

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekharao formally launched SHAN-IPV, the Polio vaccine manufactured by Shantha Biotechnics Pvt. Limited, today afternoon at Secretariat. IPV (Inactivated Polio Vaccine) is one of the safest vaccines to use and eliminates the risk of recurrence of Polio. This is being launched at a time when India reported no Polio cases for the last four years and when India is switching from Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) to IPV. Oral Polio Vaccine has 1% of failure risk whereas IPV has none. Hon'ble Chief Minister after launching the vaccine, handed over the first sample pack to the representative of UNICEF. Chief Minister also signed a congratulatory message for Shanta Biotechnics.

Chairman of Shanta Biotechnics, Sri Varaprasad Reddy explained in detail about the journey of manufacturing SHAN-IPV and said that it would be a permanent solution towards total eradication of Polio. He said that they had collaboration with a French company for technical know-how. This is the result of five years' of research by them. He also said that it is a matter of pride for them as the IPV is launched by the Chief Minister of Telangana. He also told the CM that though IPV priced at Rs. 1050 per unit in the international market, Shanta Biotechnics will supply it to UNICEF and Government of India at Rs. 55. After this launch, Indian Government will supply IPV manufactured by Shanta in Telangana and the rest of the country through UNICEF. Telangana will get this from UNICEF at free of cost. IPV is highly effective in preventing paralytic disease caused by all three types of polio virus and carries no vaccine associated risks.

Chief Minister said manufacturing of SHAN-IPV is a matter of pride for Telangana. UNICEF has already indented for 2.5 million doses and Telangana and AP will get the vaccine free of cost. Government of India also placed indent for it. Government of India and UNICEF are set to use this vaccine as part of total eradication of Polio.

Hon'ble Chief Minister had a word of praise for the excellent work done by Shanta Biotechnics in the field of manufacturing various types of vaccines and insulin at affordable cost. Responding to a specific request from Chairman of Shanta Biotechnics regarding water supply for their unit near Medchal, Chief Minister asked Commissioner, GHMC to look into it at the earliest. Chief Minister also assured Sri Varaprasad Reddy that Government will extend all possible help in their efforts to start a cancer care centre for terminally-ill patients.

Minister for Health Sri C. Laxmareddy, Minister for Industries Sri Jupalli Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sri Rajeev Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sri S. Narsing Rao, Addl. Principal Secretary to CM Smt. Santhi Kumari, Principal Secretary Health Department Sri Rajeshwar Tiwari, Commissioner, Health Department Sri Buddha Prakash, Chairman, UNICEF Child Protection specialist Sri Sony Kutty George and others were present at the event.

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