

# Oxford vaccine reduces transmission: UK study

With almost 76% efficacy in preventing symptomatic illness, vaccine can also reduce the risk of transmission by around 67%: Study

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**NEW DELHI/LONDON:** The coronavirus vaccine developed by University of Oxford and AstraZeneca offers high protection for roughly three weeks after a single dose, with almost 76% efficacy in preventing symptomatic illness and can also reduce the risk of transmission by around 67%, a study of vaccinated people in the UK has found, giving new clues that the dose can also reduce the spread of infections.

"It does show the world that the Oxford jab works, it works well," UK's health secretary Matt Hancock told BBC radio, hailing the study's findings as "good news".

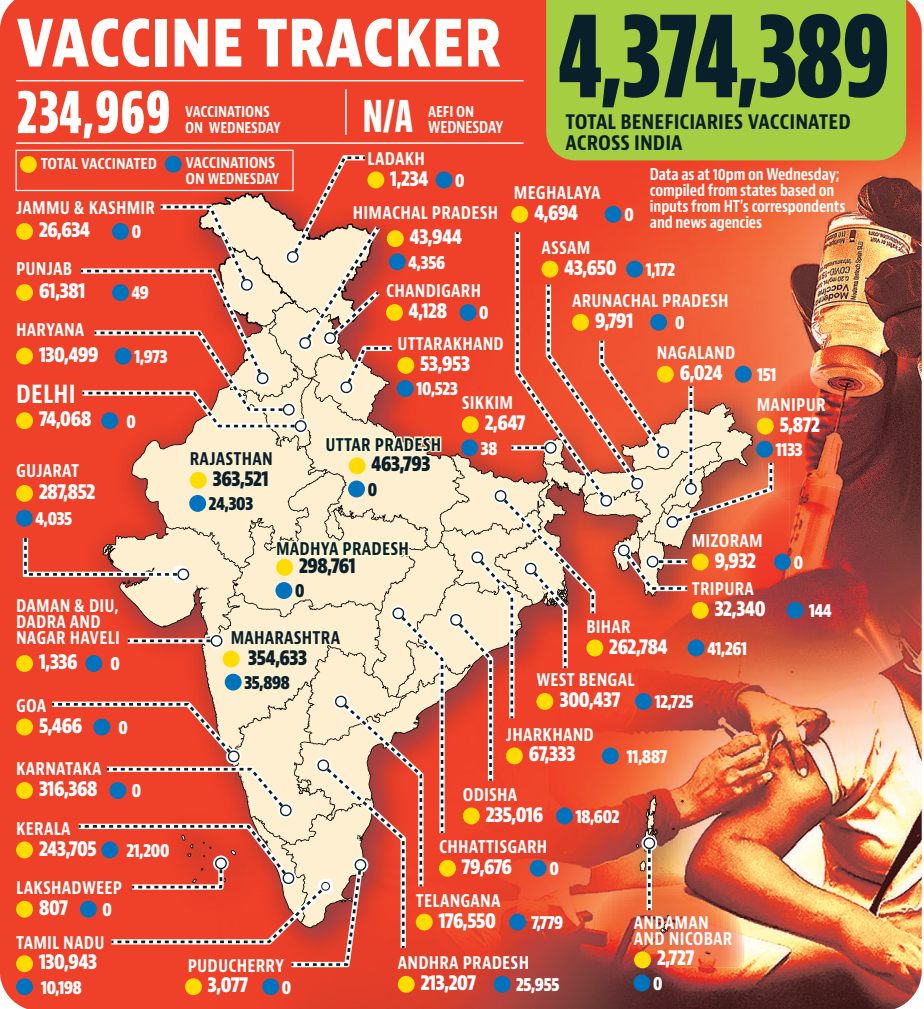
"It slows transmission by around two-thirds, so it categorically supports the strategy that we're undertaking," Hancock said.

India is largely relying on this vaccine at present, which is being manufactured in India by Serum Institute of India as Covishield.

The Oxford study, which is awaiting peer review, found that those who had been vaccinated with a single dose of the vaccine were 67% less likely to test positive with a PCR test, "suggesting the potential for a substantial reduction in transmission".

It also provided backing for the UK's strategy of administering as many first doses of vaccine to high-risk groups as possible and allowing a 12-week interval before the second dose, which has been criticised by some experts.

Researchers found that a single dose was 76% effective



in preventing virus symptoms after 22 days and for up to 90 days, while it did not prevent asymptomatic illness.

It was more effective to wait 90 days than to administer the second dose, researchers found "providing further support for current policy".

The survey had 17,177 participants in Britain, Brazil and South Africa. The data covers the period up to December 7, 2020.

None of those studied were hospitalised.

The vaccine invented by scientists at the University of Oxford is being developed and manufactured by AstraZeneca.

The vaccine is cheap to produce and is being sold at cost

price. It can also be stored at fridge temperature, while the Pfizer vaccine requires extremely cold storage.

AstraZeneca and Oxford University separately said that they aim to produce the next generation of Covid-19 vaccines that will protect against variants as soon as the autumn, according to a senior executive quoted by Reuters.

Asked when AstraZeneca could produce a next generation vaccine to tackle new variants, AstraZeneca research chief Mene Pangalos said "as rapidly as possible".

