

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gap between two doses of Covishield vaccine extended from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks based on recommendation of COVID-19 Working Group ([Link](#))
- DCGI approves phase II/III clinical trial of COVAXIN in 2-18 ag group ([Link](#))
- Government initiating steps to ramp up availability of Amphotericin B to fight Mucormycosis ([Link](#))
- Anti COVID drug, 2-DG launched by Defense Minister & Health Minister ([Link](#))
- National AEFI Committee submits report to MoHFW stating that bleeding and clotting events following COVID vaccination are miniscule in India ([Link](#))
- Helpline for elderly ELDERLINE (14567) becomes operational in several states to address the sub-group's problems during the pandemic ([Link](#))
- Convalescent plasm removed from COVID-19 clinical management protocol ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister interacts with State and District officials regarding COVID-19 situation and urges them to share best practices for utilization in different parts of the country ([Link](#))

#### WHO Situation Update

India

**2,52,28,996 Confirmed Cases**

**2,78,719 Total Deaths**

South East Asia Region

**28,671,811 Confirmed Cases**

**349,375 Total Deaths**

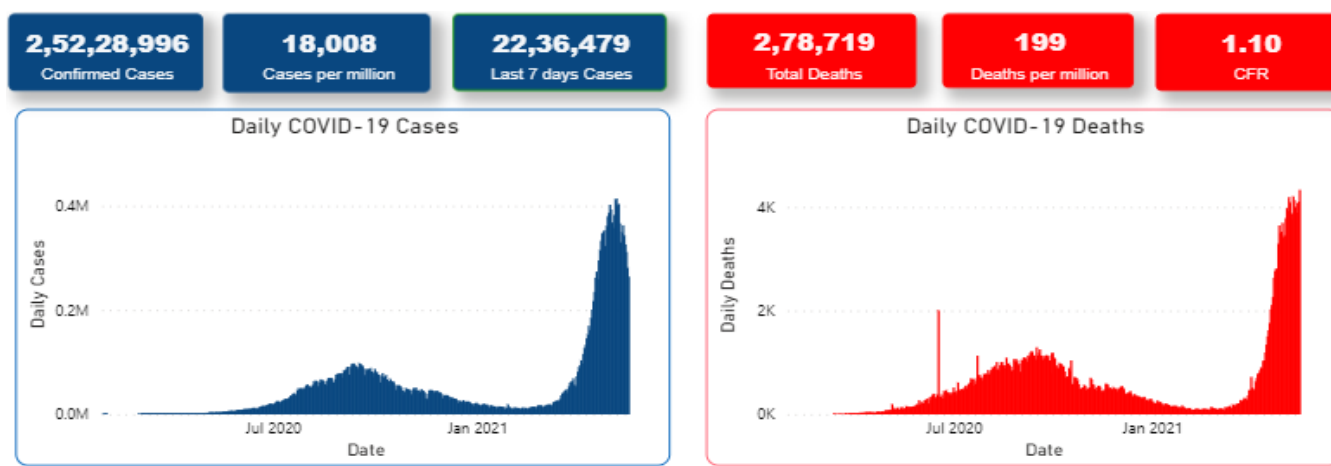
World

**163,312,429 Confirmed Cases**

**3,386,825 Deaths**

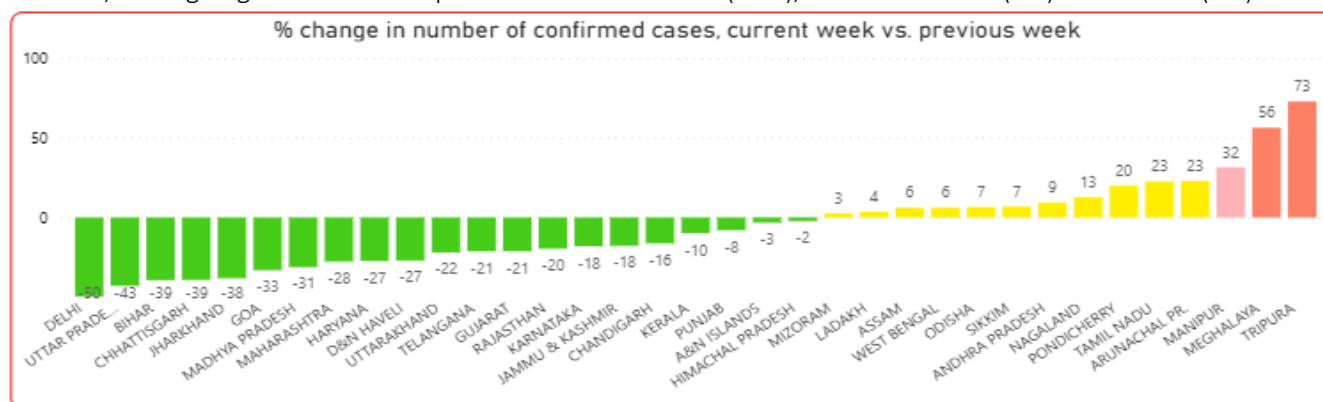
### INDIA SITUATION

- India reported continuous decline in daily cases after reporting the highest number of cases (4,14,188) on 7 May 2021;



### COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week, as compared to previous week, 21states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases. Higher increase, among larger states was reported from Tamil Nadu (23%), Andhra Pradesh (9%) and Odisha (7%).



