



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Dedicated Vaccine Portal and National Clinical Registry of COVID-19 launched**

**New Delhi, September 28, 2020:** Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India launched the vaccine portal for COVID-19 and National Clinical Registry for COVID-19 today developed by ICMR. Dr. Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR and other dignitaries from ICMR were present at the inauguration ceremony.

**Releasing these 2 web portals,** Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India said *"ICMR has always been in the forefront of health research in the country and is now leading the country in tackling the unprecedented pandemic through scientific rigour and innovation. To disseminate the vaccine related information the exclusive portal will be helpful in creating awareness among the masses. I hope all query of common people on vaccine development process would be addressed through this portal and I am confident it will become most visited portal in times to come."*

Hon'ble Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan also launched the National Clinical Registry for COVID-19 developed by ICMR. This registry will collect systematic data on clinical signs & symptoms, laboratory investigations, management protocols, clinical course of COVID-19 disease, disease spectrum and outcomes of patients. The data will serve as an invaluable tool for formulating appropriate patient management strategies, predicting disease severity, patient outcomes etc.

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India added that, *"The portal on National Clinical Registry for COVID-19 developed by ICMR will be immensely useful. The registry will aim at collecting good quality real time clinical data to inform evidence-based clinical practice, research, formulating guidelines and policy making."*

The vaccine portal consists of all the information regarding the Indian efforts towards vaccine development against various diseases including the most recent COVID-19. Interested people can visit the website on <https://vaccine.icmr.org.in> to get latest information on vaccine development.

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