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Dr. Pawan Kumar currently serves as the Additional Commissioner-in charge of Immunization Division & Maternal Health Division at the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

A seasoned public health professional, he brings over 25 years of experience in healthcare management, encompassing planning, policy development, implementation, monitoring, and supervision at National, State & District levels. Throughout his career, Dr. Kumar has successfully has published and presented over 95 research papers in prestigious national and international journals and conferences and executed more than 30 major projects at both the national and state levels, significantly contributing to India's public health landscape. Moreover, he is also the Life member of many professional bodies like IAPSM, IPHA, IMA, AGI, ISHWM, ACHHA, AHA, IEA, EFI and IAE. Dr. Kumar's outstanding contributions have been widely recognized. He is the recipient of more than 30 awards at the national and state levels, including the prestigious "Excellence in Public Health" Award in 2017. Further, he has also been awarded as an "Ambassador for Peace" by the Universal Peace Federation, an affiliated body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, in 2021.

Presently, Dr. Pawan Kumar is driving the implementation of zero dose implementation plan of India to meet the goal of reducing 30% burden of zero dose children in the country by 2026 with the support of concerned States and implementing partners. Dr. Kumar is steering the development of new National Vaccine Policy & National Immunization Strategy for the country. Some of his recent achievements include launch of the world largest electronic immunization registry (U- WIN), roll out of V-Shiksha project (vaccine education) for the school children, revision of revised National AEFI Surveillance Guidelines 2024, Routine Immunization Manual for Medical Officer (2024) and Health Workers Manual 2024; Polio Surveillance Guidelines 2024, A concise guide for PHC Staff-AEFI reporting investigation & Management 2025, setting up of Community of Practise on Demand to overcome vaccine hesitancy through tailored strategies; piloting of U-Mentor application on monitoring & mentoring of front line workers and India's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) has been declared "functional" against all core regulatory functions, retaining Maturity Level 3 against WHO's global benchmarking tool.

Driven by a strong vision for improving public health outcomes, Dr. Pawan Kumar continues to lead transformative initiatives that strengthen India's healthcare system.