

Govt expert panel accepts Covaxin phase-3 trial data

Vaccine Shows 77.8% Efficacy Rate In Trial

New Delhi:

An expert panel of the country's central drugs authority has reviewed and accepted the phase-3 trial data of Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin, sources said on Tuesday. According to the data submitted by the Hyderabad-based firm, the indigenously developed vaccine has shown 77.8% efficacy in the trial conducted on 25,800 subjects, they said.

The firm had submitted the results of its phase-3 trial efficacy data of Covaxin to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) over the weekend, they added. The Covid-19 Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Tuesday reviewed the data and accepted it. Their recommendations have been sent to the DCGI now, a source said.

Bharat Biotech is also expected to attend a "pre-submission" meeting on July 23 with the World Health Organisation (WHO), which will take the vaccine maker closer to a WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL). Though the meeting will not be a detailed review on the product, the firm will have an opportunity to submit a summary on the overall quality of the jab, according to the WHO. The information was provided on the WHO website in the status of vaccines within WHO EUL-PQ evaluation process document. PTI



India's Covid tally tops 3cr, last 1cr in 50 days

India has become the second country in the world after the US to record more than 3 crore cases of the coronavirus since the beginning of the pandemic. The country's caseload went past the sombre milestone on Tuesday, just 50 days after crossing the 2-crore mark,

making it the fastest addition of 1 crore cases by any country.

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The fastest rise of 10 million (1 crore) cases in the US was 54 days, when the country's Covid-19 count rose from 1 crore (November 5) to 2 crore (December 29), as per worldometers.info. India's caseload had touched 2 crore on May 3, when the second wave in the country was about to peak. The last 50 lakh cases were recorded in 36 days (from May 17 to June 22). TNN