

Special vaccination campaigns will be conducted from 7th of every month

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INVC NEWS New Delhi, The Government has launched "Mission Indradhanush" on 25th December, 2014 with an aim to cover all those children who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated. 'Mission Indradhanush' will be a nationwide initiative with a special focus on 201 high focus districts. These districts account for nearly 50% of the total partially vaccinated or unvaccinated children in the country. Mission Indradhanush will provide protection against seven life-threatening diseases (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B). In addition, vaccination against Japanese Encephalitis and Haemophilus influenza type B will be provided in selected districts of the country. Vaccination against tetanus will be provided to the pregnant women. The Mission focuses on interventions to rapidly increase full immunization coverage of children by approximately 5% annually and to expand full immunization coverage to at least 90% children in the next five years. Four special vaccination campaigns will be conducted from 7th of every month starting from April, 2015 and this will cover all children less than two years of age and pregnant women for tetanus toxoid vaccine in these selected 201 districts. The Health Minister, Shri J P Nadda stated this

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