HIGHLIGHTS

• Postal department starts helpline to facilitate speedy delivery of COVID related emergency shipments (Link)
• Advisory issued for induction of trained AYUSH human resources for clinical management of COVID-19 (Link)
• National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) carries out large scale COVID vaccination drive (Link)
• Japan & UNDP to provide 8 oxygen generation plants to ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply at hospitals in the North East (Link)
• MoHFW calls for replication of COVID-19 containment models of Mumbai and Pune at the national level (Link)
• States to allocate minimum 70% of allocated vaccines from GoI for providing 2nd dose to those who have been vaccinated once (Link)
• Nearly 4200 MT oxygen delivered to Maharashtra, MP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, and UP (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

• As on 11 May, India has reported decline in daily cases for last two days. Current cases per million is 16,411;

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week, as compared to previous week, 11 states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases A&N, D&N and DNH, Delhi, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.
In Haryana, doctors, paramedical staff, and others who are providing essential services will be provided free lodging and food at rest houses of the Public Works Department (PWD)

In Karnataka, vaccination for 18-44 years is currently on hold; order of 1 crore doses has been placed by state

In Punjab, Medical Education Department has invited retired medical faculty to support response to surge and work as consultants in departments of anesthesia, medicine, chest and tuberculosis, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology

In Gujarat, government is planning for training healthcare workers across various levels by inducting training partners from Johns Hopkins, Stanford, and other US universities

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

WHO and Germany launch new global hub for pandemic and epidemic intelligence; it will be a global platform for pandemic and epidemic intelligence, creating shared and networked access to vital data, driving innovations and building the communities to predict, prevent, detect, prepare and respond to health threats, details here

WHO Director-General commends United States decision to support temporary waiver on intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines, details here

WHO lists Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and issues policy recommendations, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WCO has carried out COVID-19 situational analysis for states that witnessed high levels of surge in cases.
- WHO Representative along with UNRC, and Heads of UNICEF and UNDP participated in a meeting of Empowered Group 3 on 6 May chaired by CEO, NITI Aayog.
- Supported briefing of Chief Justice and Bench of Judges regarding COVID-19 surge and response in Odisha
- WHO field staff 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 Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala, MP, Meghalaya, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh
- WHO Chhattisgarh team attended meeting with Principal Secretary, Health and MD - NHM regarding planning of auxiliary health facilities
- Supported Maharashtra with training of over 400 Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who have been identified as ‘supersavers’ for COVID-19 response specifically for mild and asymptomatic cases in home isolation

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, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh

Infection Prevention and Control
- State Unit is supporting training of manpower deployed in COVID Care Centers (CCC) and Dedicated COVID Hospitals (DCH) in Odisha
- Support is being provided to re-train workers of private and public health facilities in Uttar Pradesh regarding IPC measures and management of suspected COVID-19 patients

Essential Services
- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
• Field Units supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

As of 11 May 2021, India has tested more than 305 M samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 22%.

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 11 May 2021, 07:00 AM)

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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

• WHO Information Note: COVID-19 considerations for tuberculosis (TB) care [LINK]
• Interim recommendations for use of the inactivated COVID-19 vaccine developed by China National Biotec Group (CNBG), Sinopharm- Interim guidance [LINK], Annexes [LINK], Background document [LINK]
• Estimating COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) hospitalizations associated with laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2: an evaluation using the test-negative design [LINK]
• WHO Technical resource package to Engage the Private Health Service Delivery Sector in the Response to COVID-19 [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK] [LINK]
• COVID-19 natural immunity: Scientific Brief [LINK]

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