

Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovation

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About Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovation:

- It was **launched in 2017** as an innovative partnership between **public, private, philanthropic** and **civil organisations**.
- It was founded in Davos (Switzerland) by the governments of **Norway** and **India**, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, and the **World Economic Forum**.
- **Mission:** Its mission is to accelerate the **development of vaccines** and other biologic countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats so they can be accessible to all people in need.
- CEPI has supported the development of more than 50 vaccine candidates or platform technologies against multiple known high-risk pathogens or a future Disease X.
- Central to CEPI's pandemic-beating **five-year plan for 2022-2026** is the '**100 Days Mission**' to compress the time taken to develop safe, effective, globally accessible vaccines against new threats to just 100 days.

India- CEPI

- The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India is supporting the implementation of **the Ind-CEPI Mission**, "Epidemic preparedness through rapid vaccine development:

Support of Indian vaccine development.

- It is done through a dedicated Program Management Unit (PMU) at **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**.
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Q1: What is Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)?

It was established by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and is aimed at strengthening and empowering emerging biotechnology enterprises to undertake strategic research and innovation.

Source: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates Asia's first health research related "Pre-clinical Network facility" under Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

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