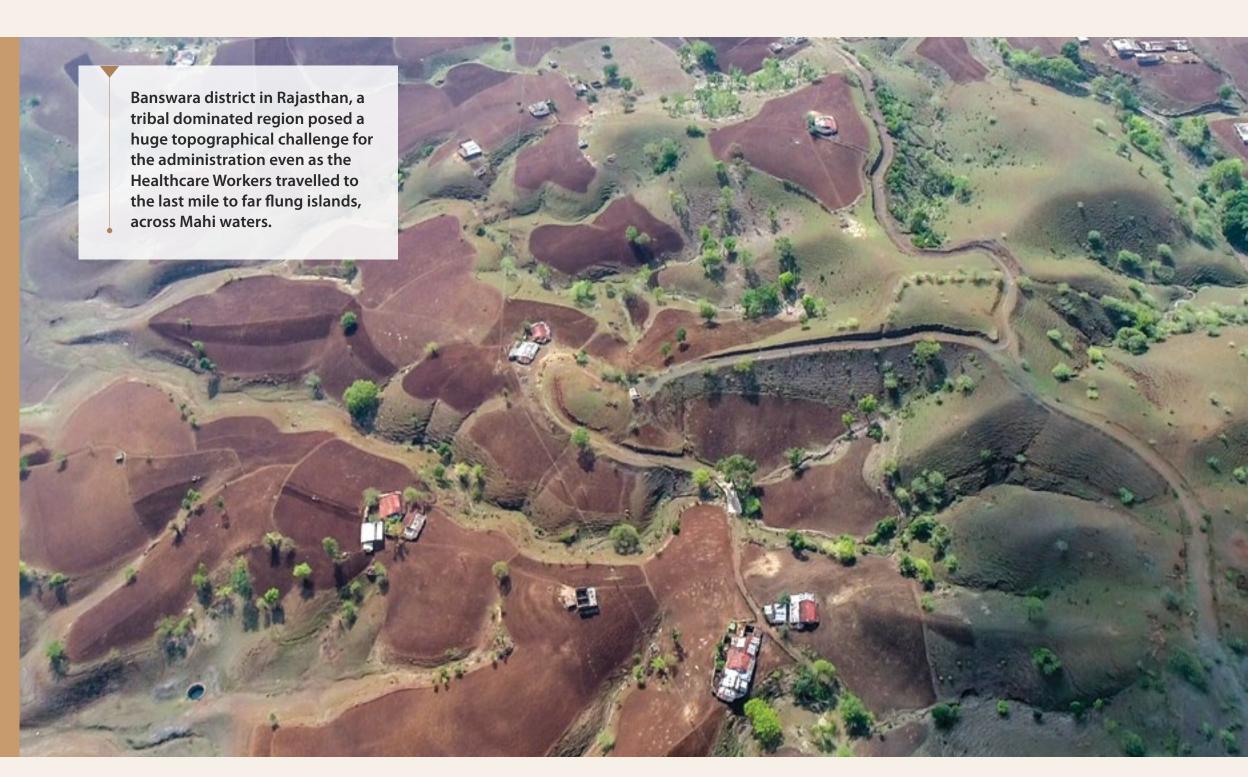


The Government of India launched the largest vaccine drive in the world on 16th January 2021, to combat the pandemic. The drive was scaled-up in phases and first covered the Healthcare Workers and Frontline Workers who were most at risk from the pandemic. The challenge was not only demographic but was also in terms of reaching the vaccination across the country, across varied topographies and many a times to hitherto unreached areas. The credit goes to the team of Healthcare Workers who took it upon themselves to ensure that everyone was covered. It was not an easy task as deep rooted hesitancy had to be overcome and rampant myths about vaccination had to be countered.

The sixth story of India's COVID warriors is one such story of a team of Community Healthcare Workers covering miles and miles across hills and rivers, to reach remote communities and ensuring that no one was left behind in the vaccination drive.











"We went from village to village, door to door and explained to people the risk of exposure to COVID-19 disease and the benefit of vaccination. We told them that we too had taken both the doses of COVID-19 vaccine and were safe", says Dr. Maida.



Slowly, the vaccination drive picked up.
Committees were formed in villages and they started further explaining to the people how it was the best way of protection against the pandemic.
Convincing the locals to overcome their hesitancy was an exercise both of patience and reasoning.
Gradually, the word spread around.







