

National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme receives excellence award by PM

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Capacity building played a crucial role in ensuring safe delivery of vaccines

The National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme of the Union Health Ministry received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2022 under the innovation category. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Ministry received the award from Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at a function organized on the occasion of 16th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

A robust monitoring system based on consultative approach was established through the State Steering Committee, State Task Force, District Task Force, Block/Urban Task Force with a two-way feedback mechanism to ensure swift mid-course corrective measures.

Development of Co-WIN (Winning over COVID) platform for facilitating a smooth vaccination roll-out was critical in the success of the programme. The Co-WIN platform was a key factor in enabling India to achieve multiple milestones in vaccination which includes- 221 crore (2.21 billion) vaccine doses administered across India and tracked digitally. This is 17% of the total COVID-19 vaccine doses administered across the world i.e., 13.34 billion.