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PRESS RELEASE

Gift of 50,000 doses of COVIDSHIELD Vaccine to Rwanda

A gift of 50,000 doses of COVIDSHIELD Vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India (SII), from India to Rwanda, arrived at the Kigali International Airport today. High Commissioner of India to Rwanda, H.E. Mr. Oscar Kerketta officially handed over the vaccines to the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda, H.E. Mr. Vincent Biruta at the Airport. This consignment was the second consignment of Made in India vaccine that has been delivered to Rwanda. Earlier, on March 03, 2021, Rwanda received a consignment of 240,000 doses of COVIDSHIELD Vaccine, under the Covax scheme of Gavi.

This gift of vaccines to Rwanda is a gesture of friendship of India with Rwanda and underlines India's solidarity with Rwanda in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. It also underscores an important milestone in bilateral cooperation between the two countries particularly in the Healthcare Sector. The spirit behind this gift is also the commitment made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi at the UNGA in September 2020 that, "India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help humanity in fighting COVID-19." As on March 04, 2021 (<https://mea.gov.in/vaccine-supply.htm>) India has supplied 46.429 million COVID -19 Vaccine doses to 47 countries around the globe. As a 'Pharmacy of the World', India is at the forefront of fight against this global pandemic.