

iv) A Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was held on 3rd October 2009 in the Blood Bank to commemorate National Voluntary Blood Donation Day - 1st October, in which Doctors, Students, Paramedical staff of ASCOMS and Social Organizations donated blood and took a pledge to make blood available, accessible and approachable to all at all times. Director Medical Dr.S.S.Soodan inaugurated the camp. Prof.J.R.Rathore, Director Administration and Shri Jag Mohan Choudhary, Zonal Chief Sant Nirankari Mandal were the Guests of Honour.

Dr.Kumkum Sharma, Prof & Head Blood Bank informed that for the population of 1.2 billion, estimated requirement of blood in our country is 12 million units annually. The present annual collection of blood is 8.5 million units. Thus there is a shortage of 3.5 million units in spite of 2607 Blood Banks functioning in 35 States & Union Territories. To bridge the gap between demand and supply, promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation and separation of Blood units into various components is the only solution. Outcome of shortage of blood units results in malpractice, denial of access of blood to needy patients. In fact nearly one third of all maternal deaths in the country are on account of no access/non-availability of blood. Consultant Dr.Urmil Verma, Dr.Bhawna Raina, Dr.Poonam Sharma, Dr.Mala and Dr.Farhana actively participated in the conduct of camp

II. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES

(a) Specialty Clinics at UTHC Chatha

During the month of September 2009, a total of 12 patients were examined in the Specialty clinics and 82 patients were examined in General OPD. 12 patients were also referred to different specialties of ASCOMS & Hospital for further investigations and treatment.

(b) Health Checkup of School Children

On 3rd September 2009, a team of Residents Doctors from ASCOMS conducted a general medical check up camp at J. K. Public School, Panjtirthi, Jammu in which around 300 students accompanied by