

# Covid-19 vaccine race gets a booster as field widens

More competitors get DCGI nod to advance to clinical trial stage

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The race to develop a vaccine for SARS-Cov-2 (novel coronavirus) just got hotter as more competitors received regulatory approval from the Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI's) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to conduct phase-II clinical human trials.

Recently, Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, a vaccine candidate that it developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute of Virology (NIV), was approved for human trials, making it the first indigenously developed vaccine to get the nod. To develop Covaxin, NIV Pune isolated the virus strain and transferred it to Bharat Biotech. And the vaccine has shown positive results in pre-clinical animal trials.

On Thursday, CDSCO also approved Zydus Cadila's plasmid DNA vaccine candidate ZyCoV-D, developed at its Vaccine Technology Centre in Ahmedabad. With the ICMR setting August 15 as the deadline to launch a Covid-19 vaccine, Zydus Cadila intends to ramp up production capacities of ZyCoV-D to cater to Indian and global demand.

The firm said the vaccine elicited a strong immune response in mice, rats, guinea pigs, and rabbits. "The antibodies produced by the vaccine were able to completely neutralise the wild type virus... indicating the protective potential of the vaccine candidate," Cadila



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Scientists at the University of Witwatersrand have started clinical trials in South Africa with the team set to test the 'Ox1Cov-19' or 'Oxford Vaccine'. Adar Poonawalla, CEO of SII, has said the firm will need to conduct phase-III clinical trials before launching the vaccine.

Apart from partnering with AstraZeneca to supply a billion doses of Oxford's potential vaccine to low and middle-income countries, SII is working on a recombinant BCG vaccine as an immunity booster against respiratory viruses. Trials for this are on in India, and the first batch might go into pro-

duction by August-September.

Indian Immunologicals (IIL) is also conducting preclinical trials on small animals and non-human primates. However, according to the company's Managing Director Anand Kumar, these trials could go on till December. The company is working on a live-attenuated weakened placid vaccine candidate that almost resembles the Covid-19 virus, but does not have the capacity to multiply.

However, if other developers taste success before IIL, the firm is open to collaborating with them to make the vaccine. "Anyone who comes up with the vaccine but is short of capacity, we are ready to collaborate for manufacturing. Given the population, there is no single vaccine manufacturer that has all the capacity. We are talking to other vaccine makers, but the technology has to be compatible with our manufacturing," Kumar told *Business Standard*.

## Recovery rate now at 60.73%

Early detection and a timely clinical management of Covid-19 cases have resulted in increasing daily recoveries, with the recovery rate of coronavirus patients crossing 60 per cent in India on Friday, the Union health ministry said. The recovery rate of Covid-19 patients stands at 60.73 per cent, the ministry said as the number of India's coronavirus cases soared by over 20,000 in a day for the first time, taking the country's tally to 6,25,544, while the death toll due to the disease climbed to 18,213 with 379 new fatalities. PTI



## WHO expects results from Covid drug trials within 2 weeks

The World Health Organization expects initial results within two weeks from clinical trials it is conducting of drugs that might be effective in treating Covid-19 patients, WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a news briefing on Friday. REUTERS

# India bars UAE airlines from operating charters

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India has said it would not allow UAE airlines to operate additional repatriation flights. The move comes following the UAE government's curbs on carrying passengers to Dubai on Air India and private airlines.

A formal order has not been issued but UAE airlines, including Air Arabia, Emirates, Etihad, and Flydubai, were verbally informed of the decision on Thursday. The move led to a couple of flight cancellations from Dubai on Friday.

Air India began repatriation flights under Vande Bharat Mission from May 6 and domestic and West Asian airlines had been allowed to oper-



ate charter flights from May 25. It is these repatriation flights, that have become a bone of contention between India and foreign governments.

A civil aviation ministry spokesperson did not immediately comment on the issue. A government source said there was an issue of parity and Indian carriers were facing challenges in operating to

the UAE. Efforts are also underway to resolve the issue through diplomatic channels, a source said. Emirates declined comment. A Flydubai spokesperson said that its flight from Dubai to Madurai on Friday was cancelled and it is working with the relevant stakeholders. Air Arabia and Etihad did not immediately respond to queries.

## Govt postpones JEE, NEET exams to September

The HRD Ministry on Friday postponed crucial medical and engineering entrance exams NEET and JEE to September in view of the spike in Covid-19 cases.

The decision was taken following recommendations of a four-member committee set up to review the feasibility of conducting the exams in July. JEE-Main will be held between September 1-6, while JEE-advanced exam will be held on September 27. NEET will be held on September 13. PTI

**SUNCITY AVENUE 76**

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### DRAW OF FLATS

General public is hereby informed that draw of flats under Haryana Affordable Housing Policy 2013 of Suncity Avenue 76, Sector 76, District Gurugram, being developed by M/s Suncity Projects Pvt. Ltd. shall be conducted on 11-07-2020 at 9:30 AM onwards at Suncity School (Auditorium) Suncity Township, Sector 54, Golf Course Road, Gurugram, Haryana 122002

With the help of live streaming, telecast of draw proceedings will be on YouTube live. Due to ongoing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, restrictions are imposed by Ministry of Home Affairs, over public gathering in order to prevent spreading of corona virus disease.

As per MHA/DTCP Haryana Guidelines draw shall be conducted with maximum strength of 50 persons including draw committee and staff at site, remaining applicant shall participate in draw online after login in to at below provided link of YouTube live.

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/suncityprojectsprivttd>

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#### POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD MEETING

Reference to our adv dt 18th June 2020 regarding conducting of Board Meeting for consideration of audited financial results for the quarter and year ended 31.03.2020 and recommendation of dividend, if any, to be held on 26th June 2020, please note that the said meeting shall now be held on Thursday, the 30th July 2020 at the registered office of the Company in due compliance of recent SEBI Circular granting further extension.

For BAMBINO AGRO INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
M. KISHAN RAO

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#### NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the



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