COVID-19 vaccine export to resume

India has to fulfil its supply commitment towards COVAX, says Health Minister

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India will resume the export of COVID-19 vaccines under its 'Vaccine Maitri' programme to fulfil the commitment towards COVAX (CO-VID-19 Vaccines Global Access), Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Monday.

"We are resuming Vaccine Maitri next month in line with our motto 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'," the Minister said. The surplus supply of vaccines would be used to fulfil India's commitment towards the world in the collective fight against the vi-

Vaccine diplomacy

As of May 29, 663 lakh doses of made-in-India COVID-19 vaccines have been supplied to other countries.

A list of the top beneficiaries:





rus, he added.

COVAX is co-led by Gavi, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and the World Health Organization. Speaking about increased vaccine production in the coming months, Mr. Mandaviya stated that more than 30 crore

doses would be made in October. More than 100 crore doses would be produced in the coming quarter (October-December), he added.

Highlighting the importance of indigenous research and production of COVID-19 vaccines, he observed that India's vaccination drive had been a role model for the world and it was marching ahead with great speed. "More than four times, we have crossed one crore vaccination administration in a single day since the drive commenced," he noted.