

**Department of Public Relations
Chandigarh Administration**

Press Release

Child beggar rescue drive

Chandigarh, 3rd, May 2018: District Child Protection Society under the aegis of District Magistrate/Collector, Chandigarh Administration organized a Child Beggar rescue drive at traffic light points sector 34/35, Elante Mall, traffic lights of Sector 34/ 33/ 22, and near sector 20 Jama Mazjid Chandigarh.

A total of 6 children (3 boys and 3 girls) were rescued in the drive, who have been provided with temporary shelter after filing of DDR and medical checkup with orders of Child Welfare committee until further enquiry may be conducted to assess the background of children and their families. Out of 6 children 4 Children have been rescued from the Jama Mazjid sector 20 at 2:00 PM under the Category of Child beggary and 2 Children were rescued from the Elante Mall at 8:00 PM. The children were found selling products such as ballons, other items near main gate of Elante Mall.

The District Child Protection Society set up under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for the implementation the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and model rules 2016. It was observed during the drives that a number of Children are seen begging and selling alms often accompanied by the adults. District Child Protection Society will organize drives to crackdown on forced child begging and child labour as well in the city. Further various awareness programs are organized by the Society to create public awareness about the Child protection issues. The drive was conducted by Ms. Tabhsum Khan, District Child Protection officer, Ms. Anita Ranjan, Child Protection Officer (Non Institutional),

Mr. Irshad , Social Worker & Ms. Anita and Mr. Rajesh Outreach Workers from the District Child Protection Society.