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Email: drgoyalhospital@gmail.com**11.01.2021****New Delhi****PRESS RELEASE****IMA to partner with the Government in COVID Vaccination Programme.**

The Indian Medical Association, the largest representative body of Modern Medicine Doctors after extensive review of scientific data, indexed articles, expert panel reports and in discussion with IMA, ICMR and WHO experts, decided to actively take part in the mission of COVID Vaccination programme rolled out by Govt. of India.

Indian Medical Association has requested all its 3.5 lakhs members in 1800 Local branches to voluntarily come out to get vaccinated first to show to the world that these vaccines are safe and efficacious.

Indian Medical Association appreciates and congratulates the hard works of Indian Scientists, Modern Medicine Doctors and the Govt. of India for bringing out two Indian Vaccines against SARS Covid-19. Bharat Biotech has developed a whole viro inactivated vaccine (COVAXIN) and Serum Institute of India, Pune a Recombinant Chimpanzee Adenovirus Vector Vaccine (COVISHIELD) are our Indian Vaccines. Good protective levels of antibodies have been found to develop with our Indian Vaccines against current strain and new mutated strains. These vaccines are practically easy to store and used in Indian Condition.

India is heading towards becoming super power with Research and Development in the field of modern medicine. IMA rightfully stands firm as the natural and professional stakeholder in this achievement not only in the development of the vaccine but also in delivering the vaccine. All infrastructure facilities of IMA branches across the country will be available voluntarily for this vaccination programme and all our members of Indian Medical Association will voluntarily serve with technical and supportive manpower.

IMA believes getting vaccination is not only to protect individual but also to brings herd immunity to the community thereby raising the hope to control the corona pandemic.

We stand with the scientists to endorse the safety and efficacy of both these vaccines, so public awareness and countering with myths on vaccine percolating in social media shall be our priority. Our Modern Medicine Doctors will vouch for the safety, quality and professionalism in this difficult time and support the emergency approval for the usage of Vaccines.

However, we appeal to the public even after vaccination, to adhere to the COVID appropriate behavior like masks, physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

Indian Medical Association HQs has also constituted a Pharmacovigilance Centre in IMA HQs Building, New Delhi for monitoring post vaccination reactions and render appropriate support.

We are looking forward to have a smooth, hassle-free, effective vaccination delivery system in our motherland.

Jai Hind!

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Jai IMA!!

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