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India to collaborate with East Asian partners for COVID-19 vaccines, medical technologies

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Global and equitable vaccine roll-out is a prerequisite for the strong and sustained global recovery: Anupriya Patel



At the 9th EAS-EMM (East Asia Summit-Economic Ministers' Meeting), Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, India said that the world needs meaningful partnerships, sharing of advanced technologies, collaboration in vaccine and pharmaceutical production, capacity building and transparency in health information.

"India is willing to collaborate with East Asian partners in the production of generic drugs and medical technologies used for treatment of COVID-19 patients, as also in the area of vaccines production. 70% of the global vaccines are produced in India and our capacity to produce quality medicines and vaccines at affordable prices are globally recognised", she said.

India recognizes that the international community has a collective responsibility to work together against the COVID-19 pandemic in the true spirit of partnership within existing international frameworks. India endorses the concept of working towards ensuring transparent, trustworthy, dependable & reliable supply chain. India is a part of the "Supply Chain Resilience Initiative" launched in September, 2020, as a firm step towards building resilient supply chains in the region.

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