

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 64

April 21, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- Russia's Sputnik V approved for emergency use in India ([Link](#))
- Centre fast tracks emergency approvals for foreign produced COVID-19 vaccines that have been granted emergency use authorization in other countries ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister interacts with governors on COVID-19 situation and vaccination drive in the country ([Link](#))
- RTPCR Tests being used in India do not miss UK, Brazil, South Africa and double mutant variants ([Link](#))
- Union Health Ministry issues regulatory pathways for foreign produced COVID-19 vaccines ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister addresses the nation on the COVID-19 situation ([Link](#))
- Everyone above age of 18 will be eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 from May 1 ([Link](#))
- Union Territories exhorted to take necessary measures to prohibit supply of oxygen for industrial purposes in view of rising cases of COVID-19 ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

15,321,089 Confirmed Cases

180,530 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

18,562,170 Confirmed Cases

244,035 Total Deaths

(21 April 2021)

World

141,754,944 Confirmed Cases

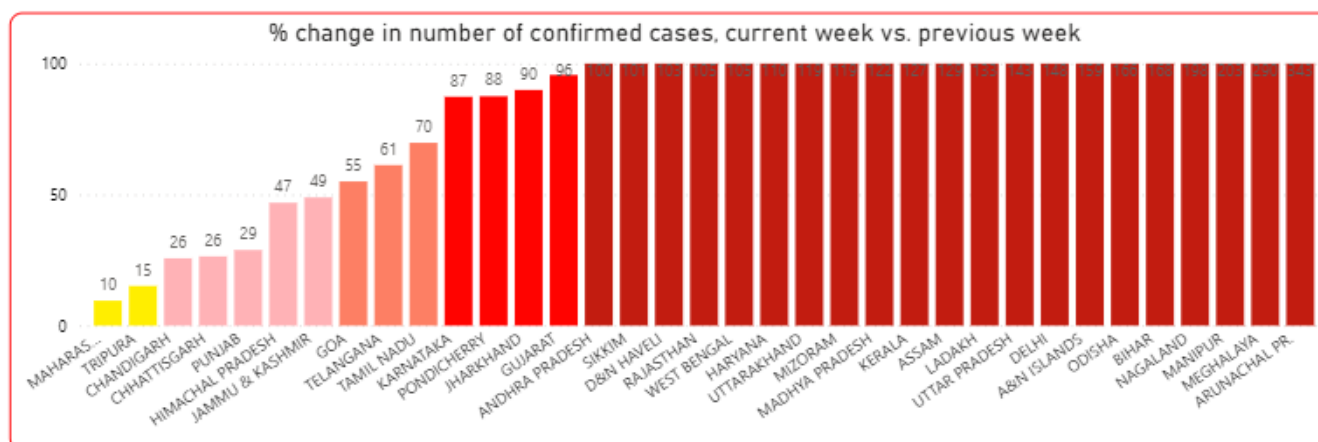
3,025,835 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

- India reports highest number of daily cases at 233,091 (7DMA). This is more than 25% of daily cases reported in the world.
- Five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are contributing almost 55% of total cases.
- In the past week 1,631,636 cases reported in country with Maharashtra reporting highest number of cases (439,266) followed by Uttar Pradesh (174,212) and Delhi (140,458), details, [here](#).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, all states/UTs have shown an increase in cases. Maharashtra has shown the lowest % increase in cases in comparison to last week.



- In **Assam**, guidelines for COVID-19 response have been launched for the upcoming Bihu festivities
- In **Gujarat**, orders have been issued to establish helpline number for proper distribution of Inj. Remdesivir
- In **Maharashtra**, detailed list of private vendors have been issued for buying Inj. Remdesivir

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- In **West Bengal**, PS of Health appointed 6 teams comprising of eminent doctors who will visit COVID hospitals for monitoring of treatment protocol and to streamline clinical management

