.e. CRPF base camp Sector-43, Chandigarh and ITBP camp Hallomajra. A lecture was delivered by Assistant Director Malaria wherein emphasis was laid on the personal protection measures along with control strategy for prevention of malaria.

An entomological exhibition was also displayed at the camp for general awareness of the public by the Malaria Wing.

4. **Awareness camp at Village Faidan:** An awareness camp to educate the masses for prevention and control of Malaria was organized in collaboration with the School of Public Health, PGIMER- Chandigarh.
5. **Active blood slide collection:** Active blood slide collection was also done at various places by Malaria workers.
6. **Field surveillance:** Breeding points i.e. coolers, haudi's, over head tanks were also checked by the malaria staff along with announcements on mega phone.
7. **Vector Control Activities:** Extensive spraying and fogging was done at vulnerable locations throughout the city.