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**Covid Vaccination drive for healthcare workers begins at AIIMS, Bhopal:**

AIIMS, Bhopal joined in the nationwide launch of the much-awaited covid vaccination drive on the morning of 16 January 2021, as our honorable Prime Minister inaugurated the event with his address to the Nation. Led by the Director Professor Sarman Singh, the designated faculty and staff of AIIMS, Bhopal participated in the inauguration being telecast along with other participating centers. The Dean (Academics) of the institute, Professor Rajesh Malik, the Deputy Director Shri Dharendra Pratap Singh, and the Medical Superintendent Dr. Manisha Shrivastava were also present on the occasion. The enthusiasm and hope was visible on the faces of the healthcare workers as they eagerly awaited the formal start of vaccination drive. The Director addressed the faculty and staff on this landmark occasion in the fight against covid pandemic, and allayed their apprehensions and concerns about the vaccine. He took the opportunity to once again appreciate the untiring hard work and selfless dedication put in by the healthcare workers in the past months.

A total of 100 healthcare workers are scheduled for vaccination today at the vaccination facility of AIIMS, Bhopal. Dr. Shashank Purwar (Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology) and Professor Shikha Malik (Head of Department of Pediatrics) were the first two to receive the vaccine at the centre.

Covid vaccination planning and preparation has been carried out under the able guidance and directives of Prof. Sarman Singh, Director, AIIMS Bhopal. Dr. Ankur Joshi, faculty from Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS, Bhopal is the Nodal officer for the vaccination drive at AIIMS, Bhopal and he is ensuring strict compliance with the Government guidelines and coordinating with other Government agencies. Multiple teams have been formed that are making all efforts for the success of the drive. The Pharmacology Department of the Institution through its Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) monitoring center is simultaneously monitoring the event.

A vaccination team of six members under a designated faculty has been formed. These teams have been given the requisite training as per the online modules provided by the Government of India. The work flow and logistics from receiving of the vaccine from the Govt. to maintaining the cold chain throughout the process is strictly defined and arrangements have been made accordingly. The clinical teams with

requisite experience have been formed to address and treat any Adverse events arising following immunization.

The drive will run for four days in a week covering hundred beneficiaries per day for the next ten weeks covering all the staff of AIIMS, Bhopal. The individual staff members getting immunized will be doing so on completely voluntary basis as per the directives of the Government.



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