HIGHLIGHTS

• Three-day “Swasthya Chintan Shivir” on the future roadmap of the health ecosystem in the country concludes at Kevadia, Gujarat (Link)
• Government clarifies issued related to CoWIN on 2.5 lakh vaccination certificate issued in Pune (Link)
• Union Minister of State for Health and FW launched Atal Innovation Mission- PRIME (Program for Researchers for Innovation, Market Readiness and Entrepreneurship) Playbook & Start-up showcase (Link)
• National Health Authority (NHA) organizes convention of Technology Partners of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

• As of 18 May 2022, India reported a total of 43,125,370 confirmed cases, with 524,260 deaths. Currently, the number of cases per million is 30,349.

WHO Situation Update

- India
  - 43,125,370 Confirmed Cases
  - 524,260 Total Deaths

- South East Asia Region
  - 58,037,929 Confirmed Cases
  - 787,843 Total Deaths

- World
  - 519,729,804 Confirmed Cases
  - 6,268,281 Deaths

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the last seven days, India has reported 17,681 new cases reported in the country, with Delhi reporting the most (5,682, or 32% of total cases), followed by Kerala (2,939) and Haryana (2,440).
• In the past week (11-17 May), as compared to the previous week (4-10 May), 14 states have shown an increase in cases, while 19 states have shown a decline. Larger declines were reported from A & N Islands (-100%), Tripura (-100%), Assam (-83%) and Manipur (-50%). In comparison to the previous week, only 30% of districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week.
• India has reported 5,24,260 COVID-19 deaths with case fatality rate (CFR) of 1.22%. Maharashtra has reported the highest number of COVID-19 deaths (1,47,856) followed by Kerala (69,402) and Karnataka (40,105).
• In the past week, India has reported 155 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (124) followed by Delhi (14) and Maharashtra (8). Four states Delhi, Jharkhand, J & K and Maharashtra have shown increase in deaths while seven states have shown decline in deaths.
• Higher declines were reported from Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal (-100% each). Punjab has reported highest CFR (2.3%) followed by Nagaland (2.1%), Maharashtra (1.9%), Uttarakhand (1.8%), Meghalaya (1.7%) and Goa (1.6%).

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

• WHO launches first-ever global report on infection prevention and control; reveals that good IPC programmes can reduce health care infections by 70%, details here
• World leaders urged to make firm commitments at Second Global COVID-19 Summit by ACT-Accelerator agency leads, detail here
• WHO’s COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) today finalized a licensing agreement with the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the development of several innovative therapeutics, early-stage vaccines and diagnostic tools for COVID-19, detail here
• Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO’s 2020-2021 Results Report tracks WHO’s significant achievements across the global health spectrum, details here
• WHO releases interim statement on the use of additional booster doses of Emergency Use Listed mRNA vaccines against COVID-19, details here

WHO COUNTRY SUPPORT: A SNAPSHOT

• WHO continues to provide technical support at National and sub-national level, as well as through task force/control rooms at the state and district levels; WHO field staff continue to participate in meetings on current response, technical deliberations on emerging evidences, vaccination etc.
  • WHO provided comprehensive help and support in continued capacity development for the COVID19 Vaccination Program, as well as AEFI surveillance committee meetings at the state and district levels.
  • WHO Field teams are closely involved in ongoing regular vaccination drives in a number of states. Vaccination sessions are being held across the country to provide surge support for training, microplanning, and monitoring, including the role out of COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 14. Support is also provided during technical deliberations at the national level for vaccination strategy revision.

TESTING

• India has so far conducted over 84.44 crore tests (RT-PCR & RAT); 357484 in the last 24 hours.
• Weekly positivity rate in the country currently stands at 0.59% and daily positivity rate is 0.44%.
COVID-19 VACCINATION

- India’s COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 191.63 crore (1,91,63,11,106) as per provisional reports till 17 May 2022. The cumulative coverage of vaccine doses, segregated based on population priority groups, is as follows:

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- More than 193.53 crore (1,93,53,58,865) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Health systems resilience toolkit: a WHO global public health good to support building and strengthening of sustainable health systems resilience in countries with various contexts ([LINK](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1825905))

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