## **Press Release**

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## Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) Campaign - Date: 19-01-2020

- Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) Campaign in Tamil Nadu will be conducted on 19.01.2020.
- **43,051 booths** established in all PHCs/Government Hospitals/ ICDS Centres, Noon Meal Centres, Schools and other important places in Tamil Nadu.
- Elaborate arrangements have been made to vaccinate 70.50 lakhs target children in these booths.
- IPPI is supported by UNICEF, WHO and Rotary International.

## **Key Points:**

- 1. Immunization booths will function from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 2. All children in the age group of (0-5) years will be given polio drops on 19-01-2020 (Sunday).
- 3. Children immunized recently under Routine Immunization Schedule should also to be given Polio drops on the campaign days.
- 4. All newborn children should be given Polio drops on campaign days.
- 5. To identify missed out children, finger marking is done for all vaccinated children on the left little finger.
- 6. Private Paediatricians and Private Hospitals will also administer polio drops in their clinics on IPPI day.
- 7. Children of Migrant labourers are also given polio drops on the campaign day.
- 8. **More than 3000 Vehicles** are deployed for the Campaign.
- 9. **1652 transit booths** will be functioning in major bus stands, railway stations, Toll plazas, Check posts, Airports during the campaign days to cover the children on travel.

- 10. **1000 mobile teams** have also been formed to administer polio drops to children living in remote, inaccessible and migrant areas.
- 11. **About 2 lakh personnel** from Health, Integrated Child Development scheme, Education and other Government Departments and volunteers are participating in the Campaign.
- 12. Due to successful implementation of Pulse Polio Campaigns, the State is entering 16<sup>th</sup> polio free year. Now, it is very much essential to sustain this polio free status and also to protect our children from any possible transmission of wild polio virus. All parents are requested to utilize this opportunity and get their children immunized on Pulse Polio days.

"Let us Join hands for eradication of Poliomyelitis from the earth"

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