

## **DBT-inStem conducts Q & A session on COVID-19 vaccination**

New Delhi, Feb 16: DBT- Institute for Stem Cell Science & Regenerative Medicine (DBT-inStem) conducted a 'question and answer' session on matters related to COVID19 vaccination as well as possible medical issues at its campus. It was coordinated by Prof Raghu Padinjat (M.B.B.S) and Medical Centre Consultant Dr. Patil, from the campus Medical Centre. The aim was to address concerns, create awareness and ensure compliance of complete dosing.



The main aspects raised in the interactive session related to:

1. Side effects including attended medical conditions for which one should avoid vaccination or take it under medical advice.
2. The requirement of the second dose for vaccines such as Covishield, which is being administered to the community. There was a discussion on the statistical argument about partial protection offered by one dose. In response to this, the experts explicitly clarified that the vaccines available in India right now required two doses and reviewed the evidence for the same.
3. Reinforcing the requirement of use of masks and social distancing to continue post vaccination.

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