



## **POLIO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME 2014**

*Poliomyelitis* (often called as *Polio*) is a communicable disease caused by a virus called *Polio Virus*. A person who is affected by this virus will have symptoms of fever, diarrhea and muscle weakness. The infected person will get back to normal life within few weeks but it will not stop there. After some days or months or years, post-polio Syndrome will occur which finally lead to death. Children less than **5 years of age** are easily affected and either they die or they live as physically disabled.

In India, **20-25% of children** and **15-20% adults** die because of polio. To stop this, **Central Government of India** has started many awareness program about polio virus and vaccine is also provided as **FREE POLIO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM** all over India. By this program, children less than 5 years of age are given polio drops freely.

This program is conducted in Tamil Nadu in January and February 2014 in all districts. **National Cadet Corps (Army) of Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur, Chennai** has volunteered in this program and has helped the government through a different idea that is they have given the polio drops to children who are travelling through the Toll Booth which is nearer to their college. Initially, many people discouraged them as they thought it's an impossible task possible. **NCC (Army)** cadets not only given the polio drops and also provided awareness about this virus and its vaccine.

**NCC (Army)** cadets of **Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering** act of providing polio drops to the children in buses and cars on their way through Toll booth was well appreciated by **Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India** and extended this activity to all Toll Plazas throughout the country. Therefore, this appreciation certificate is being given to the **NCC (Army)** of Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering for their involvement and dedication to carry out the social activity.