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Chairman & Managing Director
Serum Institute of India Ltd.

In 1966, when there were no other private players, Dr. Poonawalla embarked on his journey to set up Serum Institute with a meager capital equivalent of US\$25000. It is now the world's largest producer of vaccines by number of doses, producing 1.3 billion doses a year that are used in over 140 countries. It's a testament to his vision, grit and innovative approach that Serum Institute has attained world leadership by reaching the unmatched figure of protecting more than 2/3rd of the infant population in 2014 globally, thus saving the lives of more than 10 million children across the globe.

Serum Institute's global reach of the total number of children protected singly surpasses all the vaccine manufacturers put together, worldwide.

Referred to as "one of the seven vaccine heroes of the world" by Bill Gates, International dignitaries such as Prince Charles have lauded his humanitarian work.

Dr. Poonawalla has been honoured with "Padma Shree" in 2005, "The Sabin Corporate Philanthropy Award" in 2005, "US Award for Excellence in the Inter-American Public Health" in 2010, the "EY Entrepreneur Of The Year" in 2014, "Lifetime achievement" award at the Vaccine World Summit India in 2014 and the "Business Leader of the Year Award" at The Asian Awards function held in London on 4th April 2014.

One of the other great passions of Dr. Poonawalla is horse racing and breeding. He is considered as an icon in the thoroughbred horseracing and breeding world. He has been the long-standing Chairman of the Royal Western India Turf Club and the Turf Authorities of India. He was also the Vice Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation and was a member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA – the world Apex Body). He was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award in France by the Chairman of the IFHA on 5th October, 2009 and also by the Turf Authorities of India on 25th October 2009, for his outstanding contribution in the field of horseracing and breeding.

Dr. Poonawalla, in his personal capacity, and through Serum Institute of India, has made donations, including vaccines, valued at several hundred crores to various charitable organizations worldwide. He has also started and contributed in affordable Schools and Hospitals, including a Leprosy Hospital and other healthcare and educational institutions.