

# NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION & CONTROL OF DEAFNESS (NPPCD)

The Programme was initiated in year 2007 by Govt. of India. However in J&K it was implemented in Jammu district of Jammu Division in 2015-16.

In FY 2021-22, it has been approved for 6 new Districts viz Samba, Udhampur, Poonch, Ramban, Kishtwar and Reasi .

Funds have been approved for Procurement of Equipment at District Hospitals and Trainings, as well as for IEC at State level.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- ☞ To prevent avoidable hearing loss on account of disease or injury.
- ☞ Early identification, diagnosis and treatment of ear problems responsible for hearing loss and deafness.
- ☞ To medically rehabilitate persons of all age groups, suffering with deafness.
- ☞ To strengthen the existing inter-sectoral linkages for continuity of the rehabilitation programme, for persons with deafness.
- ☞ To develop institutional capacity for ear care services by providing support for equipment, material and training personnel.

**At the District level, following contractual posts have been approved:**

1. ENT Surgeon (in case ENT Consultant from regular side is not available) (only for Jammu)
2. Audiologist (Audiologist & Speech language Pathologist approved for only District Jammu): Vacant
3. Audiometric Assistant (approved for only District Jammu): Vacant

**All posts are vacant at present. ENT Surgeon from regular side is conducting programme activities.**

## **ACHIEVEMENT**

- ◆ Equipment procured in all District Hospitals
- ◆ Audiometry rooms established in 8 DHs (Poonch pending, Samba ongoing)
- ◆ Audiometry training of available staff ongoing in GMCs