

## Health Ministry unveils COVID-19 vaccine and clinical registry portal

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**Emphasized on the importance of elaborate and transparent information on the status of vaccine development**



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 developed by ICMR.

Releasing these 2 web portals, Dr Harsh Vardhan 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 queries of common people on the vaccine development process will be addressed through this portal and I am confident it will become the most visited portal in times to come."

The National Clinical Registry for COVID-19 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, 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 the latest information on vaccine development.