

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare**  
**Bikash Bhavan , Kolkata - 700091**

**Press Note in connection with special drive for vaccination of Sex workers and Transgenders\_28.6.21**

The Government of West Bengal in the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare in collaboration with Kolkata Municipal Corporation has started a **special drive for vaccination against Covid for Sex Workers of KMC area.**

**The programme was launched on 25.6.21 By Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Deptt of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare from Milan Tirtha Club, Izzatullah Lane, Tollygunge. Around 139 Sex workers** alongwith some other distressed persons of the area were vaccinated on the day.

Special Vaccination camp was started **today (28.6.21) at Subham Community Hall, at 21/1Masjid Bari Street Kolkata 700006 for vaccination of Sex workers of Sonagachhi , Jora Bagan, Ram Bagan area.**

The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Panja, HMIC. The camp is scheduled to continue till 5.6.21. Around 295 Sex workers were vaccinated in the Special Camp today. She spoke to the vaccine recipients and appraised them regarding the importance of the vaccine and also stressed on the need to take the second vaccine in time.

Both at the Tollygunge camp and the Masjid Bari Street Camp Covishield vaccine was administered. Similar programme is scheduled from **29.6.21 to 1.7.21 at Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration. Around 1180 Female Sex workers and 80 Transgender persons are proposed to be vaccinated from the Special Camp at Goenka College.**