

Indian Covid-19 Vaccines saved Mankind.

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Vaccines play a critical role in preventing deaths, and hospitalization caused by infectious diseases, and are contributing to controlling the spread of the disease, thus their impact on infection and serious illness is significant. The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines by India in collaboration with leading global institutions has "rescued the world" from the deadly coronavirus and the contributions by the country must not be underestimated, a top American scientist has said.

India is called the pharmacy of the world during the COVID-19 pandemic with its vast experience and deep knowledge in medicine. The country is one of the world's biggest drug-makers and an increasing number of countries have already approached it for procuring coronavirus vaccines.

Some very beautiful special edition envelopes were issued along with postmarks by many postal circles of India Post to cherish this historic moment. some examples are provided as below. (Note: All these covers were issued on 16.01.2022)



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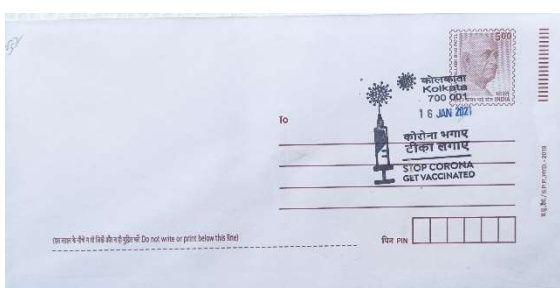
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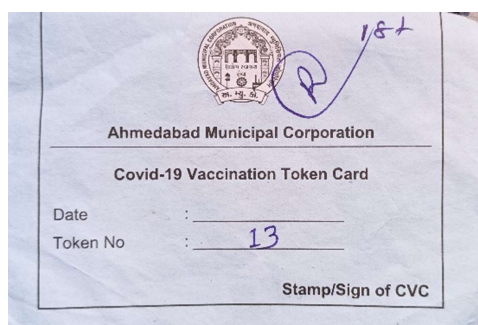
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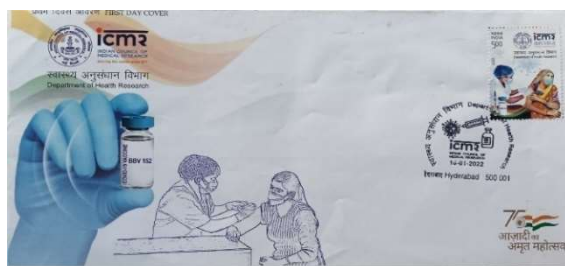


Token given by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (Ahmedabad City, Gujarat) during Vaccination Campaign - www.ahmedabadcity.gov.in

Reference image is a Token Receipt provided to the Vaccine Takers. A Onetime number assigned by local Government to completed Vaccination process.



(Serum Institute of India Postmark-Hadaspur, Makers of Covishield Vaccine) - Covishield Vial Image from Internet



(Indian Council of Medical Research First Day Postmark & Commemorative Stamp by India Post, Makers of Covaxin Vaccine) - Covaxin Vial Image from Internet



India's drug regulator gave emergency use authorization to Covishield, produced by Pune-based Serum Institute of India after securing a license from British pharma company AstraZeneca, and Covaxin, indigenously developed jointly by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech and Indian Council of Medical Research scientists on 03.01.2021 (Data as per Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Govt of India), And vaccines were started administering to frontline workers and healthcare professionals in first Phase from 16.01.2021.

"This is something very special and I see it myself because I'm on weekly teleconferences with our colleagues in India. You make a recommendation, and within days it's done and not only done, but it's done well and with incredible rigor and thought and creativity," Dr Hotez said, stressing that he felt compelled to make this statement because "India's huge efforts in combating global pandemic is a story that's not really getting out in the world."

Appreciating Dr. Hotez for commending India's efforts in getting vaccines to the world, Consul General Mahajan, said, "in keeping with "our tradition of sharing with the world," India has exported vaccines to many countries across the world.

Not to forget, COVID vaccination in India commenced with the vaccination of all healthcare workers. The program was expanded with time to include vaccination of the front-line workers, citizens more than 60 years of age, citizens more than 45 years of age, and citizens over the age of 18. Vaccination of children in the age group of 15-18 years started on January 3, 2022.



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(Postmarks Promoting Vaccination to Children applied on Outgoing Mails from Dibrugarh HPO, 786001, Assam, IN)



In October, 2021, India Crossed Administering 1 Billion Covid Vaccination Doses. A special Postmark by Anand Head Post office was issued to celebrate this historic Milestone. Also One of India's International Airlines celebrated this milestone by putting a special livery of "100 Crore Vaccines"

Under the "Vaccine Maitri" initiative (Vaccine Friendship), India has supplied over 235 million total supplies of Covid-19 vaccines to 98 countries in the world.

Total supply by producing economy

Producing economy	Number of doses (million)	Share	Cumulative Share	Population (million)
China	6,077.3	40.1%	40.1%	1,444.2
European Union	3,721.0	24.6%	64.7%	447.0
India	2,465.6	16.3%	80.9%	1,393.4

(Data reference from WTO-IMF COVID-19 Vaccine Trade Tracker www.wto.org)

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(Glimpse of Vaccines Supplied by India to other Countries of the World. PC: Social Media).

At last, let's have a quick introduction of our beloved Dr PJ Hotez.



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