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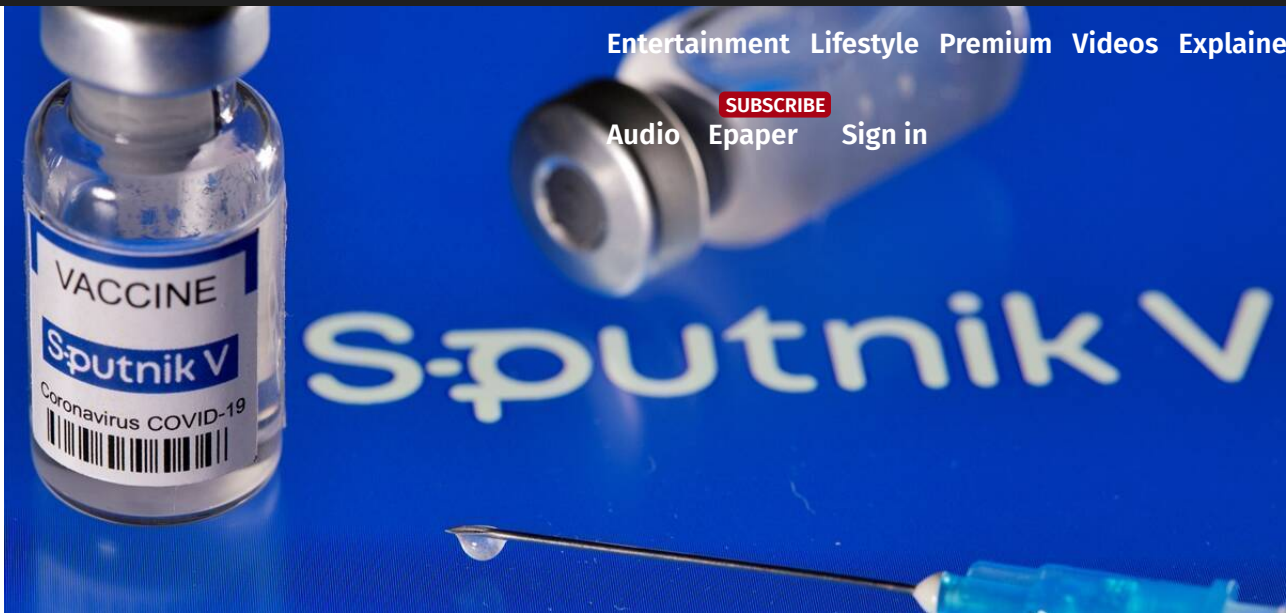
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Sputnik V has been authorised in 71 countries with a total population of over 4 billion people, and Sputnik Light in more than 30 countries. (File)

After the standalone **Sputnik Light Russian vaccine was approved** by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) as part of India's national inoculation effort against **Covid-19**, Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd has reaffirmed its commitment to "explore every avenue in the fight against the pandemic". Sputnik Light is now the second Covid-19 vaccine to be made available in India by Dr. Reddy's.

Dr. Reddy's announced Monday DCGI has granted approval to the Sputnik Light vaccine, developed by Russia's Gamaleya Center, for restricted emergency use. Sputnik Light is a one-dose vaccine and the same as the first component—recombinant human adenovirus serotype number 26 (rAd26)—of the two-dose Sputnik V vaccine. Following its Phase III clinical trial of the single-shot Sputnik Light vaccine in India, Dr. Reddy's had submitted its application for approval to DCGI in December 2021, in addition to data from the clinical trial in Russia.

Sputnik Light has been approved in over 30 countries around the world, including Argentina, the UAE, the Philippines and Russia. Earlier this year, an independent comparative study conducted by the Spallanzani Institute in Italy showed that Sputnik V demonstrates strong protection against the **Omicron** variant, with over two times higher virus neutralising activity compared to the Pfizer vaccine. The data support the results of the recent laboratory study by the Gamaleya Center demonstrating that Sputnik V induces robust neutralising antibody response to the Omicron variant, further strengthened by Sputnik Light as a booster.



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In September 2020, Dr. Reddy's partnered with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to conduct clinical trials of Sputnik V and distribute the vaccine in India. In April 2021, DCGI granted approval to the two-dose Sputnik V vaccine for restricted use in an emergency situation in India.



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