

Iran's portfolio of vaccines growing

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The head of the Food and Drug Administration of Iran announced that the country is on the verge of producing and introducing pneumococcal and rotavirus vaccines into the market.

The official also stated that some vaccines, including HPV and influenza, have been successfully manufactured within the country, IRNA reported.

Heydar Mohammadi disclosed during a meeting with the Iraqi Minister of Health that six vaccine production platforms have been established in Iran. Moreover, the country boasts 180 factories focused on the production of final drugs, along with 65 factories dedicated to

the manufacturing of raw and effective ingredients essential for drug production. The drug distribution system seamlessly connects 14,000 pharmacies nationwide through 62 distribution companies.

Highlighting the significant value of Iran's pharmaceutical market, which exceeded \$3 billion last year, Mohammadi revealed that the pharmaceutical sector's imports in Iran costs \$2 billion. Remarkably, a staggering 99 percent of the required drugs in the country are domestically produced. Mohammadi emphasized the feasibility of transferring technology for drug and medical equipment manufacturing from Iranian producers to Iraq. He sought the Iraqi Minister of Health's cooperation in

selling drugs registered in Iran, provided they are not domestically produced in Iraq or there is insufficient production to meet market demand. The proposal urged these drugs to be registered in Iraq accordingly.

Furthermore, Mohammadi clarified that one of the strengths of Iran's pharmaceutical industry lies in its capacity to manufacture necessary equipment within the country. In the field of medical equipment, domestic manufacturers supply 40 percent of the market, a purposeful and strategic approach that encompasses the production, supply, and even export of essential items such as electroshock devices, ventilators, hemodialysis machines, accelerators, and



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more. Drawing attention to Iran's position as a notable producer of high-tech drugs globally, Mohammadi highlighted the scarcity of producers in this specific domain. With respect to such medicines, Iran ranks among the top 10

countries capable of manufacturing them, including biosimilars and biotech medicines.

Concluding his remarks, the head of the Food and Drug Administration unveiled plans for the launch of Iran's second blood refinery this year. He noted

the successful inauguration of the first blood factor production refinery in the previous year. Additionally, he proudly acknowledged notable achievements in cell and tissue therapy, further underscoring Iran's progress in the field of medical advancements.

Update on Miankaleh petchem: Fencing goes on, land to be reclaimed



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In a recent update on the Miankaleh petrochemical project, vice president of Human Environment of the Department of the Environment (DoE), Iraj Heshmati, revealed that legal proceedings have been initiated at the Behshahr City prosecutor's office and the Mazandaran Province prosecutor's office. The move comes in response to concerns over potential irreversible environmental damage, with hopes that the project's execution will be halted promptly, ISNA reported.

Heshmati referred to the DoE's records dated May 21, 2022, which contained a letter to the CEO of Amirabad Petrochemical Company. The letter expressed the DoE's opposition to the project's proposed location, known as option A. The DoE had also issued several letters to the project's executive, urging them to refrain from any enforcement operations until an environmental assessment permit was obtained.

"Any executive operation before and after the notification mentioned is contrary to Paragraph A of Article 38 of the Law of the Sixth Development Plan of the country," Heshmati added.

Despite these warnings, field reports indicate that fencing of the project site has

continued, signaling the commencement of implementation operations.

Heshmati further clarified that the order for judicial and legal follow-up has been communicated to the General Department of Environmental Protection of Mazandaran Province. He expressed hope that the environmental sensitivities will be addressed promptly, preventing any further and irreparable damage while halting the executive operations.

In a recent conversation with the head of the country's land affairs organization, Heshmati was informed that the proceedings for the restitution of the acquired land are on the provincial supervision committee's agenda.

Vice president of Human Environment of the DoE noted, "It seems that the recent executive operation of the constructors is only due to the increase in the cost of reclaiming the land and the creation of acquired rights, which is contrary to the rules and laws."

Heshmati, citing the information base of the DoE, stated that they will continue their legal and judicial pursuit until the final result. He also advised the project manager to respect the laws and halt the project's implementation as soon as possible.

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Tehran Municipality launches 30 talent centers for labor children

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The CEO of the Welfare, Services, and Social Partnerships Organization of Tehran Municipality articulated the organization's stance on labor children, highlighting a focus on identifying their talents rather than merely collecting them. In order to facilitate this approach, the establishment of 30 talent centers has been undertaken, aiming to connect these children with specialized schools such as mathematics, art, and sports, according to IRIB News.

Seyyed Ahmad Ahmadi Sadr further elaborated that the plan encompasses all children facing deprivation of resources, engaging in work, living without proper shelter or supervision, and unable to attend school.

Additionally, Ahmadi Sadr revealed that the presidential office has issued a directive, appointing the Mayor of Tehran as the representative of the presidency in matters concerning beggars, working children, and drug addicts. This directive has received full approval.

Expanding on the matter, Ahmadi Sadr expressed that following confirmation and communication of the details, Tehran Municipality will assume the role of a special representative of the presidency in these three sectors.

Furthermore, he emphasized that while 14 institutions were previously responsible to their respective ministries, this new ruling will enhance synergy. While the designated institutions retain their assigned responsibilities, the municipality has been granted the authority to supervise, inquire, and report to the presidency.

This move is, by all measures, a happy incidence, for very child possesses unique talents and abilities that deserve to be discovered and nurtured. Talent finding is crucial, as it enables us

to identify and develop these skills, allowing children to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

Regarding labor children specifically, talent finding becomes even more critical. Labor children are often engaged in physically demanding or strenuous work at a young age, which may limit their exposure to various opportunities. By recognizing their talents, we can create pathways for these children to explore alternative avenues beyond their current labor-intensive roles.



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