

Ukraine to firm up COVAXIN delivery plan for mass vaccination

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



A three-member, high-power delegation from Ukraine led by the Dr Maksym Stepanov, Health Minister, Ukraine visited COVAXIN®-maker Bharat Biotech's manufacturing facility in Hyderabad.

The delegation, that included Igor Ivashchenko, Deputy Minister of Health, Ukraine, and Ivan Konovalov, 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.

Dr Krishna Ella, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Biotech International Limited, said, "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."

Dr Stepanov, said, "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 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."