

SERUM INSTITUTE'S CERVICAL CANCER JABS LAUNCHED BY AMIT SHAH: ADAR

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NEW DELHI: India's first indigenous, low-cost vaccine to prevent cervical cancer made by the Serum Institute of India has been launched by home minister Amit Shah, the firm's chief executive officer Adar Poonawalla announced on Tuesday.

"On the occasion of India's National Girl Child Day and Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, @SerumInstIndia is pleased to launch the first made-in-India HPV vaccine by the hands of our Hon'ble Home Minister Shri @AmitShah Ji. @PrakashKsingh7," he tweeted.

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women in India, which accounts for 21% of the cases and 23% deaths globally, a study published in the Lancet Global Health last month said.

The development of effective human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and screening programmes has made cervical cancer a largely preventable disease.