HIGHLIGHTS

- MoHFW engages with States/UTs to review status of operationalization of Tele-consultation services at AB-Health & Wellness Centres and prompt utilization of ECRP (India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package) funds (Link)
- Union Minister for Culture congratulates scientists from India and the world for their contributions during current COVID19 pandemic times (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 22 February 2022, India reported a total of 42,851,929 confirmed cases and during third wave the highest cases in a day were 3,47,254 cases reported on 21st January 2022.
- A total of 31,377 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at 4,21,89,887. (Source: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800418)

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (16-22 February), as compared to previous week (9-15 February), all states have shown a decline in cases. Larger declines were reported from Assam (-84%), DNH & DD (-75%), Sikkim (-71%) and Gujarat (-65%).
- Top ten districts with the highest number of cases in past seven days have all shown decrease in number of cases.
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- As on 22 February, India reported 5,12,344 COVID-19 deaths with Maharashtra reporting highest number of COVID-19 deaths (1,43,586) followed by Kerala (64,273) and Karnataka (39,816).
- In the week (16-22 February), India reported 2,986 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (1,895) followed by Maharashtra (170) and Karnataka (151).
- Thirty states have shown decline in deaths and higher declines were reported from Jharkhand (-100%), J & K (-92%), Nagaland (-83%) and Chhattisgarh (-82%).
- The case fatality rate (CFR) is 1.2% with Punjab leading in CFR (2.3%) followed by Nagaland (2.1%), Maharashtra (1.8%), Uttarakhand (1.8%), Meghalaya (1.7%) and Goa (1.5%).

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO announces first technology recipients of mRNA vaccine hub with strong support from African and European partners. WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, announced the first six countries viz. Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia will receive the technology needed to produce mRNA vaccines on the African continent, details here
- WHO and ILO have published a new guide on developing and implementing stronger occupational health and safety programmes for health workers. The guide also outlines the roles that governments, employers, workers and occupational health services should play in promoting and protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of health workers, details here
- WHO’s Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) issued statement based on available data of transmission, severity, reinfection, diagnostics, therapeutics and impacts of vaccines; and reinforced that the BA.2 sub-lineage should continue to be considered a variant of concern and that it should remain classified as Omicron, details here

WHO COUNTRY SUPPORT: A SNAPSHOT

- WHO is providing technical support and sharing technical guidance including emerging evidence on COVID-19 including variants and its sub-lineages. Evidence are being synthesised in weekly basis and shared with authorities at National, States and District levels.
- WHO field offices are actively engaged in “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination including the roll out of the newly introduced vaccines and community mobilization for optimizing the coverage.
- Situation analysis of States and Districts are done on regular basis based on warning levels and technical support provided to firm up the response measures across various States/UTs.
- Technical support is provided to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supporting Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Field support is provided in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujrat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh in planning for Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0
- Supporting Haryana, Maharashtra, and Punjab with upcoming National Immunization Day
- Supporting Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Madhya Pradesh with pulse polio campaign
- WHO field representatives are participating in technical deliberation with authorities and supporting them to adjust public health and social measures.

TESTING

- The testing capacity across the country continues to be expanded. In the last 24 hours, 11,83,438 tests have been conducted. India has so far conducted over 76.24 Cr (76,24,14,018) cumulative tests.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

With the administration of more than 33.84 lakh Doses (33,84,744) vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India’s COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 176.19 Cr (1,76,19,39,020) as on 23 February 2022.

This is achieved with 2,00,89,198 sessions; break-up of the cumulative figures & coverage given below:

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Centre has provided more than 172.68 crore (1,72,68,90,400) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

HEALTH SYSTEMS STATUS

- India has optimized health systems capacity substantially since the second wave - isolation beds, oxygen supported beds, ICU beds, ventilator, oxygen supply etc. have improved a lot.
- The situation is being reviewed at the national and state level periodically and evidence-based decisions are being taken to equip the health systems optimally.
- Current status of health systems is visualized in the maps below:

![Maps showing health systems status](image)

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- WHO COVID-19 Essential Supplies Forecasting Tool (COVID-ESFT) v4.1 ([LINK](https://example.com))
- Questions and Answers: COVID-19 vaccines and pregnancy ([LINK](https://example.com))
- Contact tracing and quarantine in the context of the Omicron SARS-CoV-2 variant: interim guidance ([LINK](https://example.com))

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