

## **Introduction**

This center at Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital started as a Regional Pediatric Center (RPC) for HIV care on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2006 to commemorate roll out of pediatric HIV initiative of the Govt. of India. It was housed with anti-retroviral therapy center (ART Center) which was co-established with it.

The objective of the center was to provide comprehensive care to HIV infected children up to 15 years of age, including provision of anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs free of cost. In Dec. 2011 the existing RPC was upgraded to "The Pediatric Center of Excellence in HIV Care" to provide comprehensive care to the all infected members of family under one roof.