

PRESS RELEASE

THE GOETHE-INSTITUT AS A VACCINATION CENTRE

The **Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata** together with the **Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Kolkata**, the **Indo-German Chamber of Commerce Kolkata**, and **Harbauer India Pvt. Ltd.** organized a large-scale vaccination drive in collaboration with **AMRI Hospital Kolkata**.

- The drive took place on 16th June 2021 at the Goethe-Institut premises in Kolkata and concluded with 244 people getting their jabs.
- The aim of the drive was to protect the employees, create awareness about the benefits of vaccination and to motivate and encourage citizens to get the vaccine.



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Launched under the motto, “Vaccination is the most effective way to unitedly fight against Covid-19”, this initiative advocates mass inoculation and preventive measures as the two powerful weapons in beating the virus.

The vaccination camp was organized for the employees and families of the Goethe-Institut, its German partners as well as those of about 15 more IGCC member companies. **Mr. Stefan Halusa, Director General of Indo-German Chamber of Commerce** expresses his support, “We encourage all stakeholders to get vaccinated and as far as possible organise vaccination camps for their staff members and families. Vaccination is going to be one of the most important means to fight Covid.”

Harbauer kindly sponsored the vaccination of more than 30 participants of Lotus Mission, a local NGO. **Dr. Heinz Fischer, Chairman, Harbauer India Pvt. Ltd and Owner of KF Group, Germany** says, “Each of us can contribute to win this fight against Corona pandemic by getting vaccinated as soon as possible.”

Commending the initiative, **Consul-General Manfred Auster, Kolkata** says, “Vaccination is the best protection against the virus. I congratulate the IGCC and Max Muller Bhavan for this excellent initiative and I am grateful to Harbauer India and AMRI-Hospitals for their generous support. United we will win the fight against the disease.”



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As responsible employers, the Goethe-Institut as well as its German partner organizations give utmost importance to the health and well-being of their colleagues and community. **Astrid Wege, Director Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata** appreciates this collaboration and adds, “Vaccination is key to fight the virus. The vaccination drive at Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan not only contributed to protect staff members and their families, it also helps to contain the pandemic on a larger level. And it is an example of successfully joining forces with our partners in this venture – the IGCC, Harbauer India and the General Consulate Kolkata in cooperation with AMRI Hospitals.”



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As widespread misinformation and apprehensions grip several groups of the population, this drive is also a gesture to raise confidence in the vaccines. The Goethe-Institut along with its partners encourages all eligible members of the public to get vaccinated and join hands to unitedly fight against COVID-19.

Beneficiaries of the campaign posed for selfies to document their vaccine experience and campaign for vaccination.



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The organizers wholeheartedly thank all volunteers for extending their support at the venue, and the vaccination staff who administered the vaccine.

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