

## Indian Immunologicals launches VAXTAR 5

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Indian Immunologicals Limited has launched VAXTAR 5, Pentavalent vaccine for the children. IIL is all set to make this vaccine in its state-of-the-art vaccine manufacturing facility in Hyderabad for retail market and for the national “Universal Immunisation Programme” (UIP) implemented by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India.

Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). IIL is one of the leading human vaccine manufacturer, producing several vaccines for adults and children

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The vaccine was developed indigenously using IIL’s R&D expertise and has been tested in multiple centres under prescribed government guidelines. IIL leverages its strength in manufacturing and quality assurance system to produce a highly effective and moderately priced vaccine.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) introduced Pentavalent vaccine four years ago and are in the process of scaling up use of Pentavalent vaccine across the country. MOHFW procures about 85 to 90 million doses of Pentavalent vaccine annually.

Dr. K Anand Kumar, Managing Director, Indian Immunologicals Limited said, “In the recent tender floated by the Ministry of Health for Pentavalent vaccine, IIL has emerged as the most competitive bidder. With IIL’s entry into the Pentavalent market,

there will be significant savings to the exchequer.”

IIL launched several other human vaccines over the past decade and has been successfully supplying its Hepatitis B, DPT (Triple Antigen) and TT (Tetanus Toxoid) vaccines to the UIP programme. IIL is also actively pursuing work on hexavalent vaccine which includes inactivated polio antigen.