



## Ukraine Health Minister Dr. Maksym Stepanov visits Bharat Biotech Vaccine Plant at Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD, India February 24, 2021:** A three-member, high-power delegation from Ukraine led by the country's Health Minister **Dr. Maksym Stepanov** visited COVAXIN®-maker Bharat Biotech's manufacturing facility in Hyderabad. The representatives from the Eastern Europe nation of 41 million people took a tour of the world-class Bio-Safety Level 3 manufacturing facility. The delegation, that included Mr. **Igor Ivashchenko**, Deputy Minister of Health, Ukraine, and Mr. **Ivan Kononov**, Head of Trade and Economic Dept, Embassy of Ukraine in India, had a discussion with Bharat Biotech's leadership to secure the supplies of COVAXIN® to Ukraine.

Said **Dr. Krishna Ella, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Biotech International Limited:** "It was an absolute privilege to host the Hon'ble Minister of Health from Ukraine Dr. Maksym Stepanov at our state-of-the-art facility and showcase our world-class capabilities in the manufacture and supply of vaccines and research and product development. We discussed potential timelines for the supply of COVAXIN® to Ukraine on a priority and the prospects of a partnership for our BBV 154 intranasal vaccine. There is a lot of interest in COVAXIN® worldwide. As one of India's top vaccine makers, we are at the forefront of humanity's battle against Covid-19 and stand fully committed to meeting the vaccine requirements of various countries promptly and efficiently."

Said **Dr. Maksym Stepanov, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Ukraine:** "Ukraine and India have a long history of cooperation in various matters. We look forward to benefiting from India's vast capability in the manufacture of vaccines to effectively combat the Covid-19 pandemic at home. We had a very good interaction with the team at Bharat Biotech and it was a great experience to take a tour of the facility and inspect its impressive manufacturing capabilities. We will soon firm up the COVAXIN® delivery plan for the mass vaccination of our people, and further strengthen our partnership on intranasal vaccine supplies after initial results from its phase 1 trials."

Bharat Biotech is India's leading vaccines and bio-therapeutics manufacturer renowned, among other things, for developing India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine, COVAXIN®. The company has established an excellent track record of innovation with more than 145 global patents, a wide product portfolio of more than 16 vaccines, 4 bio-therapeutics, registrations in more than 123 countries and WHO Pre-qualifications.

Located in Hyderabad's Genome Valley, the hub for the global biotech industry, Bharat Biotech has delivered more than 4 billion doses of various vaccines around the world till now. It continues to lead innovation and has developed vaccines for influenza H1N1, Rotavirus, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Chikungunya, Zika and the world's first tetanus-toxoid conjugated vaccine for Typhoid.

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Founded in 1996 in Genome Valley, Hyderabad, the company has built world-class vaccines & bio-therapeutics, research & product development, including Bio-Safety Level 3 manufacturing facilities, for vaccine production, supply and distribution.

Having delivered more than 4 billion doses of vaccines worldwide, Bharat Biotech continues to lead innovation and has developed vaccines for Hepatitis-B, influenza H1N1, Polio, Rotavirus, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Chikungunya, Zika and the world's first tetanus-toxoid conjugated vaccine for Typhoid.

The company has proven proficiency in conducting extensive multi-center clinical trials, having completed more than 75 trials enrolling more than ~ 700,000 participants across continents. Our commitment to global social innovation programs and public-private partnerships resulted in the introduction of path-breaking WHO pre-qualified vaccines BIOPOLIO®, ROTAVAC® and Typbar TCV® combating Polio, Rotavirus and Typhoid infections respectively. Bharat Biotech has successfully partnered with NIV-ICMR having developed JENVAC®, a licensed Japanese Encephalitis vaccine.

The 2019 acquisition of Chiron Behring (CHIRORAB®), has positioned Bharat Biotech as the largest Rabies vaccine manufacturer in the world.

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