

## Health Ministry launches National Polio Immunisation Drive

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Dr Mansukh Mandavia, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, has launched the National Polio Immunisation Drive (NID) for 2022 by administering polio drops to children below five years of age in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Addressing the Occasion, Dr Mandaviya said, “India’s strategic fight against polio is a success story of India’s public health policy against vaccine-preventable diseases. We need to continue to be vigilant and ensure that every child under five years of age must get polio drops.”

During the Polio NID, over 15 crore children were covered across all 36 states and UTs in 735 districts. During the drive, polio drops will be provided to children through seven lakh booths across the country.

Approximately 23.6 crore houses will be visited by nearly 24 lakh volunteers and 1.5 lakh supervisors. The State of Meghalaya has already conducted the drive in the state on January 24, 2022, while Mizoram plans to conduct the drive on March 1, 2022, due to local reasons. The election-bound states of Uttar Pradesh and Manipur plan to organise the Polio NID on March 20 and March 24, 2022, respectively.