

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 66

May 5, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- PM's authorizes key decisions to boost HR to fight COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- ICMR issued advisory for COVID-19 testing during the second wave ([Link](#))
- Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to install five medical oxygen plants in Delhi & Haryana ([Link](#))
- PM reviews Army's preparedness & initiatives for COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- AYUSH 64, formulation developed by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, found useful in the treatment of asymptomatic, mild, and moderate COVID-19 infection as an adjunct to standard care ([Link](#))
- IIT Bombay shows how to solve oxygen shortage by converting nitrogen generator into oxygen generator ([Link](#))
- Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways reviews preparedness of hospitals in major ports for COVID Care Management ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

2,02,82,833 Confirmed Cases

2,22,408 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

23,436,216 Confirmed Cases

287,650 Total Deaths

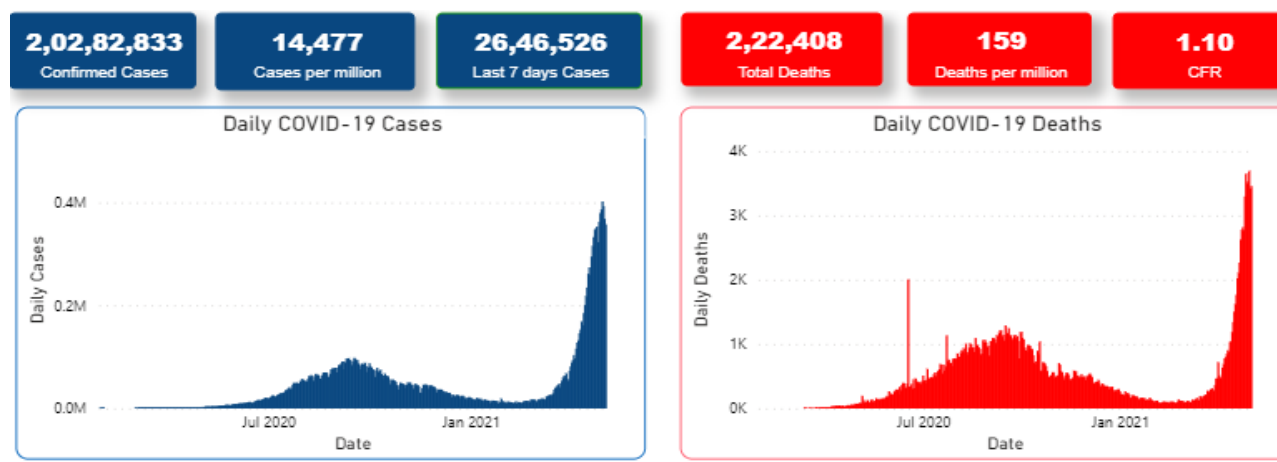
World

153,187,889 Confirmed Cases

3,209,109 Deaths

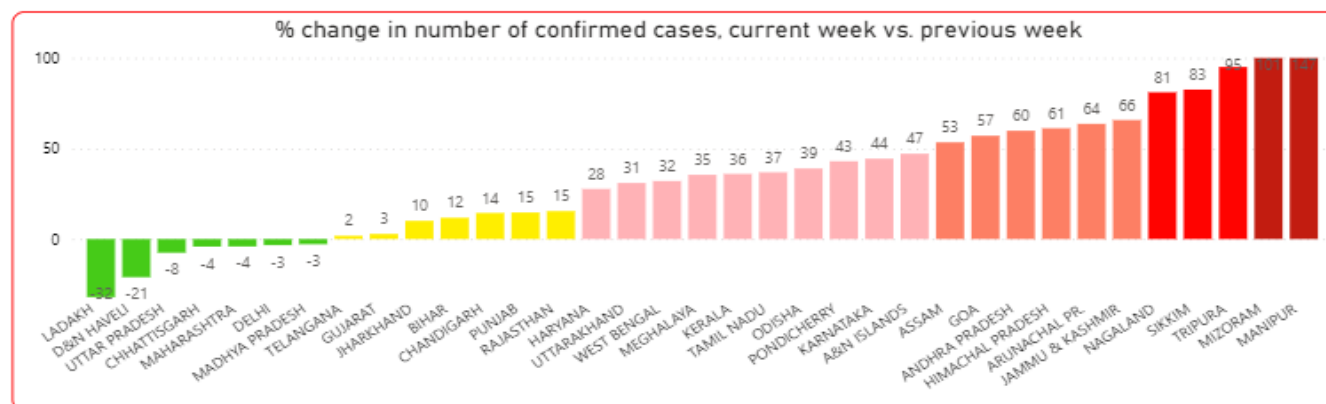
INDIA SITUATION

- As on 05 May 2021, India reported 378,075 (7DMA) new cases accounting for 47% of new cases reported globally and 276 daily cases per million population. The daily cases reported have declined over last three days;



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, seven states/UTs (Ladakh, D&N and DNH, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh) have shown a decrease (in %) in cases.



