

# Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0

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## **About Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0-**

- It will ensure that Routine Immunization (RI) services reach the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children and pregnant women.
- It will have three rounds and will be conducted in 416 districts (including 75 districts identified for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) across 33 States/UTs in the country.
- These districts have been identified based on vaccination coverage as per the latest National Family Health Survey-5 report, Health Management Information System (HMIS) data and burden of vaccine preventable diseases.
- In the first round (Feb-April 2022), 11 states will conduct IMI 4.0. – Assam, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and Chhattisgarh.
- The others (22 states) will conduct the rounds from April to May 2022.
- During the same event, the Health Ministry also launched the IMI 4.0 portal.

## **About Intensified Mission Indradhanush & its other phases-**

- It was launched by the Government of India to reach each

and **every child under two years of age and all those pregnant women** who have been left uncovered under the routine immunization programme.

- The special drive **focused on improving immunization coverage in select districts** and cities to ensure full immunization to more than 90% by December 2018.

### **IMI2.0-**

- It was launched to **ensure reaching the unreached with all available vaccines and accelerate the coverage of children and pregnant women** in the identified districts and blocks from December 2019-March 2020.
- It **aimed to achieve targets of full immunization coverage in 272 districts** in 27 States and at the block level (652 blocks) in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar among hard-to-reach and tribal populations.

### **IMI 3.0-**

- It **was conducted in two rounds and covered 250 districts or urban areas** across the 29 States or Union Territories.
- It aimed to **provide immunization to pregnant women and children free of cost in India.**
- This mission also aimed to **reach the unreached population.**

### ***About Mission Indradhanush-***

The Immunization Programme in India was introduced in **1978 as the 'Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI)** by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. **In 1985, the programme was modified as the 'Universal Immunization Programme' (UIP)** to be implemented in a phased manner to cover all districts in the country by 1989-90 with the one of the largest health programmes in the world. To strengthen and re-energize the programme and achieve full immunization coverage for all children and pregnant women at a rapid pace, the

Government of India **launched “Mission Indradhanush” in December 2014.**

- It **aims to cover all those children who are either unvaccinated, or are partially vaccinated** against vaccine preventable diseases.
- Under Mission Indradhanush, **all vaccines under Universal Immunization Program (UIP) are provided as per National Immunization Schedule.**
- It was also **identified as one of the flagship schemes under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.**

### **Diseases covered under India’s Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP)**

- The UIP provides free vaccines against **12 life-threatening diseases**, to 26 million children annually.
- The Universal Immunization Programme provides life-saving vaccines to all children across the country free of cost to protect them against Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis B, Pneumonia and Meningitis due to Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib), Measles, Rubella, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Rotavirus diarrhoea. (Rubella, JE and Rotavirus vaccine in select states and districts).

### **Phases under the Indradhanush Mission**

- **Phase I** was started as a weeklong special intensified immunization drive from 7th April 2015 in 201 high focus districts for four consecutive months.
- **Phase II** of Mission Indradhanush covered 352 districts in the country of which 279 are medium focus districts and the remaining 73 are high focus districts of Phase-I.
- **Phase III** of Mission Indradhanush was launched from 7

April 2016 covering 216 districts.

- **Phase IV** was launched from 7 February 2017 covering the North-eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. It was rolled out in the rest of the country during April 2017.