HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister launches Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP), the revised Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) digital platform ([Link](#)).
- PM reviews COVID-19 pandemic situation and Covid-19 vaccination ([Link](#)).
- Cabinet Secretary reviews COVID-19 status with all States/UTs ([Link](#)).
- COVID-19 vaccination to be offered on all days of April at all Public and Private COVID Vaccination Centers, including holidays ([Link](#)).
- Union Health Secretary and Member, NITI Aayog chair high level meeting to review COVID-19 status and public health measures taken by Punjab and Chandigarh ([Link](#)).
- Union Health Minister releases document titled “Chasing the Virus: A Public Health Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic” ([Link](#)).
- Director-General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) makes presentation to Vice President on Sewage and Air Surveillance System to detect COVID-19 ([Link](#)).

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 5th April 2021, India reported a total of 12,589,067 confirmed cases and 165,101 confirmed cases within the past 24 hours. This is highest number of daily COVID-19 cases reported by India. A total of 165,101 deaths have been reported, details [here](#).
- Now India is reporting highest number of daily cases in the world.
- Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh report a steep rise in daily cases ([Link](#)).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, all states/UTs has shown an increase in cases except Manipur.

% change in number of confirmed cases, current week vs. previous week

- In Kerala, nodal officers have been appointed to ensure safe conduct of assembly polls with adherence to COVID-19 protocol and guidelines.
In Himachal Pradesh, all congregations and langars inside and around places of worship have been prohibited.

In Maharashtra, lockdown over the weekends has been announced till 30 April.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister of Sweden, appointed WHO Special Envoy for the ACT-Accelerator; he will help lead the collective advocacy for the ACT-Accelerator, mobilizing support and resources towards its strategy for 2021; details here.

The "Living with the Times" toolkit from WHO contains illustrated posters with key messages for older adults on how to maintain their well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic; details here.

WHO calls for further studies on origin of SARS-CoV-2 virus, reiterates that all hypotheses remain open to identify the zoonotic source of the virus and the route of introduction to the human population; details here.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
- Participated in meetings regarding COVID-19 surge, response, and vaccination chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries in Delhi, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Continues to attend weekly review meeting of COVID Intensive Vaccination Committee chaired by Lieutenant Governor in Puducherry.
- Participated in the expert committee meeting chaired by Chief Secretary in Tamil Nadu and presented COVID-19 situation data and vaccination monitoring indicators.

COVID-19 vaccination

- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- Supporting mask compliance study in all Kumbha Mela Zones in Haridwar, Uttar Pradesh.

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Supporting Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, AP with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT.
- Supporting Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.
- Supporting AP, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Haryana, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, MP, Telangana, in planning and implementation of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0.
- Supporting Haryana for National Immunization Day for Polio.
Facilitated workshop on modified case definition of Measles-Rubella in Chhattisgarh
Successfully advocated for initiation of fever and rash surveillance in Gujarat

As of 5th April 2021, India has tested more than 249 M 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 7.7%.

Testing - National Level

India continued to drive Covid-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 Vaccination
(As on 06 Apr'21 at 07:00 AM)

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GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline [LINK]
- WHO-convened global study of origins of SARS-CoV-2: China Part [LINK]

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