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Guwahati: For the first time in the South East Asia, Manipur government in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched a drone to deliver 900 doses of Covid vaccine from Bishnupur to Karang island on Monday.

The initiative was a part of ICMR's Drone Response and Outreach in Northeast (i-Drone), a delivery model to make sure that life-saving COVID-19 vaccines reach everyone even in far flung areas.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launching the initiative said, "This is for the first time that a 'Make in India' drone has been used in South Asia to transport COVID-19 vaccine over an aerial distance of 15 km in 12-15 minutes from the Bishnupur district hospital to Loktak lake, Karang island in Manipur for administration at the PHC."

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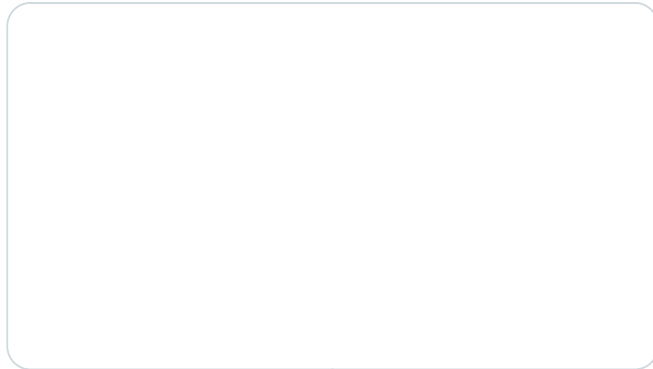
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This technology-driven initiative is being taken up to mitigate the difficulties in delivering the crucial vaccine in rough terrains.

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The actual road distance between these locations is 26km. on Monday with the help of the supply via drone, 10 beneficiaries received the first dose and eight others received the second dose at the PHC.

“This initiative will enable us to mitigate the difficulties in delivering vaccines at rough terrains,” said Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh.

Despite the effective and safe vaccine administration in the country, the vaccine delivery remained tough to reach several difficult terrains. The i-Drone has been designed to overcome these challenges by deploying Unmanned Aerial vehicles (UAV) / drones to remote areas, the Health Ministry said.

For now, the drone-based delivery project has been granted permission for implementation in Manipur and Nagaland, as well as the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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