

# BLUE CROSS NEWS

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## COVID-19 VACCINE - UPDATE

- + A vaccine is a medical preparation given to provide immunity from a disease. An effective vaccine trains the immune system by promoting the development of antibodies that can quickly and effectively attack disease-causing microorganisms when it enters the body, preventing disease development.
- + Among 19 SARS-CoV-2 candidate vaccines in stage 3 clinical trials, so far, 8 have been authorized across several countries.
- + In India, 2 vaccines have received emergency use approval so far.



## APPROVED VACCINES – INDIA JAN 2021

Company Name	Serum Institute of India	Bharat Biotech
Brand Name	COVISHIELD	COVAXIN
Collaboration	Oxford -AstraZeneca	ICMR
Type of Vaccine	Viral Vector Vaccine	Inactivated Vaccine
	Harmless virus transports the spike protein of corona virus	Virus(Inactivated) killed by heat/ chemicals
Doses	2 (0,28)	2 (0,28)
Route	Intramuscular	Intramuscular
Efficacy Data	Over all efficacy 70.42%	Data will be available in March 2020
Storage	2 to 8 0 c	2 to 8 0 c
Common side effects for both vaccines may be fever, pain, and allergy		

## FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccine

**Q.) Who will get the COVID 19 vaccine first?**

A.) The first group includes healthcare and frontline workers. The second group to receive COVID 19 vaccine will be persons over 50 years of age and persons under 50 years with comorbid conditions (Hypertension, Diabetes etc.), followed by the remaining ones above 18 years.

**Q.) Is it mandatory to take the vaccine?**

A.) Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary. However, it is advisable to receive it. Both doses should be taken. These vaccines are not interchangeable and therefore it is recommended to take 02 doses of the same vaccine.

**Q.) Are these vaccines safe?**

A.) All factors have been considered by regulators before approving the vaccines for emergency use.

**Q.) What are the possible side-effects?**

A.) As is true for all vaccines, some recipients may show some side effects like mild fever, pain at the site of injection, body ache, etc.

**Q.) Can a person with Covid-19 infection in the past be vaccinated?**

A.) YES. It is advisable to take vaccines even if the person was infected in the past. However the active infected cases should wait for 14 days for the symptoms to get resolved and get vaccinated thereafter.

**Q.) What about those who are on medication for illnesses like cancer, diabetes, hypertension etc.?**

A.) These are high risk group individuals and should get vaccinated on priority.

**Q.) When would antibodies develop? After taking first dose, after taking the second dose, or much later?**

A.) Protective levels of antibodies will generally develop two weeks after receiving the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

**Q.) Is it necessary to continue with all the preventive measures after vaccination?**

A.) YES. The SMS (Sanitization, Mask, Social distancing) should be followed even after vaccination.

**Q.) Who should NOT receive these vaccines?**

- A.)
- ✦ Individuals with past history of allergy to any vaccines or drugs
  - ✦ Pregnant and lactating mothers
  - ✦ Infants and children below 18 years of age
  - ✦ Immunocompromised individuals
  - ✦ Any bleeding disorder

**FOLLOW SMS ..... STAY SAFE!!!**

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## Series of TUSQ CHOTA PBCs All India



Series of TUSQ Chota Patient Benefit Camps (CPBCs) were held by Blue Cross SEs and RMs across the country. These CPBCs were organised in Doctors' Clinics. For 1-2 hours our PSO's sit in the waiting room of the Doctor and in this time when a Doctor indicates a needy patient, our PSO provides sample of the respective pack of TUSQ prescribed by the Doctor. Doctors all over India appreciate this unique initiative and many needy patients have benefited. This has also helped develop a special relationship with the participating Doctor.

## Affordable Cardio-Diabetic Medicines for all



There are ever growing numbers of Hypertensives & Diabetics in India. The major concern for most of them is the cost of medicines since they have to be consumed lifelong! In fact this is the reason why people avoid going to Doctors for a regular check up!



Blue Cross has always provided "World Class Quality Medicines at Affordable Prices" especially our Cardio-Diabetic range. All major brands available in the market are 3 - 4 times the cost of our brands.



With EPC (Existing Patient Conversion) camps we request Doctors to switch patients from expensive Cardio-Diabetic medicines to our affordable products. This activity helps patients all over India save a lot of money & adhere to their existing therapy without worrying about the cost of medicines. EPC camps were conducted across India by our field staff during Jan'21 taking all the precautions required during this pandemic.



## Activities @ Corporate Office

### Health Check Up for Employees



Dr.Prabhu Kasture GM Medical Services along with Akshata Subhedar conducted Health Check up

### RT-PCR Test



HR & Admin Departments Organised successful RT-PCR test in coordination with SRL Diagnostic for the Safety of the entire Office Staff



Christmas Photo Contest Winner - Anuradha Singh



Republic Day, Patriotic Quiz Contest winners : Vedashree Athalekar, Gurudas Bhandodkar, Madhav Joshi and Ravi Gadkari

## Activities @Goa



Winners of Creative Photo at Goa Plant : Dinar Mardolkar, Rajesh Borkar, K.V. Nawghare, Dipti Kolambkar, Resha Gaonkar and Swetha Tigadi



On the eve of Republic the Day, essay competition was held with the theme " What Can I do for India as a Responsible Citizen " Winners were - Santosh Patange, Petric Rodrigues, Sadashiv Chavan, Akita Halarnkar, Josephine Fernandes, Sahil Gaonkar and Priyambada Samanatsinghar

## Activity @Nasik



72nd Republic Day was celebrated on January 26th, with the hoisting of the National Tri-Colour at the factory. Employees were present on the occasion with their families.

# Kudos to Our Long Servers

## 30 years



**Anil Bhagwat**

## 10 years



**William Fernandes**

Vaibhav Patil  
Ravendra Kumar  
Kamal Kumar Panchal  
R Rajesh Khanna  
P Thrinanda Kumar  
Mahendra Singh Nehra  
Pradeep Kumar  
Jitendra Khandai

Anil Musale  
Amrapali Kothavade  
Shalabh Sinha  
Manash Bhattacharjee  
Mohd Jahangeer  
Anil Musale  
Amrapali Kothavade  
Shalabh Sinha  
Manash Bhattacharjee  
Mohd Jahangeer  
Nahid Alam  
Vasantkumar K P  
Praveen Kumar Prasad  
Dilip R Gaikwad



**Shobha Dhatrik  
Bhagwan Sonawane**

## 5 years



**Gayatri Chinchawde**



**Abhir Haldankar**



**Shashikant Digholkar  
Shubhangi Patwardhan**

## A Warm Farewell



**Santosh Salgaonkar** Dy.Plant Manager at Goa retired on 26th Dec 2020. He is seen receiving a farewell momento .

## 20 years

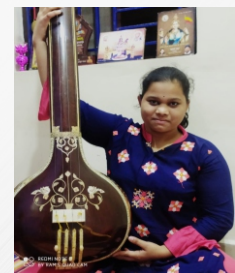


**Amrit Parchure**



**Anuradha Singh**

## Young Artist



**Vibha d/o Ramrao V Kulkarni** (RM. Bellary) secured 85% in Hindustani Classical Music Senior grade Vocal Examination conducted by Karnataka Board.

## 15 years

**Archana Dharrao**



**Santoshi Parwar**