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Govt approves one more lab for batch testing of COVID-19 vaccines

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National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) can now conduct quality check and consequent lot release of COVID-19 vaccines



The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has authorised National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad as Central Drug Laboratory (CDL) for testing and lot release of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) had proposed two laboratories namely NIAB and National Centre for Cell Sciences (NCCS), Pune for this purpose. Funds from Prime Minister Cares Fund Trust (PM-CARES) have been allotted for upgradation of these two laboratories.

NCCS, Pune has already been notified as a CDL laboratory by MoHFW.

The notification of these two laboratories as CDL laboratories is intended to improve vaccine production and will ultimately strengthen the vaccination campaign.