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- In **Chhattisgarh**, Chief Minister has issued directives for constitution of a Pediatrics State Task Force in preparation for the third wave, for which experts have warned
- In **Karnataka**, Chief Secretary has issued guidelines for medical oxygen management, in line with which 24X7 state oxygen units will be supported by helplines at the state and district levels
- In **Gujarat**, guidelines have been issued regarding Mucormycosis which includes information on clinical features and management, prevention, vulnerable population, etc.
- In **Odisha**, State level committee has been constituted in response to the reported rise in incidence of Mucormycosis amongst COVID-19 patients

## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO advice to hospitals on how to ease pandemic pressure in Western Pacific region, details [here](#)
- Together with the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), other United Nations agencies and nongovernmental organizations, WHO/Europe has been working with Member States to ensure that refugees and migrants are included in national COVID-19 vaccine deployment plans as part of a commitment to universal health coverage and leaving no one behind, details [here](#)
- Egypt & Iraq receives second shipments of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility, details here [\(1\)](#) [\(2\)](#)

## 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**
- 4000 oxygen concentrators have been sent to different States/ UTs according to the distribution plan WCO made in consultation with MOHFW
- WCO has carried out COVID-19 situational analysis for states that are witnessing high levels of surge in cases. Profile for Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Manipur and Uttarakhand shared with respective state authorities.
- WHO field representatives 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 **Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu**

### 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 **Odisha** with development of global e-tender for procurement of COVID vaccine
- Assessing vaccination status of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in **Madhya Pradesh** to evaluate vaccine effectiveness as per state request
- Supporting **Rajasthan** in framing SOPs for vaccination of government employees

### Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh** and **Andhra Pradesh**; and supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in UP and Rajasthan
- Advocating for strengthening ILI/SARI passive surveillance in **Odisha** in response to the surge in cases

### Information and Planning

- Supporting **Madhya Pradesh** in development of guidance for management of pediatric cases of COVID-19 and cases of mucormycosis

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- Supporting development of SOPs for COVID-19 management in tea gardens in **Assam**; and assisting training of District and Block Programme Management Unit officers on Public Health Social measures
- Assessed preparedness of Dedicated COVID Hospitals in select districts of **Gujarat** for impact of cyclone Tauktae
- Supporting planning for establishment of mobile kiosks in rural areas of **Madhya Pradesh**; and advocating for prioritization of teachers for vaccination

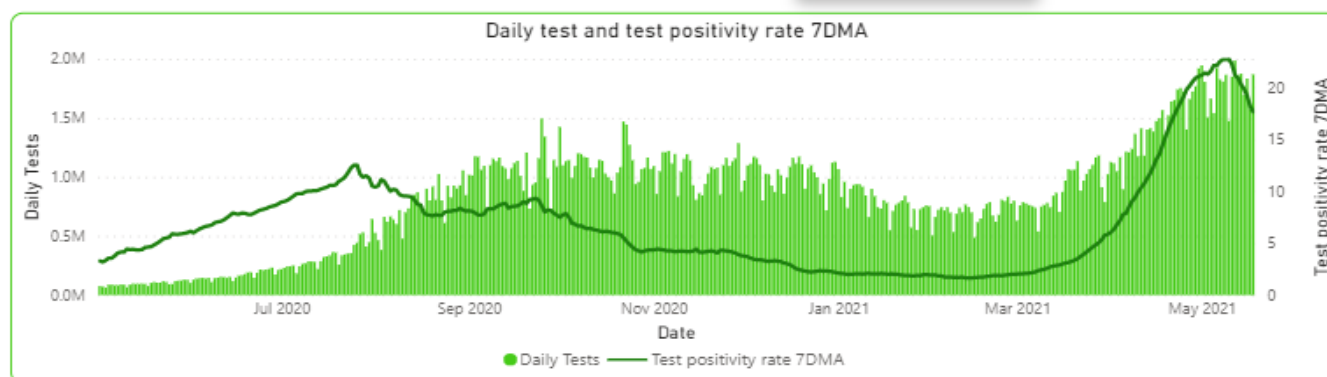
### Essential Services

- Supporting **Chhattisgarh** and **Jammu & Kashmir** for roll out of Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV)
- Contributing in sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT in **Puducherry**
- Supporting **Puducherry** and **Telangana** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Continuing to provide support for orientation of state health officials regarding fever and rash surveillance in **Maharashtra**

As of 18 May 2021, India has tested more than 318 M samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 17.6%.

### Testing - National Level

**31,82,92,881**  
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 18 May 2021, 07:00 AM)

India	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	Total Doses
	14,24,28,227	4,20,24,922	18,44,53,149
	12,67,201 in last 24 Hours	2,43,217 in last 24 hours	15,10,418 in last 24 Hours

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing tool (CVIC tool)- Ver.2 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Preventing and mitigating COVID-19 at work [\[LINK\]](#)
- SOP on COVID-19 Containment & Management in Peri-urban, Rural & Tribal areas (by MoHFW) [\[LINK\]](#)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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