

Hexavalent Vaccine

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Introducing the hexavalent (six-in-one) vaccine into India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) could improve the efficiency of the country's childhood immunisation programme, according to a recent study conducted by the Union Health Ministry.

About Hexavalent Vaccine

- It is a **combination vaccine** that **protects infants against six different diseases** with a single injection.
- It combines **six different antigens** through special manufacturing processes.
- The hexavalent vaccine **protects against:**
 - **Diphtheria**
 - **Tetanus**
 - **Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**
 - **Hepatitis B**
 - **Polio**

- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) infections**
- Hexavalent vaccine could deliver several **benefits**, including:
 - **Fewer injections** for infants, making vaccination more convenient for children and caregivers.
 - **Lower cold-chain storage requirements.**
 - **Reduced use of syringes** and other vaccination supplies.
 - **Less time spent** by Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) **administering vaccines** and maintaining records.
 - Lower workload for cold-chain handlers and vaccine managers.
 - **Time savings** for parents and caregivers during immunisation visits.

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