HIGHLIGHTS

- Registration for next phase of COVID-19 Vaccination on Co-WIN2.0 portal now open at [www.cowin.gov.in](http://www.cowin.gov.in) (Link)
- Prime Minister takes first dose of COVID-19 vaccine (Link)
- Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat report an upsurge of new COVID-19 cases (Link)
- Cabinet Secretary reviews surge in COVID-19 cases in Telangana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, and West Bengal (Link)
- Centre rushes multi-disciplinary high level central teams to States/UTs witnessing surge in cases (Link)
- Union Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises inaugurates COVID-19 vaccination and Aatmanirbhar Bharat awareness Campaign (Link)
- Participation of the private sector in COVID-19 vaccination is being systematically scaled up (Link)
- Union Health Secretary, and Chairman (Co-WIN) co-chair meeting regarding COVID-19 vaccination of age-appropriate groups with health secretaries of States and UTs (Link)
- India’s cumulative COVID-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 1.34 crore (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

As of 02 March 2021, India reported 11,124,527 confirmed cases. 12,286 confirmed cases reported on 02 March 2021. Cases per million is 7,940 and a total of 157,248 deaths have been reported, details [here](#).

![Daily COVID-19 Cases](image)

![Daily COVID-19 Deaths](image)

Source: WCO COVID-19 Dashboard reported using MoHFW data as on 15 February 2021, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi) and WHO, as co-leads of the COVAX initiative for equitable global access to COVID-19 vaccines, alongside key delivery partner UNICEF, published COVAX’s first round of allocations., details here.

- Recognizing the central importance of sustainable oxygen supply – alongside therapeutic products such as dexamethasone – for the treatment of COVID-19, the Access to COVID Tools Accelerator Therapeutics pillar (co-led by Unitaid and Wellcome), is taking a new role to coordinate and advocate for increased supply of oxygen, in partnership with a WHO-led consortium, COVID-19 Oxygen Emergency Taskforce, details here.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, in responding to COVID-19 and rollout 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.

- **COVID-19 vaccination:** The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination started for those over 60 years of age 45 and above with specified co-morbid conditions.
  As per the provisional report by MoHFW 25 Lakh potential beneficiaries registered on the Co-Win portal, of which 24.5 Lakh are citizens and the rest are Healthcare Workers and Frontline Workers. A total of 1,47,28,569 vaccine doses given.
  - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
  - WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
  - WCO is tracking trainings and formation review meetings of States and district task forces and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
  - WCO is also supporting counselling sessions targeting vaccine hesitancy amongst healthcare workers

- **Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 surveillance and containment activities.
  - WCO provides supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
  - In Uttar Pradesh, to identify ILI/SARI symptoms, a total of 31,484,005 houses have been covered and 159,487 symptomatic identified with the support of WHO field teams
  - WCO is supporting Maharashtra with response to recent surge in COVID-19 cases

- **Essential Services:** WCO continues to support provide support for maintaining essential health services.

- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 217,000,000 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. Most of the large states are ramping RTPCR tests. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.02%. A total of 759,283 tests reported on 02 March 2021, details at ICMR.
COVID-19 STATUS ACROSS STATES AND DISTRICTS

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MHA guidelines for surveillance, containment and caution States/UTs to strictly enforce them [LINK]
2. MoHFW FAQs on COVID 19 vaccine for Healthcare providers and Frontline workers [LINK]
3. MoHFW Guidelines on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread in Yoga Institutes & Gymnasiums [LINK]
4. MoHFW SOP on preventive measures in Hotels and other Hospitality Units [LINK]
5. MoHFW SOP on preventive measures in shopping malls [LINK]
6. MoHFW SOP on preventive measures training institutions, higher educational institutions [LINK]
7. MoHFW SOP on preventive measures in religious places/places of worship [LINK]
8. WHO Living guideline: Drugs to prevent COVID-19 [LINK]

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