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In a major milestone for India's scientific capabilities and the country's drive towards self-reliance, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan today dedicated India's first indigenous chicken vaccine against Avian Influenza (H5N1), commonly known as bird flu, to the nation at a program in Bhopal. On the occasion, the Union Minister announced the establishment of a new state-of-the-art laboratory in Bhopal at an estimated cost of ₹300 crore. He also took a dig at opposition leaders for questioning India's constitutional institutions and the capabilities of its scientists while speaking abroad. Priced at an affordable ₹1-2 per dose,



the vaccine is the world's first vaccine against this particular variant of bird flu. It is expected to strengthen disease prevention in the poultry sector, protect the livelihoods of millions of poultry farmers and help reduce the enormous economic losses caused by animal diseases.

Those who malign India abroad must see the new, self-reliant India