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Kangra at Dharamshala

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Proceedings of the orientation-cum-sensitization meeting on HPV vaccination held on 21/10/2026

A orientation-cum-sensitization meeting regarding the ongoing Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign in District Kangra was held on 21st October 2026 at 12:30 PM under the chairmanship of the Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Kangra.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Omesh Kumar Bharti, Chief Medical Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
2. Dr. Vikram Katoch, Medical Officer of Health, Kangra at Dharamshala
3. Dr. R.K. Sood, District Programme Officer O/o the Chief Medical Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
4. Dr. Dushyant Kumar, District Immunization Officer, O/o the Chief Medical Officer, Kangra at Dharamshala
5. Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Lecturer, GSSS Mohtli.
6. Smt. Anita Thakur, TGT GSSS Mohtli.
7. Smt. Leena Pathania, TGT GSSS Mohtli
8. Sh. Rajan Bhadial, TGT DAVPS Dehra
9. Dr. Aditya Mahajan, PTA President Aadhunik Public School Sidhwari.
10. Sh. Nageshwar Singh, Principal RMCM GMSSS Sullah
11. Smt. Beena Kumari, TGT RMCM GMSSS Sullah.
12. Smt. Neelam, TGT RMCM GMSSS Sullah
13. Sh. Tilak Raj, SMC President RMCM GMSS Sullah
14. Sh. Vinay Kumar, TGT, Aadhunik Public School
15. Sh. Naresh Kumar, Sr. Asstt, ST. Paul Sr. Sec School Palampur
16. Sh. Deep Kumar, P.E.T, ST. Paul's Sr. Sec School Palampur
17. Smt. Monika, (Nurse) Teacher Mount Carmel School Gaggal
18. Smt. Anta Kumari, P.E.T, Mount Carmel School Gaggal
19. Smt. Shuchi Gupta, Teacher PGT, Mount Carmel School Gaggal
20. Smt. Promila Walia, S.M.C President, Govt. Sr. Sec. School Kaliara
21. Smt. Kalpna Thakur, Healthcare (Vocational) Govt. Sr. Sec. School Kaliara
22. Smt. Rachna Kapoor, TGT Medical, Govt. Sr. Sec. School Kaliara
23. Smt. Neetu Sharma, TGT, St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur
24. Smt. Rupam Goswami, PGT (Maths) St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur
25. Smt. Neelam Chandel, TGT, DAV Pub. Sr. Sec. School Alampur
26. Sh. Avneesh Kumar, PGT, DAV Pub. Sr. Sec. School Alampur
27. Smt. Mannat Sood, School Health Nursing Officer, DAV Pub. Sr. Sec. School Alampur
28. Smt. Swati, PGT, Himalyan Public Sr. Sec School Paprola
29. Smt. Vijay Laxmi Sharma, PGT Himalyan Public Sr. Sec School Paprola
30. Smt. Sanjogeeta Sood, TGT, St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur
31. Smt. Upma Awasthi, TGT, St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur
32. Smt. Madhu Patiyal, TGT, St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur
33. Smt. Sumana Sharma, TGT, St. Paul's Sr. Sec. School Palampur

34. Sh. Amit Kumar, Himalyan Public School
35. Smt. Binta Devi, TGT GAV Public School Kangra
36. Smt. Shubhrata Awasthi, TGT GAV Public School Kangra
37. Sh. Surinder Saini, TGT, GAV Public School Kangra
38. Dr. Suresh Sharma, Principal, GAV Public School Kangra
39. Smt. Deepika Chaudhary, PGT, Partap World School Indora
40. Smt. Monika, Co-ordinator, Partap World School Indora
41. Smt. Des Raj, PET, Vijay Memorial School Indora
42. Sh. Pankaj Rana, PGT, Bharti Vidyapeeth Public Sr. Sec. School Baijnath
43. Sh. Sanjay Sharma, Principal, Bharti Vidyapeeth Public Sr. Sec. School Baijnath
44. Smt. Suneeta Rana, PGT, Bharti Vidyapeeth Public Sr. Sec. School Baijnath
45. Smt. Amita Rana, PTA Member, Bharti Vidyapeeth Public Sr. Sec. School Baijnath
46. Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, TGT, Himalayan Public Sen. Sec. School Paprola
47. Sh. Pardeep Kumar, Shastri, GSSS Suliali
48. Smt. Uma Devi, TGT Hindi, GSSS Suliali
49. Sh. Charna Devi, SMC Member, GSSS Suliali
50. Sh. Parveen, TGT (NM) GSSS Suliali
51. Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Principal GSSS Suliali
52. Sh. Anmol Dogra, Principal, Noorpur Public School
53. Sh. Chetan Sharma, PGT/PTA, Lotus ICS Rakkar
54. Sh. Pankaj Sharma, Principal Lotus International Convent School Rakkar
55. Sh. Sanjeet Rana, PRT APS, Army Public School Yol
56. Sh. Rakesh Rana, Prinicpal, Tripta Public School Jawali
57. Sh. Ajay Kumar, Principal, GSSS Kaliara
58. Sh. Amit Chaudhary, TGT, Gurukal Sr. Sec. School Dharamshala
59. Sh. Ashok Kumar, TGT, DAV Palampur School
60. Sh. Kalpna, TGT, Tripta Public School Chalwara
61. Smt. Madhu, Admin Manager, Rainbow International School
62. Sh. Omesh Sharma, Principal, MMM. SD Public Sr. Sec. School Nagrota Bagwan
63. Sh. Rajinder, Nodal Officer, MMM. SD Public Sr. Sec. School Nagrota Bagwan
64. Smt. Uma Kumari, PGT, Tripta Public School
65. Smt. Vandana TGT, Lotus International Convent School Rakkar
66. Sh. Sudhir Bhatia, N.O E.Gov Higher Education Kangra
67. Smt. Gunjan, Prinicpal, Delhi Convent School
68. Smt. Punam, TGT, LICS
69. Mr. Ashish Rana Comp. Asstt. O/o CMO Kangra at Dharamshala

