



VACCINATION Q&As



Q. Why has the Government prioritised vaccination?



A. The primary aim of prioritised vaccination is to protect the most vulnerable people and also to decrease the burden on the healthcare system



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Q. Is an age-based criteria the best way to determine priority for vaccination?



A. Some citizens are prioritised for vaccination as they are more vulnerable to the virus. Those aged 45 and above have accounted for almost 9 out of 10 COVID-19 deaths across the country. Hence, healthcare and front-line workers, senior citizens are given priority



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Q. Is India staring at a vaccine supply crunch?



A. No! There is no vaccine supply crunch. When the country had achieved over 9 crore vaccination (on 8 Apr'21,) over 2.4 crore vaccines were in stock and 1.9 crore vaccines were nearing delivery to States

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Q. Out of multiple vaccines available, why only few vaccines are approved in India?

A. The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) examines the clinical trials of vaccine candidates before granting approval for use. Covishield, Covaxin & Sputnik-V vaccines have fulfilled the safety and immunogenicity requirements

Govt (Deptt. of Biotechnology) supported 10 vaccine candidates, out of which 5 vaccine candidates are in human trials including the recently approved Russian's vaccine Sputnik-V

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Q. What has India achieved so far?



A. India has already achieved one of the highest daily vaccinations across the globe with over 4 million vaccinations per day average (on 12 Apr'21), which is close to the population of New Zealand



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Q. Compared to the USA and China, how is India faring?



A. India has achieved the fastest rate of reaching the 100 million vaccination milestone in 85 days, ahead of the United States (US) which achieved the feat in 89 days and China in 102 days



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Q. Was prioritising of vaccination followed in other countries?



A. Similar to India, the first phase of the vaccination drive in many countries had age and occupation-based eligibility criteria. For instance, in the US, the Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention had recommended that vaccines should initially be given to health care workers, front-line essential workers and those aged 75 years and above



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Q. What is India's vaccination target?



A. India has set a target of vaccinating around 300 million vulnerable citizens by August, and we are very much on course to achieve that



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Q. What happened to the vaccines India sent abroad?



A. A large proportion of the 60 million-plus vaccines sent abroad were either commercially exported or supplied through the COVAX programme. A substantial share was part of contractual obligations that the manufacturer had to fulfil. We must remember that manufacturing rights are accompanied with contractual obligations