

Twitter Thread by Sunil Oza



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Many of you would have got your Vaccination done .. Many must have got 2 doses!!

How many of us have even bothered to know the TIMELINE???

Did it happen overnight???

This thread will walk you through some crucial meetings which made it possible...

Do Read ...

A task force was constituted in April 2020, which immediately set upon the task of providing the support/framework to any possible vaccine rollouts in future....

REMEMBER- THIS WAS ONE YEAR BACK . Read the quoted tweet and you will know what was happening behind the scenes ... <https://t.co/V9XrN9rYVN>

Under Narendra Modiji's vision for improving health care in [#India](#), many hurdles that vaccine manufacturers faced have been cleared leading to a never before seen development cycle for the [#COVID\u030fc19](#) vaccine [@PMOIndia](#) [@TimesNow](#) [@navikakumar](#) <https://t.co/qEesy1Qulu>

— Adar Poonawalla ([@adarpoonawalla](#)) [April 29, 2020](#)

Almost one year back!!

May 5 2020 - meeting of an already constituted task force on coronavirus vaccine ...

Hurdles that vaccine manufacturers faced were already cleared...

Deliberations, discussions with different countries, organizations were already on ... <https://t.co/HkeRGOzKKP>

Chaired a meeting on the Task Force on Corona Vaccine Development, Drug Discovery, Diagnosis and Testing.
<https://t.co/CPTSFBMeBM>

— Narendra Modi ([@narendramodi](#)) [May 5, 2020](#)

It was ensured that approvals or any hurdles did not impact the work.

Communication channels were streamlined and made responsive. The encouragement and respect was reciprocated by the

industry and scientific community!

There was light at the end of the tunnel!!! <https://t.co/FFi6vWjQKv>

Thanks to your speedy and timely approvals, @narendramodi ji, India will have a made-in-India vaccine for a made-in-China virus. @PMOIndia @PiyushGoyal @MoHFW_INDIA @drharshvardhan <https://t.co/NN8trkQdrx>

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) [May 17, 2020](#)

June 30,2020

We were already planning and preparing for vaccination against Covid-19, as and when the vaccine was available. @narendramodi ji enunciated four guiding principles to form the foundation of the national effort: first, that vulnerable groups should 1/4 <https://t.co/UT3eeWCcEw>

Reviewed preparations relating to a vaccine to cure COVID-19. An important subject that was discussed was the creation of a tech platform that would complement vaccination at scale across the nation. <https://t.co/42hKO0YBof>

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [June 30, 2020](#)

@narendramodi be identified and prioritized for early vaccination,for example doctors, nurses, healthcare workers,non-medical frontline corona warriors,and vulnerable people among the general population; second, that vaccination of “anyone, anywhere”should take place,i.e.without imposition 2/4

@narendramodi of any domicile related restrictions for getting the vaccine; third, that vaccination must be affordable and universal - no person should be left behind; and fourth, that the entire process from production to vaccination should be monitored and supported in real time with 3/4

@narendramodi .. the use of technology.

And please remember that the vaccine was yet to be rolled out!!

But @narendramodi ji was not waiting for the vaccine to arrive and then start doing the work! These were all advance preps to make the process smooth, efficient and far reaching 4/4

@narendramodi From "Are we ready?" to "We are ready?"

Thanks to our Scientists, we had hopes...

This was June 2020!! But there were trials, tests to be done before the vaccine was finally available for India and world!! <https://t.co/ZhppPBHqOH>

We finally have a deal signed with @AstraZeneca, to exclusively manufacture their product for India and @gavi countries, up to a billion doses annually. This will ensure supply and access to all Indians. <https://t.co/i35Cq3AaLr>

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) [June 13, 2020](#)

@narendramodi Jul 21, 2020 ...

Few million vaccine doses by Nov-Dec and 300 million doses by Jan-Mar 2021. Vaccine to be called #Covishield and to be distributed by Govt to for free.

Govt was well aware of the way ahead and preparing accordingly!! <https://t.co/h80gWpMUp2>

Another update... <https://t.co/FfK12Vsdjy>

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) July 21, 2020

@narendramodi Without commenting on it, sharing this tweet to convey that while industry and scientific community were into one of the most crucial stages and need all our support, what others were doing!!

Hats off to their perseverance and determination!!! <https://t.co/gymH1TMOXH>

I would kindly request the media to refrain, from reporting on interim data coming in about patients on the SII - Covishield clinical trials. Let us not bias the process. Let us respect the process and stay patient for two months, all the relevant data will be published soon.

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) August 27, 2020

@narendramodi Aug 12,2020

Govt sets up National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) which meets for the first time on Aug 12.

Deliberates on conceptualization and implementation mechanisms for creation of a digital infrastructure for inventory management 1/2

@narendramodi ...and delivery mechanism of the vaccine including tracking of vaccination process with particular focus on last mile delivery.

<https://t.co/SVqnAQ7ZQf>.

