

# World No-Tobacco Day observed

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**CHANDIGARH:** Various hospitals, including the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, and private hospitals and NGOs across the city celebrated 'World No-Tobacco Day' on Saturday.

## **FOOT MARCH AT PGI**

The department of hospital administration of the PGIMER organised a foot march on its premises. It commenced at the Nehru block. Passing via the department for cardiovascular diseases and the de-addiction center, the march concluded inside the new OPD where all the volunteers were thanked and educated about the harmful effects of tobacco.

## **FOOT MARCH AND AWARENESS SESSIONS MARK THE DAY AT CITY HOSPITALS**

Urban health training centre, department of community medicine, school of public health, PGIMER, also organised a talk at Shri Guru Harkishan Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 38D, Chandigarh. Around 50 teachers attended the celebration.

## **AWARENESS SESSION AT FORTIS HOSPITAL**

Fortis Hospital SAS Nagar, along with NGO Youth Innovative Society, organised an awareness session at the Chandigarh College of Architecture. 'Raise Taxes on Tobacco' was the theme of this session. Over 110 students

took part in the session which included a talk by Dr Zafar Ahmed Iqbal, consultant, critical care and pulmonologist, Fortis Hospital, SAS Nagar.

## **FUNCTION AT GMSH-16**

UT health department and Global Cancer Concern India came together at a function in Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16. Health secretary Anil Kumar was the chief guest and Lieutenant General PPS Bhandari (retd), Trustee of Global Cancer Concern India, was the guest of honour. The health secretary released a poster in English and Hindi to spread awareness on the menace of tobacco among people.

Anil Kumar stressed the need to sensitise public, especially adolescents, who are the easiest targets for initiation into the tobacco habit.