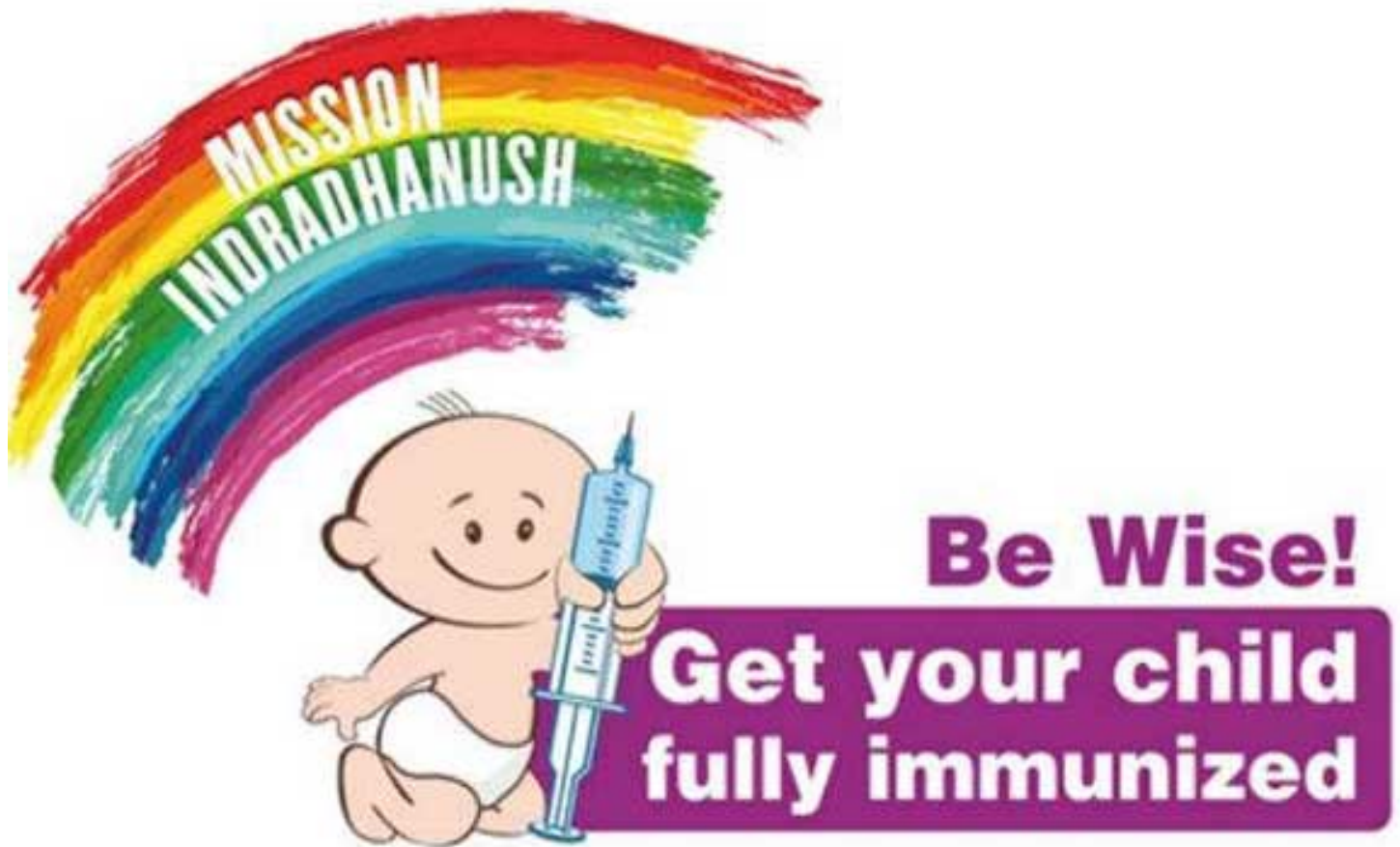


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Recently, Government launched the intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 For Children and Pregnant Women.



INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH



 **3.86 crore** children & **96.8 lakh** pregnant women vaccinated across 701 districts during ten phases of Mission Indradhanush

 Full Immunization Coverage among children aged 12-23 months increased from **62% (NFHS-4)** to **76.4% (NFHS-5)**

[Ref: Twitter]

Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0

- It is one of the **flagship schemes** under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.
- It is the **largest immunisation programme** globally to cover more than three crore pregnant women and 2.6 crore children through the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP).
- This mission, run in two phases, will administer 12 vaccines to children.
- **Aim:** To drive towards **90% full immunization coverage** of India and sustain the same by the year 2022.
- IMI 4.0 will immensely contribute in **filling the gaps** and make lasting gains towards Universal Immunisation.
- It will ensure **that Routine Immunisation (RI) services** reach the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children and pregnant women.

History of Immunization programs in India

- Immunization Programme in India was launched in 1978 as '**Expanded Programme of Immunization**' (EPI) by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare.
- The programme was modified as '**Universal Immunization Programme**' (UIP) in 1985 to have a phased manner coverage of all districts in the country.
 - It provided 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, Measles etc.

Mission Indradhanush

- **Mission Indradhanush** was launched in 2014 as a special drive to expand full immunization coverage in India.
 - **Aim: To protect children and pregnant women of the country from life-threatening diseases.**
- **Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)** was further launched to intensify the immunization programme.
 - **Aim:** to reach each and every child of age up to two years and all those pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the routine immunisation programme/UIP.
 - Pregnant women were administered the tetanus vaccine, ORS packets and zinc tablets.
- **Mission Indradhanush 2.0** was introduced to boost the routine immunization coverage in the country.
 - It ensured that all vaccines are available to children and pregnant women in the identified districts and blocks.
- **Diseases targeted:** Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, Hepatitis B
- **Areas targeted:**
 - **High-risk areas** identified by the polio eradication programme
 - Areas with **low routine immunization (RI) coverage**
 - Areas with **missed Routine Immunisation (RI)** sessions
 - Small villages, hamlets, dhanis or purbas
- **Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0** was introduced to focus on children and pregnant women who have missed their doses during the pandemic.
 - It intends to accelerate the full immunisation of children and pregnant women through a mission mode intervention.

MISSION VACCINATION

Health ministry has set a target of over **5%** to vaccinate children every year

'Mission Indradhanush' to target diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B

Immunization coverage has grown by just **1% every year** since 2009

201 districts in the country identified with nearly 50% of all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children



82 districts are in just four states of UP, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

[Ref: OpIndia]