

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 54

February 8, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister emphasizes that vaccination should not lead to complacency in following COVID appropriate behaviors, and all preventive measures should continue to be followed ([Link](#))
- More than 58 lakh healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19 across the country ([Link](#))
- Union Information & Broadcasting Minister launched state wide awareness campaign on COVID-19 vaccination and Atmanirbhar Bharat in Pune ([Link](#))
- National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been established with the aim of providing guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination ([Link](#))
- Centre rushes high level teams to Kerala and Maharashtra to support public health interventions for COVID-19 management ([Link](#))
- The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) will provide training for COVID-19 vaccine administration to nurses, pharmacists, and medical and nursing students belonging to their target group ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 838 194 Confirmed Cases

155 080 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

13 057 951 Confirmed Cases

200 545 Total Deaths

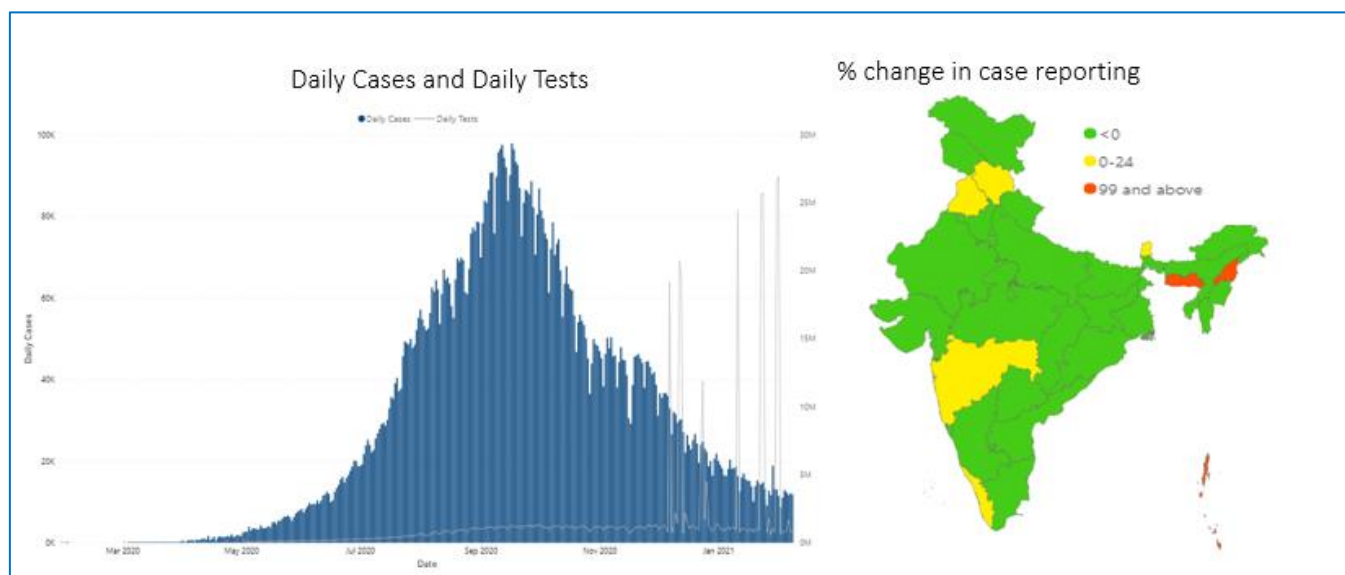
World

105 658 476 Confirmed Cases

2 309 370 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 8 February 2021, India reported a total of 10,838,194 confirmed cases. Daily cases in India continue to decline with 148,609 active cases, 155,080 total deaths, 10,534,505 discharged as on 08.02.2021 and total vaccinations done nationwide are 58,12,362 to date, details [here](#).



Source: WCO COVID-19 Dashboard reported using MoHFW data as on 08 February 2021, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO launched free OpenWHO.org training on rehabilitation for COVID-19, details [here](#).
- WHO announced updated critical concentrations for susceptibility testing to rifampicin, whereby critical concentrations for culture-based phenotypic drug susceptibility testing (DST) to first-line anti-TB drugs have been revised and lowered while those for isoniazid have been maintained at the present level, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

