

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 49

January 4, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India asserts that vaccines which are in the pipeline will work against the new variants of SARS-CoV-2 ([Link](#))
- Consortium of 10 government labs release initial results of Genome sequencing of mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2 ([Link](#))
- Health Ministry recommends extension of temporary suspension of international flights from the UK to India till 7 Jan 2021 ([Link](#))
- Centre asks States/UTs to gear up for roll out of COVID-19 vaccine ([Link](#))
- Union Health Minister chairs meeting to review preparedness at COVID-19 vaccination sites for trial run in Delhi and emphasizes need for effective collaboration between administration and medical officers ([Link](#))
- COVID-19 vaccine dry run held successfully across India ([Link](#))
- Union Home Minister hailed approval granted by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) to the COVID-19 vaccines of the Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 340 469 Confirmed Cases

149 649 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

12 051 014 Confirmed Cases

184 493 Total Deaths

World

83 326 479 Confirmed Cases

1 831 703 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 4 January 2021, India reported 10,340,469 confirmed cases. After a slight increase in daily cases in the past few days, a recent decline has again been witnessed. After 2nd July 2020, daily cases reported currently is less than twenty thousand. 16,504 confirmed cases reported on 3rd January 2021. Cases per million is 7,381. Total deaths reported 149,649, details [here](#).

10,340,469

Confirmed Cases

7,381

Cases per million

132,598

Last 7 days Cases

149,649

Total Deaths

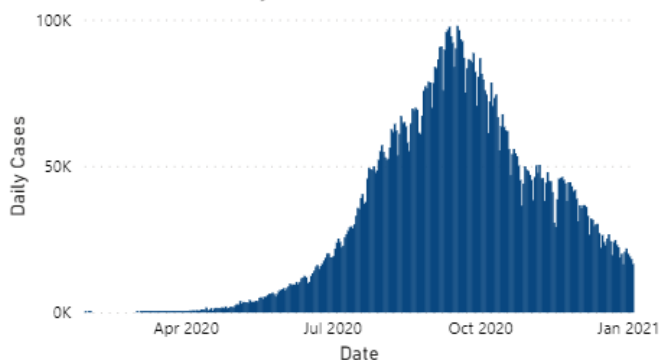
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Deaths per million

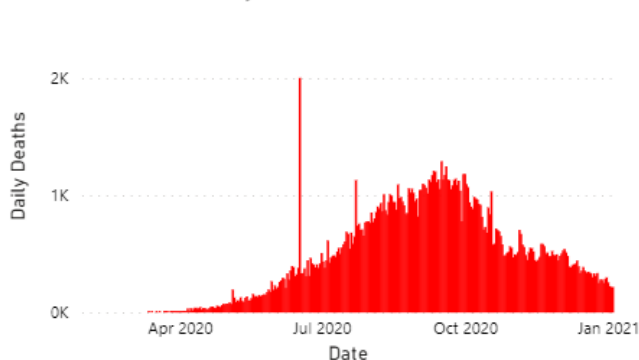
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Daily COVID-19 Cases



Daily COVID-19 Deaths



Source: MoHFW as reported on the WHO India Country Office Dashboard

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 – 5 January 2021, details [here](#).
 - Following the Emergency Use Listing last week, the SAGE group met today to discuss policy recommendations for the use of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.
 - Over the past 24 hours, members of the international scientific team on COVID-19 virus origins began traveling from their home countries to China. WHO is eager to get the mission underway as soon as possible.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

