

## **Mission Pratiraksha**

*Achieving 90% Full Immunization Coverage – a state Government initiative*

### **Background**

Routine Immunization is one of the highest priority health programmes which is reviewed at the highest level under Pro-Active Governance and timely implementation (PRAGATI). Hon'ble PM called for aggressive actions to achieve 90% full immunization coverage by December 2018

Mission Indradhanush (MI) introduced as a flagship program of the Government of India under GSA & EGSA wherein children aged 0-2 years are provided due vaccines. Remarkable improvement in full immunization coverage is evident through independent assessments. To quicken the process of achieving >90% FI, a change in the strategy by converging existing schemes like Incentivisation for FI (IFI), routine immunization and Mission Indradhanush (MI) under a state initiative – Mission Pratiraksha (MPr).

### **Rationale**

The Mission Indradhanush (MI) contributed to an increase in Full Immunization Coverage by 6.7%, as evidenced by Integrated Child Health and Immunization Survey (INCHIS). While acknowledging the impact of Mission Indradhanush (MI) in improving immunization coverage across the districts, the need of a supplemental aggressive action plan to cover all left outs and drop outs in the districts and urban cities with low routine immunization coverage is required. These districts should focus on improving immunization coverage through need based interventions with strengthened convergence and enhanced accountability frameworks. The gains thus achieved need to be sustained through Routine Immunization microplans. Under the intensified drive, due attention must be given to districts where there is maximum scope of improvement in immunization coverage; Districts will need to devise coverage improvement plans based on gap self-assessment, which will be reviewed at all levels to achieving goal of > 90% through evaluated coverage/concurrent monitoring.

### **Objective**

The main objective of Mission Pratiraksha (MPr) is to ensure reaching the unreached with all available vaccines and thereby accelerating the full immunization and complete immunization coverage of children and pregnant women in the critical districts; and sustain the gains. With the launch of the Mission Pratiraksha (MPr), the government aims to:

- Rapidly build up full immunization coverage to more than 90% in identified districts.
- Enhance political, administrative and financial commitment through advocacy with key ministries/ departments and stakeholders towards full immunization coverage for each child.
- Reach all children with all UIP vaccines due for the age as per the national immunization schedule in the geographic area with focus on children up to 2 years of age and pregnant women.
- Active incentivisation for full immunization to all children in a mission mode under state government initiative “Incentivisation for full Immunization” (IFI) scheme.
- Based on the full immunization coverage, the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of MMRKK funding be released.

### **Strategy**

- Schedule for Mission Pratiraksha (MPr) One phase of immunization drive, consisting of 4 rounds of immunization will be conducted in all the districts. Round 1 – from 22nd October 2018, Round 2 – 22nd November 2018 Round 3 – 22nd December 2017 and Round 4 – 22nd January 2019 spread over 7 working days.
- Convergence with key departments, NGOs, Development partners during the campaign period.
- All children having completed all due vaccines as per schedule to be actively searched through Field Level workers for incentivisation.
- For all child who come for vaccination for the first time will be recorded and reward will be given to ASHA & ANM at a rate decided by the government.
- A reward / award mechanism will be instituted in the following category
  - Best leadership award for one district
  - Best 3 districts as per the FI coverage percentage
  - Best 3 districts in terms of percentage increase.
  - Best team based award for Sub centres (ANM, ASHA, AWW)

### **Operational plan**

- Mission Pratiraksha (MPr), single phase is being proposed in all the districts, all blocks and urban areas in the districts that will be assessed for coverage. Completion of

estimation of beneficiaries (based on headcount survey) in areas planned to be undertaken will be the key to the success of campaign. A high quality headcount survey will help us understand and track who has missed which vaccination and where. Planning should be done in such a way that all ANMs, ASHAs & AWW in district are involved for 7 working days (in addition to routine immunization days) to visit and conduct sessions for maximum immunization coverage. Need based deployment of ANMs should be done. Avoid IMI sessions at places where routine immunization sessions are already planned in preceding or upcoming 7-14 days.

- The immunization drive will be spread over 7 working days. These 7 days do not include holidays, Sundays and the routine immunization days planned in that week. The roll out of the MP would require meticulous planning at all levels. This would require an orientation of the authorities at District and Block level and capacity building of the health workers for implementation and the intensified drive to identify and vaccinate each and every child that has been left unimmunized or partially immunized.
- All beneficiaries identified through head count survey will be registered in the MCTS/RCH portal for facilitating name based tracking in future. Tracking of beneficiaries through due-lists will be critical.
- The identified beneficiaries will be mobilized to session sites by ASHA, AWW and other mobilizers (NCC, NSS and NYK volunteers) for maximum mobilization
- Concurrent monitoring by state & partners and endline survey through 30 cluster sampling technique after completion of fourth round could be taken up.
- Daily reporting of coverage by all ANMs to the planning unit concerned, planning unit to district, district to state and state to national level is mandatory. A mechanism for reporting coverage through google sheets is already in place.
- Enhanced IEC in the name of Mission Pratiraksha (MP) including Cartoon Characters will be implemented.
- Nodal Officers to be identified for monitoring of MI in districts with low coverage.
- IFI scheme will be implemented in a mission mode through active identification of FI during the mission period. During the week of MI, all ASHA, AWW & ANM will also actively search for Fully Immunised children and record in the IFI formats / registers for mission mode payment.
- Those ASHA / AWW / ANM who mobilises and vaccinates for the first time during the campaign will be given incentives of Rs 100 per case to ANM and Rs 100 to ASHA. A recording format / insertion to the existing reporting / recording format will be devised.

**Conclusion:**

The Mission Pratiraksha (MPR) will converge Mission Indradhanush (MI), incentivisation for full immunization (IFI) and routine immunization (RI). The Mission will adhere to guidelines of the above schemes in order to achieve more than 90% full immunization coverage in the state.

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