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@narendramodi Sep 27, 2020

The path was clear and well defined!! India, apart from saving own citizens, was to do everything possible to further global good in the battle against COVID-19 pandemic. <https://t.co/HUHRm73eIK>

We share and applaud your vision @narendramodi ji, on providing vaccines to the global community. It is a proud moment for India, thank you for your leadership and support. It is clear that all your arrangements for India will take care of all needs for the Indian people. <https://t.co/b57TH8fDSB>

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) September 27, 2020

@narendramodi Oct 15,2020

Mechanisms for adequate procurement, and technologies for bulk-stockpiling, filling vials for distribution and ensuring effective delivery were discussed along with Government facilitation and support for Indian vaccine developers and manufacturers!! <https://t.co/WwN0ftVlk3>

Reviewed aspects relating to research and vaccine development during a meeting earlier today. Reiterated GOI support for the vaccine development eco-system, which has been working tirelessly over the past few months.

<https://t.co/TwjO6Z8iJV>

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [October 15, 2020](#)

@narendramodi Oct 17,2020

Apart from other related matters advanced planning of cold storage chains, distribution network, monitoring mechanism, advance assessment, and preparation of ancillary equipment required, such as vials, syringes etc were discussed in detail !!

<https://t.co/VomlfZ5uCU>

Reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the country, including preparedness of vaccine delivery, distribution, and administration. Over the last few days, cases and growth rate are steadily declining but there is no room for complacency. <https://t.co/RvtLXRcONb>

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [October 17, 2020](#)

@narendramodi Nov 20, 2020

Review of various issues like prioritization of population groups, reaching out to HCWs, cold-chain Infrastructure augmentation, adding vaccinators and tech platform for vaccine roll-out. <https://t.co/PuEbPKcR80>

Held a meeting to review India's vaccination strategy and the way forward. Important issues related to progress of vaccine development, regulatory approvals and procurement were discussed. pic.twitter.com/nwZuoMFA0N

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [November 20, 2020](#)

@narendramodi Nov 28, 2020

@narendramodi ji personally visited 3 facilities. Anyone could understand the effect that such a visit will have on the Scientists and others involved!!

Encouragement has amazing effects on morale and energy!! <https://t.co/RXt0I9fvrS>

Had a good interaction with the team at Serum Institute of India. They shared details about their progress so far on how they plan to further ramp up vaccine manufacturing. Also took a look at their manufacturing facility.

pic.twitter.com/PvL22uq0nl

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [November 28, 2020](#)

@narendramodi Dec 07, 2020

SII applies for emergency use authorization for the first made-in-India vaccine, COVISHIELD <https://t.co/P1CDuSMBRi>

As promised, before the end of 2020, @SerumInstIndia has applied for emergency use authorisation for the first made-in-India vaccine, COVISHIELD. This will save countless lives, and I thank the Government of India and Sri @narendramodi ji for their invaluable support.

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) December 7, 2020

@narendramodi Jan 03, 2021

DCGI grants approval to vaccines of @SerumInstIndia and @BharatBiotech !! India's first COVID-19 vaccine is approved, and ready to roll-out!! <https://t.co/i6R5ltPFWM>

A decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight!

DCGI granting approval to vaccines of @SerumInstIndia and @BharatBiotech accelerates the road to a healthier and COVID-free nation.

Congratulations India.

Congratulations to our hardworking scientists and innovators.

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) January 3, 2021

@narendramodi @SerumInstIndia @BharatBiotech Dec 2020-Jan 2021

Dry runs (a process where the effects of a possible failure are intentionally mitigated) were conducted .Complete testing of the system involving (mimicking/dummy-acting)all components of the process, was undertaken before delivery to the actual end-users.

@narendramodi @SerumInstIndia @BharatBiotech Jan 12 .. 2021

First Shipments for Vaccines for the vaccination drive stating on Jan 16 2021 !! <https://t.co/9ynQC9bAoa>

An emotional moment for the team at @SerumInstIndia as the first shipments of #Covishield finally leave for multiple locations across India. pic.twitter.com/AmrZLesmj5

— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla) January 12, 2021

@narendramodi @SerumInstIndia @BharatBiotech Jan 16, 2021

Worlds largest vaccination drive starts !!

Priority given to healthcare and frontline workers, those above 50 years of age and the under-50 population groups with co-morbidities, together numbering around 27 crore.

Mammoth drive

The first phase of the vaccination programme in numbers

FIRST SHOTS

3 crore healthcare workers and frontline workers will get the vaccine first

27 crore people above 50 and those below 50 with co-morbidities will get it next

SOURCE: HEALTH MINISTRY



TECHNOLOGY DRIVE

79 lakh beneficiaries have already registered on Co-WIN, a digital platform that will provide real-time information on the inoculation drive

TRAINED AND READY

61,000 programme managers

2 lakh vaccinators

3.7 lakh other vaccination team members have been trained so far at State, district and block levels