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India, U.S. to Collaborate on Covid-19 Vaccine Trials

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Covid-19 India and the U.S. plan to work together on vaccine research and testing for .

Key Points

- **Vaccine Action Programme (VAP):**
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 - **Indo-U.S. Vaccine Action Program, Indian Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**The is a 33-year collaboration between the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the and the along with other partners.
 - Focus is on safe, cost-effective vaccines against a range of infectious diseases.
- **Other Initiatives:**
 - **ventilators**

It will be paid for by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), as part of \$5.9 million funding announced to date for India. 50 from the U.S. are expected in India shortly, as part of the donation of 200 ventilators announced by the US President.
 - **U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention fund Government of India (GoI) "prevention, preparedness, and response activities in India"**The said it would separately the \$3.6 million to support , in collaboration with and concurrence from the GoI."
 - **Hydroxychloroquine** India has exported antimalarial drug (HCQ) to the U.S. and several other countries.

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