Pulse polio “Jatha” in Sullia block of Dakshinakannada District of Karnataka, India. KVG group of educational institutions, IMA, Rotary, THO and other stakeholders of Sullia. 18-01-20.

India has seen its last polio case in Jan 2011, got the eradication certificate in March 2014 – a milestone event in public health. All countries have threat of resurgence until global eradication is achieved. Currently the threat is not only from the WPV (163 in 2019) but also from cVDPV (259) occurring in both endemic and non-endemic countries, for containing both, achieving and sustaining very high vaccination coverage is mandatory.

Since the first round of Pulse Polio held on 9th Dec 1995, India is conducting National Immunization Days, this year is on 19th Jan 2020: 50th round. Every year since 1995, before the first round, KVG Medical College and all other educational institutions in collaboration with Government regularly and jubilantly conducted the “Jatha”. Dr Subramanya, Taulka Health officer, Dr Narayana Holla, Professor from Community Medicine, KVG Medical College highlighted the importance of pulse polio. Dr KV Chidanada, Medical Director of KVG Medical College is a surgeon, appealed the parents / public to get their below 5 year children to get vaccinated with OPV in the nearest booth and lead the procession.