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- In **Chhattisgarh**, Chief Minister launched phase 3 of COVID-19 vaccination for those between 18-44 years, and inaugurated 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative by Medical College Raipur to provide oxygen to patients under home isolation.
- In **Haryana**, MBBS and final-year postgraduate (PG) students were deployed for COVID-19 duties in addition to the AYUSH and dental surgeons who are already been deployed for home isolation and testing duties.
- In **Punjab**, OPD facilities were suspended in all 3 medical colleges and all beds reserved for COVID-19 patients until further notice
- In **Tamil Nadu**, patients in need of Remdesivir drug could approach Government of Tamil Nadu Medical Supplies with relevant documents (patient's Aadhar card, RT-PCR & CT scan report, prescription, etc.) and seek procurement.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO's Emergency Use Listing (EUL) assesses the quality, safety and efficacy of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA 1273) and have listed it for emergency use making it the fifth vaccine to receive emergency validation from WHO, details [here](#)
- Government of Sweden announces to share 1 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with the COVAX Facility to provide life-saving vaccines to people at risk from COVID-19 in low income countries, details [here](#)
- WHO and UN Global Pulse, the Secretary-General's digital innovation initiative has embarked on a new venture to analyse content shared on public radio across the African continent to support infodemic monitoring pertaining COVID-19, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is working with SEARO and HQ to provide 4000 oxygen concentrators, and lab supplies
- WCO has conducted COVID19 situational analysis for states that are witnessing a high levels of surge in cases. State profiles with specific recommendations were shared with state functionaries
- WHO teams participated in meetings regarding COVID-19 surge, response, and vaccination chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in **Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Maharashtra Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh**
- WHO teams attended review meeting regarding COVID-19 surge and briefed Finance Minister, **Andhra Pradesh** regarding the situation and ongoing WHO support
- WHO continues to support analysis of COVID-19 best practices across multiple states and sharing with **Gujarat** to strengthen state response.
- WCO organised 19th health partners meeting to update on covid19 situation and UN agencies response

COVID-19 vaccination

- WHO teams provided High level oversight during vaccination at district and state levels.
- WHO teams monitored vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, and microplanning
- WHO supported assessment of private hospitals in **Kerala** to enrol them as COVID-19 vaccination centres

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**
- Supporting **Rajasthan** in validation of home isolation activity

Information and Planning

- Supported **Karnataka** with strengthening availability of hospital beds in Bangalore; and in hospital preparedness assessment across the State

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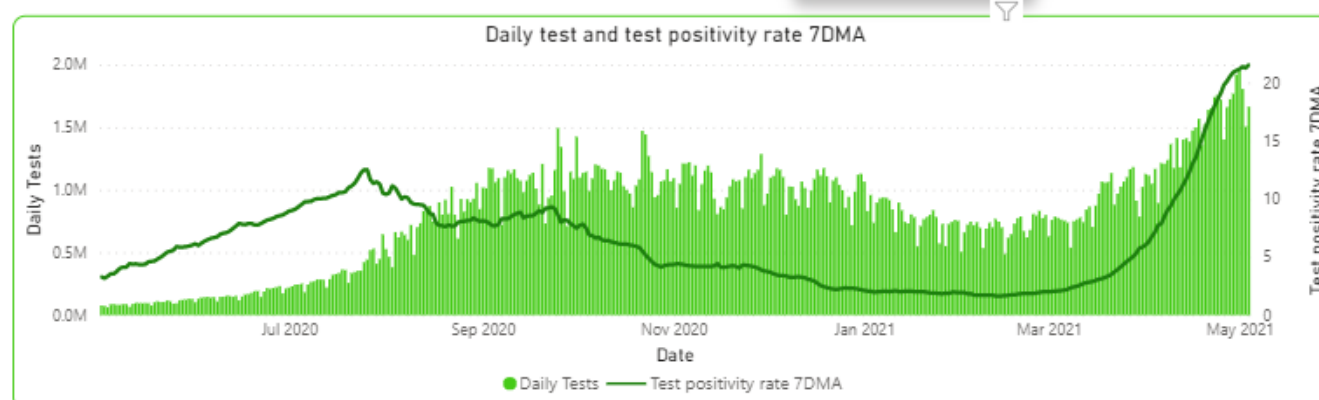
Essential Services

- Efforts were made to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization which are underway in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supported Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

As of 4th May 2021, India has tested more than 293 M samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 21.6%.

Testing - National Level

29,33,10,779
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 4 May 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
India	12,92,27,412	2,97,05,509	15,89,32,921
	8,38,343 in last 24 Hours	8, 70,047 in last 24 hours	17,08,390 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- WHO's technical package for conducting safe onsite COVID-19 intra-action reviews during the pandemic [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#)
- Protocol for Management of Covid - 19 in the Paediatric Age Group [\[LINK\]](#)
- Revised guidelines for Home Isolation of mild /asymptomatic COVID-19 cases [\[LINK\]](#)
- Guidance on augmenting Human Resources for COVID – 19 [\[LINK\]](#)

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