

Cancer vaccine for women to be available in six months; check details

The vaccine will be administered to girls between the ages of nine and 16 as part of the government's initiative to address the rising number of cancer cases in the country.

A vaccine to combat cancers affecting women will be available within the next five to six months, Union Minister of State for Health, Family Welfare and Ayush Prataprao Jadhav announced on Tuesday. The vaccine will be administered to girls between the ages of nine and 16 as part of the government's initiative to address the rising number of cancer cases in the country.

Speaking at a press conference in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Jadhav stated that research on the vaccine is nearly complete, with trials currently underway. "The number of cancer patients has increased in the country, and the Central government has initiated steps to address this issue. Women above 30 will undergo screening at hospitals, and daycare cancer centres will be established for early detection of the disease," he said.

The minister confirmed that the vaccine will target breast, oral, and cervical cancers. Additionally, the government has waived customs duty on medicines used in cancer treatment to make them more affordable.

Jadhav also addressed the government's efforts to integrate traditional medicine into healthcare. He stated that Ayush departments have been set up in hospitals nationwide, with 12,500 such facilities currently operational, and more being established.

News Source:

<https://www.businesstoday.in/india/story/cancer-vaccine-for-women-to-be-available-in-six-months-check-details-465092-2025-02-18>