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## ■ Collaborative Research Significant in Effectively Mitigating, Responding to Global Health Crisis

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on May 26 addressed the BRICS Health Ministers Meeting 2023 on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly in Geneva. Emphasising the significance of collaborative research in mitigating and responding effectively to global health crises, Dr. Mandaviya said, the pandemic has highlighted the need for increased collaboration and synergy in the development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. He suggested that the BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Center can play a vital role in providing equitable access to safe, efficacious, and affordable vaccines, alongside sustainable vaccine research and development. Dr. Mandaviya shared India's commitment to eliminating tuberculosis (TB) by 2025. He said, India has implemented comprehensive initiatives focused not only on treatment but also on nutritional assistance through community support. The Health Minister outlined three core agendas for the transformation of the global healthcare landscape: Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, Equitable access to Medical Countermeasures, and Digital Health.