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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Subject : India achieves the major milestone of ‘one billion’  
COVID-19 vaccinations**

In a historic achievement, the cumulative COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has surpassed the 1 billion milestone. In a tweet, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** congratulated the countrymen and expressed gratitude to the country’s scientific community and health professionals for working towards achieving this stupendous feat.

India has achieved the mark of 1 billion vaccine doses in less than 40 weeks and is the only country that has developed multiple COVID-19 vaccines across multiple platforms. Nearly all of the 1 billion doses administered have been Made-in-India. By the end of 2021, India would be producing more Covid-19 vaccines, monthly. This would translate to a larger potential to share vaccines with the world, contributing toward realization of the Prime Minister’s vision of “**One Earth, One Health**”.

India and Germany are celebrating 70 years of establishment of diplomatic ties. We are seeking to elevate India-Germany bilateral relations even as we expand our partnership in the Indo-Pacific and in multilateral fora. India is also celebrating 75 years of Independence from British rule.

With low daily infection rate and increasing vaccinations, there is an expectation that travel between the two countries will be restored to pre-coronavirus pandemic. In this context, India has commenced issuing Tourist visas to German nationals, including free visas to applicants. India is working closely with Germany to enhance bilateral relations, business linkages, cultural ties and people to people exchanges.

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