

Press Release- Health Department, Chandigarh, U.T

Drive by Health Department to screen the population for Non Communicable Diseases continues

Chandigarh, 9th July, 2016: Chandigarh Health Department in Collaboration with School of Public Health, PGIMER, Gynae. Department, GMCH-32, State Bank of Patiala and Rotary Chandigarh Sivalik organized free Health Camp at Public Health Dispensary, Sector 25 today. The Health Camp was inaugurated by Joint Commissioner MC Sh. Rajiv Gupta, IAS and Dr. Subhash Verma, Dean PGIMER. This was the fifth Health Camp in continuation of previous four Health Camps held at Daddu Majra, Maulijagran, Dhanas and Ramdarbar.

Dr. Vanita Gupta, Director Health Services after welcoming the Joint Commissioner and Dean PGIMER assured them that the optimum preventive, diagnostic and curative services will be provided to people coming to the health facility with expectation of getting best health care services.

Joint Commissioner MC announced support in terms of equipment required to screen and treat Cervical Cancer. The Rotary Chandigarh Sivalik has committed to print the Health Awareness handbills and distribution of the same to the masses. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, PGIMER and Director Health Services escorted the dignitaries around the camp and explained about all the services being provided by the Health Centre.

Specialists from field of Medicine, Gynae., Eye, Skin and ENT examined patients and gave free consultation. Around 752 patients were examined at the camp and approx 265 people were examined at Medical OPD and were given treatment accordingly 134 people were examined by Eye specialist at the venue. Under *Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan* (PMSMA) approx 70 pregnant women were examined and provided with essential maternal health services.

Dr. Vanita Gupta said Senior Gynaecologists screened approx. 39 females above 30 yrs. for Breast and Cervical Cancers, out of these 4 were suspected for Cervical Cancer. Total 88 people were examined by ENT specialist and one was found to be suspected for Oral Cancer. Total of 91 people were examined for skin diseases and most common problem was found to be fungal infection.

Nursing students from School of Nursing, GMSH-16, conducted risk profiling of people > 30yrs. Out of 112 people screened for Diabetes 22 were found to be suspected for diabetes and out of 262 people screened for Hypertension and Obesity, 9 were found to be hypertensive, 31 were overweight and 105 were found to be obese. Approx. 106 people were tested for HIV and VDRL.

Counselling was also given in small groups to the community regarding adoption of healthy lifestyle like physical activity weight management, and early detection, signs and symptoms, timely referral and management of Non communicable diseases by Dietician. An informative and educative exhibition on HIV/ AIDS, Malaria and Leprosy was organized to generate awareness amongst visitors.

