

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 65

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Government allocates supply of Remdesivir to 19 States/UTs with high burden of COVID-19 cases ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister chairs review meeting regarding COVID-19 with Chief Ministers of high burden states ([Link](#))
- 551 Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Generation Plants to be set up in public health facilities across the country through PM CARES ([Link](#))
- Union Government advises States/UTs on intense action and local containment measures in COVID-19 affected districts for effective management of COVID surge ([Link](#))
- Steel sector companies taking efforts to supplement medical oxygen supply in the country ([Link](#))
- Empowered Group-3 chaired by NITI Aayog CEO reached out to more than 1 lakh CSOs to deliberate coordinated strategies to navigate through impact of surge of cases ([Link](#))
- To address shortage of oxygen tankers in the country, the Union Government imports 20 cryogenic tankers of 10 MT and 20 MT capacity and allocates them to States ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India
1,76,36,307 Confirmed Cases
1,97,894 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region
20,669,435 Confirmed Cases
261,068 Total Deaths

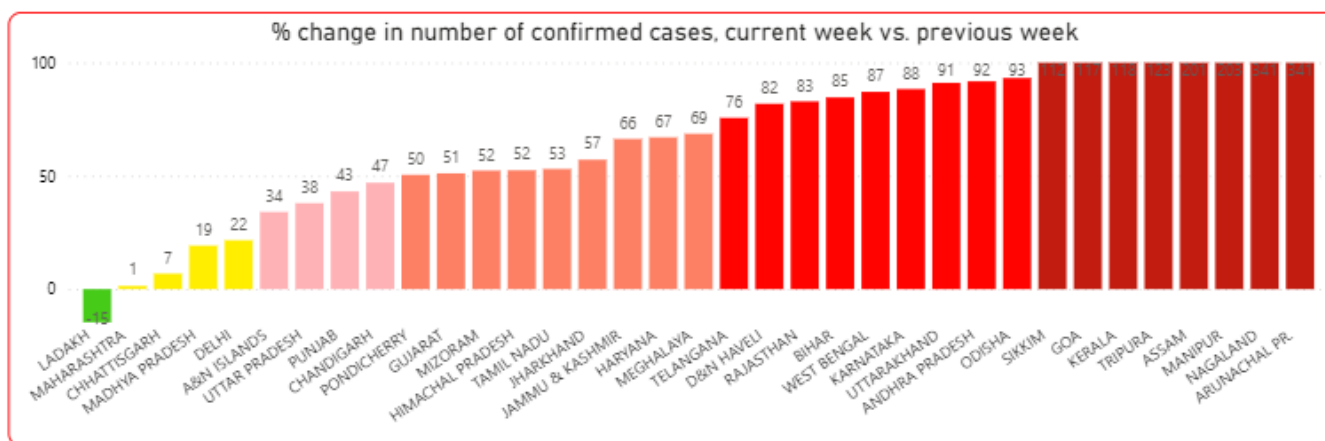
World
147,539,302 Confirmed Cases
3,116,444 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

- India is reporting highest number of daily cases in the world, almost 50% of new cases reported in the world;
- Among Indian states Maharashtra is still leading the tally with highest number of cases (more than 4 million) followed by Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (all more than 1 million).
- India is also reporting fourth highest number of deaths in the world; current case fatality ratio (CFR) is 1.12%;

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

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



- In **Delhi**, Deputy Chief Minister has been appointed the ‘Nodal Minister of COVID-19 Management’ to ensure inter-ministerial coordination and monitoring of all COVID-19 related affairs
- In **Haryana**, testing and vaccination of all farmers protesting on the Haryana-Delhi borders, and all pilgrims returning from Kumbh Mela have been mandated

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- In **Punjab**, all elective surgeries have been banned thus reserving 75% of beds in private hospitals for COVID-19 patients
- In **Uttar Pradesh**, OPD services have been discontinued, only emergency and essential services along with immunization and institutional deliveries will continue