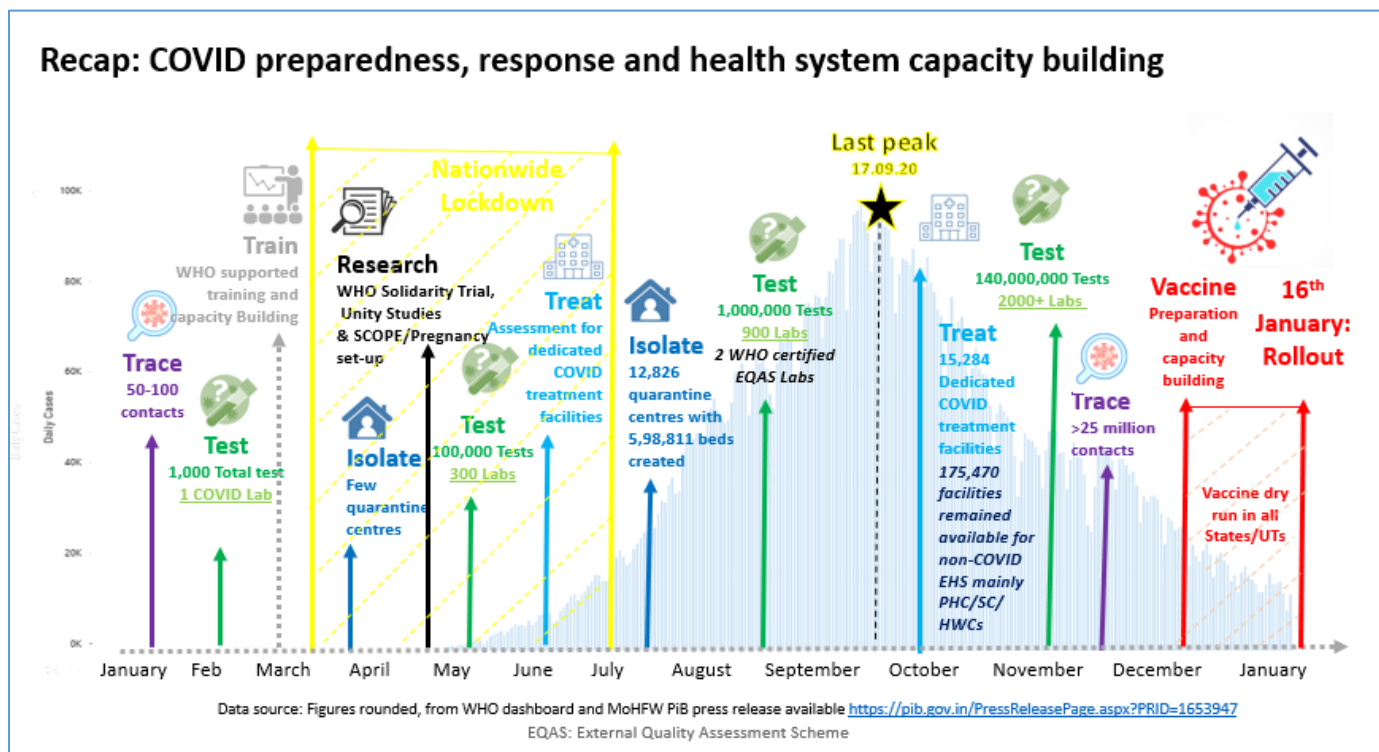
WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, in responding to COVID-19 and preparation of covid19 vaccination at the national, state and district level.

- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level. WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
- **Readiness for COVID19 vaccination:** WCO is supporting MOHFW and states in preparation and roll out of COVID19 vaccination.
 - WCO teams in states are supporting COVID vaccination dry run in **Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh UT, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Punjab**
 - WCO supported MOHFW in for tracking trainings in states
 - WCO is modifying the AEFI capturing software SafeVac to directly capture any adverse events following COVID vaccination with Covid Vaccine Intelligence Network (CoWIN) for managing adverse events following covid19 vaccination
 - WCO is supporting in setting up communications war room at MOHFW and have deployed one technical officer
 - WCO is facilitating ToT roll out of COVID vaccination in **Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh UT, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu**
 - WCO field personnel provided strategic technical support in **Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh UT, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh** for preparing for COVID-19 vaccination
 - WCO is supporting State and District Task Force for Immunization for COVID-19 in **Delhi, Kerala, Rajasthan, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Tripura**
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 175,000,000 samples. This includes both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.97%. A total of 735,798 tests were done on 3 January 2021, details [ICMR](#).

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SUMMARY OF COVID-19 SUPPORT IN 2020



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Guidelines for international arrivals (in supersession of guidelines issued on the subject dated 24th May 2020) (to be operational from 00.01 Hrs, 8th August 2020) ([LINK](#))
2. MoHFW Standard Operating Procedure for Epidemiological Surveillance & Response for the new variant of SARS-CoV-2 in the context of regulated resumption of limited flights originating from United Kingdom (UK) to India from 8th January, 2021 ([LINK](#))
3. MoHFW Series on COVID-19 Vaccines ([LINK](#))

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