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## Free vaccination for all in State too: Dy. CM

Vaccine trials are under way, he says

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The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered for free to people of the State, said Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan.

Speaking to presspersons at Sambra Airport in Belagavi on Saturday, he said vaccine trials were under way and when it is ready, it would be administered for free for all.

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Palaniswami and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan too had assured free immunisation against COVID-19 for all sec-

tions in their States soon after the vaccine is made available.

The Bharatiya Janata Party in its manifesto for the Bihar Assembly elections promised free vaccination, leading to a debate on "politicisation" of the issue.

Responding to a statement by the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah on the issue, Mr. Ashwath Narayan said the mention of free vaccination of COVID-19 vaccine in the party's election manifesto in Bihar was aimed at boosting the morale of the people.

However it was being "used to criticise the BJP", he said.