



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



# Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches Punjab National Bank's All India CSR campaign against COVID 19



## “Roadmap for distribution of COVID vaccine is in speedy progress”

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare launched Punjab National Bank's (PNB) All India CSR campaign against COVID 19. He also released the digital CSR album & CSR video of Punjab National Bank.

Appreciating the efforts of PNB for the works done under CSR activities in the fight against COVID 19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted, “PNB has contributed in the movement of the government to combat the pandemic by distributing approximately 10 lakh masks and sanitizers in 662 districts of the country to the needy sections of society through its over 10,000 branches.”

He also praised Gram Sampark Yojna which was launched on 2nd October, 2020 by the bank for a period of three months, for providing special facilities to the farmers of 500 districts in rural and semi urban areas.

Lauding PNB's contribution to the national cause, Dr. Harsh Vardhan added, “The bank honored the families of martyrs of Galwan Valley on the eve of the 74th Independence Day. This gesture shows the commitment and reverence towards the Armed Forces.”

He appreciated efforts of PNB for providing an amount of Rs. 10.37 lakhs to Bhaorao Deoras Sewa Nyas, as part of CSR activity, for purchase of a vehicle to be used by the Nyas for the help of sick persons who visit Delhi for treatment at AIIMS.

On India's fight against COVID-19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “As India enters into the tenth month in its fight against COVID, India has become *Atmanirbhar* in many aspects. The exponentially rising Recovery Rate and progressively falling active cases have proven the success of the Centre-led COVID-19 containment strategy. I have confidence in the scientific developments taking place in the field of treatment and vaccines for COVID-19 and soon India will achieve more success in our fight against COVID-19.”

The Union Minister was apprised that the bank has also felicitated meritorious students who have scored well in the exams of various education Boards and honoured ten thousand renowned teachers, for their contribution in moulding students into exemplary citizens.

 Dr Harsh Vardhan affirmed that the utmost priority of the government is to provide vaccine to the very last person in the country and the roadmap for distribution of vaccine is in speedy progress. He added, “I am confident that PNB, as a responsible and empathetic institution, will contribute to such missions in future too, thus contributing notably in the progress of the nation. The fight against  COVID can only be won with the cooperation of each and everyone in the country.”

 Shri S.S. Mallikarjuna Rao, MD and CEO, and other senior officials of PNB were also present. PNB’s zonal offices across the nation also joined through video conferencing.

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