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- Benefits of continuing to provide life-saving HIV services outweigh the risk of COVID-19 transmission by 100 to 1, detail [here](#)
- Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) review of latest evidence of rare adverse blood coagulation events with AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine (Vaxzevria and Covishield), details [here](#)
- Greta Thunberg, climate and environment activist, joins WHO's call for vaccine equity, details [here](#)
- WHO Director-General convened 7th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding COVID-19, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WHO Participated in meetings regarding COVID-19 surge, response, and vaccination chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries in **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, and Uttar Pradesh**
- 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 in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry**

COVID-19 vaccination

- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring
- Supporting **Haryana** in capacity building of private COVID-19 vaccination centers
- Facilitated sensitization workshops regarding COVID-19 vaccine targeting frontline and healthcare workers in **Meghalaya**

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Uttar Pradesh**

Laboratory Testing

- Analyzed testing trends and recovery rate in North East states and shared with officials of **Arunachal Pradesh**

Infection Prevention and Control

- Supporting virtual training of ANMs in **Chhattisgarh** on IPC and COVID-19 vaccination
- Continues to support re-training of private hospitals in **Uttar Pradesh** regarding IPC measures and management of suspected COVID-19 patients

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Held sensitization meeting regarding COVID-19 appropriate behaviours and vaccination targeting religious leaders in **Bihar**

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**
- Supporting **Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry** with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT

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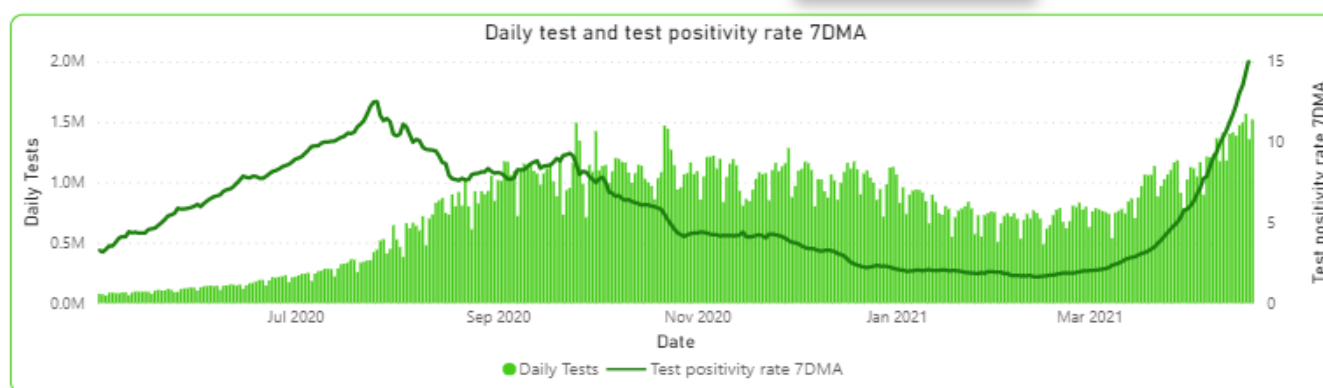
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- Supporting Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Punjab, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Supporting Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh in preparing for launch of Integrated Disease Surveillance Program-Integrated Health Information Platform (IDSP-IHIP)
- Continues to facilitate workshop regarding modified case definition of Measles-Rubella and revised surveillance guidelines in Chhattisgarh, Kerala, and Lakshadweep

As of 20 April 2021, India has tested more than 269 M samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 16%.

Testing - National Level

26,94,14,035
Cumulative Tests



India continued to drive Covid-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details [here](#).

Cumulative Coverage Report of Covid-19 vaccination (as on 21 April 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
India	111,645,892	18,473,418	130,119,310
	1,986,711 in last 24 Hours	1,003,486 in last 24 hours	2,990,197 in last 24 Hours

GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- COVID-19 and mandatory vaccination: Ethical considerations and caveats [\[LINK\]](#)
- WHO COVID-19 essential supplies forecasting tool (COVID-ESFT) [\[LINK\]](#)
- Asthma and COVID-19: scientific brief [\[LINK\]](#)
- International Nonproprietary Names for Variant COVID-19 Vaccine Active Substances [\[LINK\]](#)

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