

## Launching of Swabhimaan program in Odisha

“Swabhimaan Program” which aims at improving the nutritional status of girls and women before conception, during pregnancy, and after child birth is a collaborative project between UNICEF, Odisha Livelihood Mission and AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The baseline survey of the program will be implemented in Koraput block and Pallahada block of Koraput and Angul districts, respectively. An inaugural ceremony for Training of Trainers (TOT) for Swabhimaan Baseline Survey in Odisha (25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 10 am in the Dept of Community & Family Medicine. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Director AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. Dr. Vikas Bhatia, Professor, Head of the department (Dept of CM & FM), Dean cum Principal Investigator of the Swabhimaan project welcomed all the dignitaries on the dias and gave a brief overview of the entire project. Mr. P K Ray, DDA, AIIMS BBSR; Dr. Shweta Sharma, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF; representatives of Odisha Livelihood Mission and faculty from the Dept. of CM & FM also attended the inauguration program. Faculty from IIPS, Mumbai were the resource persons for the TOT. The training program was conducted for Project Coordinators & Field Supervisors.



