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## Health Ministry Organizes Voluntary Blood Donation Camp

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**USPA NEWS** - The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. B.P. Sharma lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp, organised by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, at Nirman Bhawan, in New Delhi on October 06, 2015.

Mr. BP Sharma, Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) inaugurated the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at Nirman Bhawan on October 6. The Health Secretary also met a group of thalassemic children who were present at the camp. Total 310 units of blood were collected till 3 pm at the Blood Donation Camp. The camp was organized to help the thalassemic children and patients suffering from Dengue.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare aims to collect blood for providing hospitals without replacement. However, this is not possible till the voluntary blood donors come forward to donate blood.

During summer and especially the dengue season there is a huge scarcity of blood. In India 39,000 units of blood are required every day. As against the requirement of 130 lakh units of blood, the present collection provides only 90 lakh units.

The National Health Mission (NHM) is trying to strengthen the district level blood centers so that First Referral Units (FRUs) are catered for blood efficiently. Small Blood collection Mobile units as well as transportation vans are given to states to mobilize the voluntary blood donation in remote areas. NHM is also catering to FRUs with sufficient manpower and equipments to run these centers 24Å—7.

Several officers and staff of the Ministries located at Nirman Bhawan took part in the Blood Camp organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Also present on this occasion were Dr. Jagdish Prasad, DGHS, Mr. C K Mishra, AS&MD (NHM), Mr. Arun Kumar Panda, Additional Secretary (Health), Mr. Navreet Singh Kang, AS&DG (CGHS/NACO), Mr. K B Agrawal, AS (Food and Drugs), Mr. Ali R. Rizvi, JS, Mr. Manoj Jhalani, JS and other senior officers of the Health Ministry.

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