

Exclusive interaction of Dr. PR Sodani on immunization Day and its MDP-The Hindu



22nd April 2017: Union Health Ministry, Government of India is promoting Universal Immunization Programme and vaccine management at all levels and has fixed 90% immunization targets by the year 2021. Its plans to have a robust immunization process complete from supply to delivery. IIHMR University Jaipur to conduct a Management Development Programme on Logistics Management of Vaccines with a special focus on Strengthening Cold-chain. The programme will be from 24th April to 28th April with 23 participants from Bhutan, India, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Sudan, Seychelles who are a mix of vaccine logistics managers, pharmacists, managers, procurement officers, and store in-charge working public and private sectors.

India's Universal Immunization Program is one of the largest in the world and caters to 26 million infants and 30 million pregnant women, saving 2.5 million lives each year. The program has contributed significantly to saving the lives of millions of children and ensuring that they thrive.

According to data in Handbook for Vaccine and Cold Chain Handlers 2nd Edition India 2016, it has been pointed out that India hopes to achieve 90% full immunization coverage over the next 5 years by strengthening its immunization supply chain and has to spend about INR 20,000 million every year in the immunization programme. The IIHMR's Management Development Programme objectives will provide the participants with the tools and techniques for effectively managing the supply chain of vaccines with added focus to the cold chain management thus ensuring the safety of the vaccines. They will be exposed to real situation to help them to find the practical solutions and implement them in their own settings.