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# CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT COVID 19

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**Abstract:** *With more than four million deaths and 200 million confirmed cases globally (WHO, 2021b), Covid-19 catastrophe and its second wave infringed nations beyond anticipation. The solace came with Covid-19 Vaccines, although, societal perceptions associated with vaccine proved a colossal test. With secondary data, this research attempts to identify how India, responded to such a ferocious infectious disease and how it initiated Covid-19 vaccine immunization drive by operationalizing existing capacities. The research delineates capacity building challenges and effectiveness of measures adopted by the Indian government. As the gigantic immunization drive is ongoing in India, it anatomizes learnings for practitioners and academic research.*

**Keywords:** *Capacity building; Covid-19; Immunization; India; Vaccines*

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## Introduction

The world experienced radical changes ever since Covid-19 catastrophe. Because of the infectious virus spread; social and economic milieu of nations experienced intense volatility (v), uncertainty (u), complexities (c) leading to ambiguity (a), posing the VUCA test to the countries. According to the World Bank estimation, Covid-19 recession observed one of the worst downgrades in growth projection from all the recessions since 1990 (Blake & Wadhwa, 2020). In March 2021, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimated global growth to be 6%, which was 0.5 % over

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