"We're working very hard and we're already talking about not just the variants that we have to make in laborato-

ries, but also the clinical studies that we need to run," he said in a briefing with media.

"We're very much aiming to try and have something ready by the autumn, so this year."

The partners are getting close to having data on the efficacy of their Covid-19 vaccine on older adults, professor Andrew Pollard, director of the Oxford Vaccine Group, said.



# Praveen Sinha named acting CBI chief after Shukla's 'quiet' tenure

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**NEW DELHI:** The Centre on Wednesday appointed the Central Bureau of Investigation's deputy chief, 1988 batch Gujarat cadre Indian Police Service officer Praveen Sinha, as the acting director of the federal agency with "immediate effect", according to an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training.

Sinha, currently additional director in the agency, will look after the duties of CBI director till the high powered selection committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi chooses the replacement for incumbent, Rishi Kumar Shukla, whose fixed two-year term ended on Wednesday, or "until further orders", the order added.

The decision was taken as the high powered panel comprising the PM, Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and leader of Congress in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury have not been able to meet to choose the agency's next chief.

HT reported on Monday that the decision could be delayed by



Rishi Kumar Shukla

a few weeks given the ongoing budget session of parliament, and the farmers' protest, both of which are keeping the government busy.

It is for the third time in last five years that an interim chief will head CBI. Additional director Rakesh Asthana (currently director general of Border Security Force) was appointed interim director of CBI in December 2016 for two months. Later, following an open ugly spat between former CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma and Asthana (when he was Special Director) in mid 2018, the government appointed M Nages-

wara Rao as interim director from October 2018 till January 2019. Shukla, a 1983 batch Madhya Pradesh cadre officer, who was brought to lead the agency at a time when it was coming out of a crisis caused by an interne-

ne fight between its two senior most officers, took some steps to improve CBI's image; the transfer of around 700 officers to different branches across India; keeping his doors open to hear any grievances; and avoided taking controversial decision.

Described as a thorough "gentleman" by many of his subordinates and batchmates, Shukla made sure that what happened in the agency, stayed within it.

The media-shy, soft spoken officer made it his policy to never interact with journalists. In fact, he didn't give a single interview during his two years tenure.

Among the few bold decisions taken by him were the arrest of former finance minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media case, raids on senior Congress leader from Karnataka D K Shivakumar, and the move to prosecute senior IAS officer

Shashi Kant Sharma in the AgustaWestland case.

Other than that, as described by an officer in the agency, "Rishi Kumar Shukla had a quiet tenure, which was further complemented by the Covid-19 induced lockdown".

Some of the high-profile cases he inherited from his predecessors, such as the probe into two former CBI Directors, Ranjit Sinha and A P Singh, the investigation of former ICICI Bank managing director Chanda Kochhar, and the Air India case did not see too many developments.

The agency, however, tasted some successes during Shukla's tenure in the form of securing the extradition of Vijay Mallya from the UK, currently held up due to his asylum plea, and India being selected to host the Interpol General Assembly of 2022.

CBI registered record number of bank fraud cases during his tenure. It is estimated that CBI has registered bank fraud cases worth total Rs 90,000 crore over the past two years, including against some big business houses.

# 14 regions log zero Covid deaths in 24 hrs: Govt

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**NEW DELHI:** India has reported no Covid-19-related deaths in 14 states and Union Territories in the past 24 hours, said the Union ministry of health and family welfare on Wednesday. The country also became the fastest country to reach the 4 million Covid-19 vaccination mark in 18 days, the ministry said.

"India's fight against Covid-19 is bringing daily successes... Fourteen states/UTs have not reported any deaths in the last 24 hours," said the health ministry in a statement.

These states and Union Territories that have not reported any deaths are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu & Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura,



Bharat Biotech's Covaxin being carried to a hospital in Kolkata on Wednesday.

ANI

Mizoram, Nagaland, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Sikkim, Manipur, Puducherry, Goa, Odisha and Assam.

"With a high number of Covid-19 patients recovering every day and the sustained fall in the mortality rate, India's steady trend of registering dipping active cases continues. The

Maharashtra at 4.50%.

"Usually under 5% positivity rate is when it is considered that the disease transmission has come under control. Anything above 10% means it needs to be brought down for the transmission cycle to break," said Jugal Kishore, professor and head, department of community medicine, New Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital.

Meanwhile, Covid-19 vaccination drive is also going strong in the country, with India reaching the 4 million mark in 18 days of having launched the drive on January 16, which is the fastest as compared to many other countries that have vaccinated its people in large numbers, the ministry said. The United States of America reached the 4 million mark within 20 days, Israel and United Kingdom took 39 days to reach this target.

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For detailed tender document, please visit [www.iglonline.net](http://www.iglonline.net) or ITI Limited's e-tender portal at <https://epetroleum.enr.indiazone.com>. All subsequent changes w.r.t above tender will be posted only on the above mentioned website. Download IGL Connect App through Android Google Playstore and Apple Store

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47(1) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 meeting of Board of Directors of the Corporation will be held on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 1730 hours** at ITDC headquarters, SCOPE Complex, Core-8, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 7 Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 through Video Conferencing interalia to approve the Un-audited Financial Results for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. Sd/-  
**Place : New Delhi V.K. Jain**  
**Date : 04.02.2021 Company Secretary**  
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davp 19107/11/0023/2021 Executive Director, NIDM

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