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- On the basis of emerging scientific evidences, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization has updated its interim guidance on the use of the AstraZeneca vaccines against COVID-19, detail [here](#)
- WHO “pulse survey” reveals that over one year into the COVID-19 pandemic, substantial disruptions persist, with about 90% of countries still reporting one or more disruptions to essential health services, details [here](#)
- The ACT-Accelerator alliance, launched to develop and deliver tests, treatments and vaccines the world needs to fight COVID-19, marks its first anniversary, detail [here](#)
- On World Immunization Week, WHO, UNICEF & GAVI highlights the urgent need for a renewed global commitment to improve vaccination access and uptake. The immunization services have started to recover from disruptions caused by COVID-19, millions of children remain vulnerable to deadly diseases, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO has carried out situation analysis for states/UTs witnessing intensive transmission: **Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal**. State profiles with specific recommendations are being shared with state functionaries for action.
- 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 **Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh**

COVID-19 vaccination

- High level oversight during vaccination is provided 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

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

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

Infection Prevention and Control

- Continues to support re-training of workers of private and public health facilities in **Uttar Pradesh** regarding IPC measures and management of suspected COVID-19 patients

Information and Planning

- Supporting **Rajasthan** with management of beds and oxygen for COVID-19 patients
- Supported Public Health Social Measures (PHSM) COVID-19 Risk Assessment in **Delhi**

Essential Services

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

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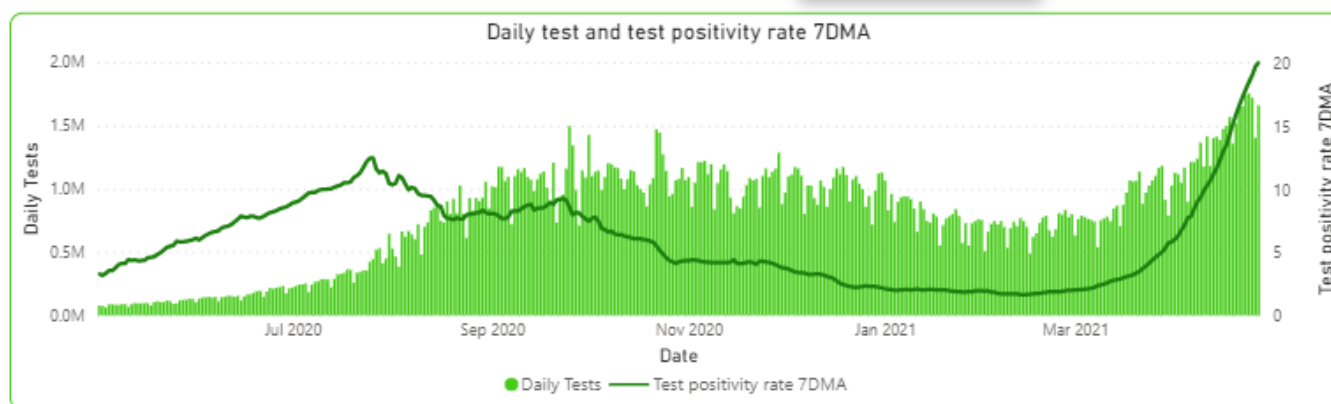
- Supporting **Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Supporting **Lakshadweep** in preparing for launch of Integrated Disease Surveillance Program-Integrated Health Information Platform (IDSP-IHIP)

As of 27th April 2021, India has tested more than 280 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 20%.

Testing - National Level

28,09,79,877

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 27 April 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
India	12,13,61,009	2,29,10,177	14,52,71,186
	20,95,223 in last 24 Hours	12,64,740 in last 24 hours	33,59,963 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/ REPORTS THIS WEEK

- Second round of pulse survey on continuity of essential health services during the COVID-19 [\[LINK\]](#)
- ACT now, ACT together 2020-2021 Impact Report [\[LINK\]](#)
- Expanding our understanding of post COVID-19 condition: report of WHO webinar- 9 February 2021 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Disability considerations for COVID-19 vaccination: WHO and UNICEF policy brief, 19 April 2021 [\[LINK\]](#)
- COVID-19: Prone for self-care, MoHFW, GOI [\[LINK\]](#)
- Clinical Guidance on Management of Adult Covid-19 patients, MoHFW, GOI [\[LINK\]](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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