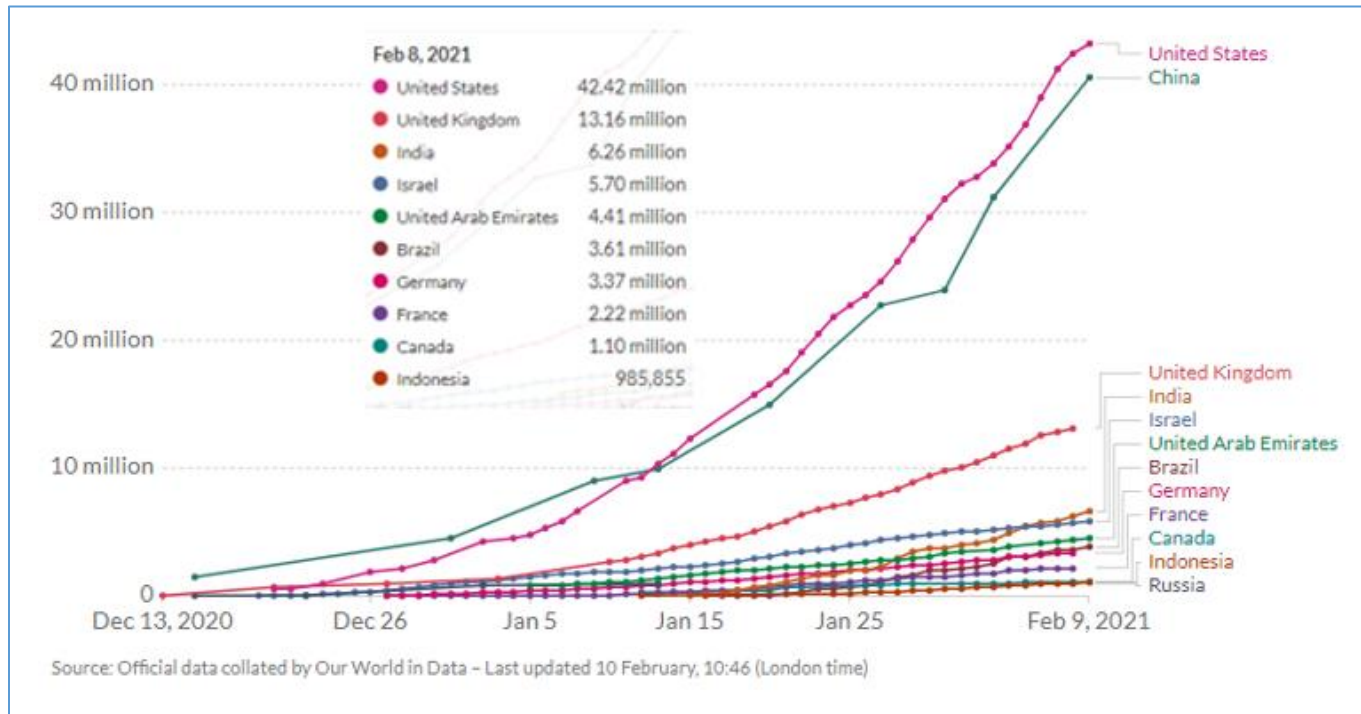
WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, in responding to COVID-19 and roll out of Covid19 vaccination at the national, state and district level.

- **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
 - In Kerala, WCO personnel continue to attend periodic review meetings chaired by Health Minister regarding COVID-19 response and vaccination
 - In Tamil Nadu, WCO personnel also participated in the 14th Expert Committee meeting chaired by Chief Minister on COVID-19 response and vaccination campaign
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** WCO is tracking trainings and formation review meetings of States and district task forces and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
 - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
 - 48 Rapid Response Teams have been deployed in North Eastern and other states/UTs to support COVID 19 vaccination roll out
 - WCO is supporting counselling sessions targeting vaccine hesitancy amongst healthcare workers
- **Risk communication and Community Engagement:** WCO continues to host radio programs across 10 States on COVID appropriate behaviors; with a reach of 24 million/week across public and private radio channels
 - As part of mass IEC campaign, WCO is guiding Maharashtra and Goa in identification of prominent places in the state wherein motor vans with LED display can be stationed to promote COVID appropriate behaviors and COVID-19 vaccination
- **Essential Services:** WCO together with UN Women has started the VAW Prevention Program: RESPECT Implementation Package: Pilot Roll-out in Asia Pacific. This series of 10 workshops online includes participants from MoHFW, MWCD and various stakeholders across 7 States in India.
 - Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway across the country
 - MR and AFP surveillance workshops and review meetings to strengthen immunization are also being supported across India
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 201,900,614 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.69%. A total of 532,236 tests were done on 7 February 2021, details at [ICMR](#).
 - WCO personnel in Chhattisgarh are supporting establishment of DPT laboratory set-up in coordination with AIIMS, Raipur

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GLOBAL COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL-OUT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Extension of validity of 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](#))
2. WHO COVAX publishes first interim distribution forecast ([LINK](#))
3. WHO public health research agenda for managing infodemics ([LINK](#))
4. WHO Background document on the mRNA-1273 vaccine (Moderna) against COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
5. WHO COVID-19: Occupational health and safety for health workers ([LINK](#))
6. Fair allocation mechanism for COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility ([LINK](#))
7. WHO SAGE values framework for the allocation and prioritization of COVID 19 ([LINK](#))

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