

**Seventy lakh children will get 2nd dose of Polio vaccine on
27 – 2- 2011(Sunday)**

The Government have made all arrangements to conduct 2nd round Pulse Polio campaign on 27 -2 – 2011. In the 1st round, 70 lakh children under the age of 5 years were given polio drops. All these children will be given 2nd dose of Polio vaccine including for babies born after 1st round.

Like previous round, 40399 booths have been established in all PHCs, Govt Hospitals / Pvt. Hospitals, Schools, ICDS centres and other important places. 2400 Transit booths have been established in Bus stand, Railway station, Tourist place to cover moving children on the Pulse Polio day. 980 Mobile teams have also been involved to immunize children in remote areas.

Around 2 lakh personnel from various Govt. departments including volunteers from NGOs like Rotary, Lions club are involved.

The State had already mapped 35,000 migrant children and Srilankan refugee children and all of them were give polio drops during 1st round and they will be covered in the 2nd round. Though the State of Tamil nadu has been Polio free in the past years, the sustainability of zero polio status is very much important due to the possibility importation of polio virus through migrants from other States to Tamil nadu.

Several countries in the world have eradicated poliomyelitis only by administration of oral polio vaccine. Oral polio vaccine is very safe /WHO have recommended.

The press and media support becomes very crucial for the second round to educate the public about the importance as well as safety aspects of polio vaccine.

All children under the age of 5 years should invariably receive polio drops on the campaign days irrespective of their regular immunization doses. Each and every child is safe, if only all children are given polio drops in the Pulse Polio campaign days. This message should reach the public. All should unite and take pledge to eradicate Poliomyelitis by immunizing all the children without omission of a single child.

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