At the outset, Dr. Omesh Kumar Bharti, CMO Kangra welcomed the Chair, Heads of Education department and all school representatives to the meeting.

1. Background

Dr. Vikram Katoch, District Health Officer Kangra also welcomed the Chair and briefed the house on the epidemiological burden of cervical cancer and the rationale for introducing HPV vaccination in Himachal Pradesh.

Further, Dr. Dushyant Kumar, DIO briefed and explained that cervical cancer affects the lower end of the uterus (cervix) and that HPV is the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract. While most HPV infections resolve spontaneously, persistent infection can lead to cervical cancer, causing substantial morbidity and mortality globally.

He highlighted the World Health Organization's Global Strategy for elimination of cervical cancer, which aims to reduce incidence below 4 cases per 100,000 women-years through achievement of the 90-70- 90 targets by 2030:

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated against HPV
- 70% of women screened
- 90% of women with disease treated

Evidence from multi-country studies demonstrated that a single-dose HPV vaccine is highly effective, providing durable protection comparable to multi-dose schedules.

The safety of HPV vaccines was also emphasized, noting that more than 50 crore doses have been administered globally with only rare serious adverse events.

2. Vaccinaton Strategy

2.1 Vaccine and Platform

- Vaccine: Gardasil-4(quadrivalent: 6,11,16,18)
- Schedule: Singledose,0.5mlIM
- Injection site: Left upper arm
- Vaccination sites: Government Health Facilities only (Cold Chain Points) with:
- Medical Officer in place
- Internet connectivity
- Desktop/Laptop and printer

2.2 Current Status

- The current status of HPV Vaccination coverage is 57 % for district Kangra

2.3 Target Population

- As per programme guidelines, girls who have completed 14years but have not yet completed 15 years are eligible for HPV vaccination. However, for the campaign period, age relaxation will be allowed up to 15 years and an additional 90 days.
  - Estimated at approximately 1% of the total population, amounting to about 8452 (as per form 3) beneficiaries in district Kangra.

The Chief Medical Officer, Kangra clarified that these figures are dynamic, as new girls will enter the eligible age group.

2.4 Parent-Teacher Meetings(PTMS)-

It was directed by Worthy Chair that HPV vaccination must be included as a specific agenda item in upcoming PTMs across the District

3. Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders

Education Department

» Crucial for school-based micro-planning:
» School-wise data sharing on number of eligible girls with UDISE/institution details in the given google sheet
» Conducting Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) prior to vaccination
» Facilitating health officials to address parents during PTMs
» Awareness generation among teachers and students

» Mobilisation of beneficiaries to designated vaccination sites
» Reporting and coordination in case of any AEFI among school children
» Circulation of official instructions to public & private schools regarding HPV rollout

Further the chairperson directed the education department:

1. Routine committee meeting is to be done
2. Conduct special PTM Meetings for HPV vaccination awareness & counseling.
3. Appoint special Nodal Teacher for target beneficiary age group.
4. The consent form parents/beneficiaries may be taken already prior to vaccination.
5. Necessary directions to schools management to motivate/counsel the beneficiaries for vaccination and schedule vaccination session in concerned school in consultant with local Medical Officer.
6. Appointed Nodal Teacher to submit the progress of vaccination to the Prinicipal and Principals of school further submit the progress of vaccination to their concerned Block Medical Officers.
7. To stop believing in social media reels regarding HPV Vaccination spreading false information.
8. Also internal instructions are to be disseminating by DDHE to all Private schools in district Kangra.

In the concluding remarks, worthy Chairperson reiterated the importance of strong inter-departmental coordination, robust community engagement through schools and Anganwadi, and strict AEFI preparedness to ensure a safe and successful HPV vaccination roll-out in District Kangra.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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01. The Chief Medical Officer Kangra at Dharamshala for information please.
02. All the Principals/Headmasters of Govt. Sr. Sec. Schools/Govt. High Schools and Pvt. Schools of District Kangra are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance with the instructions contained in this letter.
03. I.T. incharge (internal) to upload this on website.
04. Guard File.

Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)
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