The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Department of Health and Family Welfare of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), GOI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 21st August, 2017 with the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), South Korea to collaborate on vaccine research and development. The MOU was signed between Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director General of ICMR & Secretary, Department of Health Research; Mr. Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Managing Director, National Health Mission and Dr. Jerome H. Kim, Director General of IVI. The MOU will strengthen the relationship between IVI and India. The partnership will promote further collaborative research activities and training programmes between India and IVI and will ensure IVI achieves its goal of improving health outcomes for the world's poor by improving vaccine access. It will also accelerate capacity-building initiatives that will synergize with and benefit India's vaccine industry, public health and immunization programmes.