## **Press Release**

Chandigarh Hospice is a Palliative Care Unit being run by the Indian Red Cross Society., U.T., Branch, Chandigarh in collaboration with Department of Radiotherapy, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Chandigarh Hospice was set up in 2003 for the patients who need institutional care for their pain management and supportive care. Palliative Care Service is being run in three settings - Out patient clinic, Home Care and Hospice.

Around 17000 patients have been benefitted from the service till its inception. Chandigarh Hospice is now launching two new projects under its banner:-

- 1. Laser Pain Relief and Physiotherapy Centre.
- 2. Training Centre for General Assistant Course (Chandigarh Skill Development Mission) under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

The Laser Pain Relief and Physiotherapy Centre is being set up with the aim of providing better pain control for our inpatients as well as for the elderly residing in and around the sector. It is extremely useful for relieving chronic pains associated with arthritis, neuropathies and various musculoskeletal disorders. The other physiotherapy modalities along with Laser Therapy will help in improving quality of Life of patients with chronic pain conditions

The other project to be launched, is the General Assistant Course under Chandigarh Skill Development Mission, a part of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. The aim of the project is to train the youth in the field of health care. This will ultimately benefit them by way of providing employment to the trainees and provide skilled professionals to take care of sick, needy and elderly patients in the Society.

HE Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh interacted in-patient with their attendants and trainees of PMKVY.