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West Garo Hills Reviews Routine Immunisation Programme, Focuses on Vaccine Availability and Surveillance

Tura, October 27: Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, Vibhor Aggarwal, IAS, chaired a meeting of the District Task Force for Immunisation (DTFI) at the NIC Hall, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tura, on Tuesday to discuss key issues concerning the implementation of the Routine Immunisation Programme 2026.



The meeting was attended by Dr. B.M.G. Momin, MS, District Maternity & Child Hospital, Dr. Ivonne M. Sangma, DMCHO & District Immunization Officer, Dr. A.R. Marak, DM&HO, Elias Uddin, DSEO, Tura, and officers from various departments.



The discussions focused on the shortage of vaccines, Vaccine-Preventable Disease (VPD) surveillance, Tetanus and adult Diphtheria (Td) vaccination, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for teenagers. The participants also deliberated on challenges affecting immunisation services and the need to strengthen coordination among the concerned departments.





Emphasis was laid on cross-verification of vaccine stocks to ensure proper monitoring and accountability, including checking storage conditions, physical stock and stock registers to maintain accurate records and prevent discrepancies.

The meeting aimed to address operational challenges and strengthen the delivery and monitoring of routine immunisation services across West Garo Hills district.