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## **Delhi: WOMB, a campaign to spread awareness about mom-child hepatitis transmission**

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NEW DELHI: **Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS)** has started a new campaign called 'WOMB' to create awareness about hepatitis being vertically transmitted from mother to child.

On the occasion of Hepatitis Day, which was marked on Saturday, the hospital started the campaign Winning Over Mothers with Hepatitis B (WOMB), which was flagged off by Delhi chief secretary Naresh Kumar.

The hospital also organised public awareness related events, which included free Hepatitis B vaccination and general anthropometric measurements for general public, screening for hepatitis B and C, and fibroscan testing.

Hepatitis B is a viral infection that affects the liver and can cause both acute and chronic infection. Most people with Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection do not experience any symptoms when newly infected. A proportion of people develop chronic infection, which can then lead to progressive liver disease and result in cirrhosis or liver cancer. Chronic infection occurs in the majority (90%) of infants infected from their mothers or before 5 years of age. Those infected after the age of five years are much less likely (<5%) to develop a chronic infection.

Director of family welfare Vandana Bagga, who was also present at the event, applauded the efforts of ILBS for launching the initiative for prevention and control of mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis. She stressed that the young generation is an important torch bearer in the fight against hepatitis and that no child should be left unimmunized.

State health secretary Amit Singla said that the Delhi government is committed to eliminate hepatitis B and C from the national capital.

Film director Vidhu Vinod Chopra emphasised that the WOMB campaign would be a step in the right direction.

He hoped that the citizens, especially the younger population, would take it as their social responsibility to spread awareness regarding hepatitis.