



## **National Vaccination Day**



**Dear Parents,**

Vaccination is a simple method of protecting a person against serious diseases. Every year on 16<sup>th</sup> March, National vaccination day is observed to raise awareness about value of vaccination in society. The first Vaccination Day was celebrated in India in 1995 to eradicate polio from the country. This day also recognizes the hard work of health care workers scientists to conduct successful vaccination drives.

Vaccination is the process in which a person is made resistant to disease by the administration of vaccine. Vaccines stimulate body's immune response to protect the person from the disease in future when he gets exposed to it.

### **Benefits of vaccination: -**

1. Vaccination stops spread of infection in community.
2. It strengthens person's immunity against specific disease.
3. Vaccination plays vital role in infants, children, elderly people and people with low immunity.

### **Prominent vaccination drives in India: -**

- Small pox is now eradicated from India in 1979 due to widespread vaccination campaigns across India.
- Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) is a part of Global polio eradication programme, rolled out in April 2016 for nationwide use.
- Measeles – Rubella (MR) Vaccination drives carried out in 2017 for children of 9to 14yrs of age.
- Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD) vaccination has replaced TT vaccination to prevent Diphtheria in older age groups, this vaccination is advised to 10 yrs, 16yrs and pregnant woman.
- Covaxin and Covishield are the newer vaccines joining the vaccination drives in India. Crores of COVID vaccines administered to children and adults which highlighted the achievement of Government of India across the globe.

In conclusion, over the last 50 years vaccine has contributed in controlling infant mortality rate. These vaccination drives mark a comprehensive approach to protect public health with a focus on reaching all the people in remote areas. Now it is our duty to timely vaccinate our children and elderly people to save them from fatal diseases for a healthier tomorrow.

**With Best Compliments,**

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