

## State Planning workshop and ToT for Measles – Rubella Campaign

A two day State Planning workshop and ToT for Measles – Rubella held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 under the leadership of Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home cum Health Secretary, U.T Chandigarh. It is targeted for successful roll out of the Measles – Rubella (MR) Campaign in the Chandigarh.

According to Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home cum Health Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh, India along with other WHO SEAR counties has resolved to eliminate measles and control rubella/ congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) by 2020. In alignment with that, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is introducing Measles - Rubella (MR) Vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The vaccine will be introduced in Measles – Rubella Campaign targeting children from 9 months up to 15 years in a phased manner, followed by administration of the vaccine in routine immunization.

Dr. Rakesh k. Kashyap, Director Health & Family Welfare cum Mission Director – National Health Mission, U.T Chandigarh said this campaign targets more than 3 lacs children from 9 months up to 15 years. The MR Campaign will be conducted over 4 - 5 weeks in the months of July & August. The vaccination will be done in schools during the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks and later in community sessions. He stressed that to ensure that all children in the target age in the schools get vaccinated during the campaign, Health Department is looking forward for full cooperation from the schools including – public and private. This will help to achieve high quality campaign in Chandigarh.

Stakeholders from Education Department, Department of Women & Child Development were also present to understand their roll in the MR Campaign. Mr. Rubinder Jit Singh, Director School Education assured full support of his department in this campaign.

The highly motivated resource pool from WHO, UNICEF and ITSU, MoHFW orientated the participants with the knowledge about Measles – Rubella (MR) and all are dedicated to make this campaign a success in U.T. Chandigarh.

