

# **Chandigarh Administration Celebrated Population Stabilization Day**

## **Press Release**

1050 Patients received free treatment and medicines during Health Mela in the ground of Gurdwara of Village Faidan organized by Health Department under NRHM on the occasion of Population Stabilization Fortnight.

A Health Mela was organized today i.e. on 12th July, 2011 from 9.00 a.m onwards in the ground of Gurdwara of Village Faidan, Chandigarh by Health Department, U.T. under National Rural Health Mission. This Health Mela was inaugurated by Dr. Chander Mohan, Mission Director, NRHM - cum-Director Health Services, U.T, Chandigarh in the presence of senior officials. Jan Sankhya Sthirtha Pakhwara (Population Stabilization Fortnight) is being celebrated Nationwide. UT Administration Chandigarh started the awareness/ Demand generation campaign for Chota Parivaar Sampooran Parivaar Vikas by organizing two camps and a Health mela. 1050 patients were examined by various specialists of all the departments. The specialty services like Gynae, Paediatrics, Ortho, Medicine, Surgery, Skin, ENT, Dental and Ayush were provided. Intensive information, education & communication activities were carried out two- three days prior to the health Mela by way of announcements and miking in the area. Posters, pamphlets, handouts etc. were distributed during the Health Mela. Stalls of different programmes under various National Rural Health Mission exhibited their services during Health Mela, so as to provide on the spot health care services.

Mission Director, NRHM –cum- Director Health & Family Welfare, UT Chandigarh along with senior health officers visited the exhibition area of the Mela. He appreciated efforts of National Programmes like RCH for Maternal and Child Health services, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme whereby it was explained that Chandigarh is among top performing states in eradicating TB in India. The presentation of National Leprosy Elimination Programme stressing generating awareness regarding Leprosy and other skin infections. The demonstration by National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme to explain the life cycle of mosquito was informative and educative and months of June & July are observed as Anti-malaria & Anti-Dengue months.

Mission Director, NRHM – cum- Director Health Services, U.T, Chandigarh also inaugurated a special family planning camp at CHC- Manimajra on 11.07.11. Another such camp was held at CD- Maulijagran. Director Health Services emphasized the roll of various departments viz Village Health Sanitation Committee Members, PRIs, Religious Leaders, Local leaders, Social Welfare Department, Labor Department , Education Department, Adult Literacy Department as well as the NGOs for awareness generation of voluntary adoptions of family planning by the couples. It was encouraging to see more no. of eligible couple adopting CU-T 380 which gives protection for 10 years against pregnancy. As many as 1200 packets of condoms, 10 copper T insertions and number of Oral pills were distributed, lecture, demonstration were given at three of the places for awareness generation. Director Health Services also apprised regarding the rise in the rate of economic growth due to rise in share of working age people in the population which later on becomes a liability as the large working age group grows older. Therefore he appealed to masses to contribute towards population stabilization for inclusive and sustainable growth

Dr. Chander Mohan, Mission Director, NRHM –cum- Director Health & Family Welfare said that this kind of Mela helps to reach out to the people in need, the people who because of one reason or the other do not visit dispensaries or hospitals to get the treatment. He said that these kinds of Health Melas help in creating awareness about different important health issues like TB, Leprosy, Malaria, HIV Aids etc. Local leaders and NGOs from the village participated proactively in the mela.

