HIGHLIGHTS

- In response to rise in cases of black fungus, Center exhorts States to maintain robust practices of IPC, and sanitation & hygiene in hospitals (Link)
- Five additional manufactures given license to manufacture Amphotericin-B, anti-fungal drug to treat black fungus disease, within the country (Link)
- Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the GoI releases advisory on “Stop the Transmission, Crush the Pandemic- masks, distance, sanitation and ventilation to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus” (Link)
- MoHFW accepts NEGVAC recommendations which state that COVID19 vaccination should be deferred by 3 months after recovery from illness (Link)
- Domestic production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients being ramped up to augment production of critical medicines like Amphotericin-B and Remdesivir (Link)
- On-site registration in addition to online appointment for 18-44 years age group now enabled on Co WIN (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- There is continuous decline in daily cases after reporting the highest number of cases (4,14,188) on 7th May. Cases per million is 19,235.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week, as compared to previous week, 26 states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases.
In **Haryana**, Health Minister announced that global tenders will be floated for procurement of vaccines to ensure that those above 18 are inoculated

In **Andhra Pradesh**, District Collectors have been permitted to sanction INR 1 million towards ex-gratia to each child who has been orphaned due to COVID-19

In **Punjab**, all HWCs, PHCs and SHCs will be provided Rapid Antigen Kits, PPE kits, pulse oximeters, digital thermometers, sanitizers, masks and any other item required to effectively perform COVID related duties

### WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The COVID-19 Sub-Committee of WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) issued statement on safety signals related to the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, details [here](#)
- The ongoing 74th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA) stresses the urgency of ending the current pandemic and preventing the next one by building a healthier, safer and fairer world, details [here](#)
- Collaborative of WHO & partner agencies for the *Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All* (SDG3 GAP) have released their 2nd progress report focusing on support to countries for equitable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#)
- WHO Global TB Programme has released its first report of country case studies on programmatic innovations to overcome challenges in TB prevention and care COVID-19, details [here](#)
- G20 leaders boost support of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator to accelerate the development of tests, treatments and vaccines and to ensure their equitable distribution, detail [here](#)
- WHO and the Swiss Confederation signs MoU to launch first WHO BioHub Facility; this facility will enhance the rapid sharing of viruses and other pathogens between laboratories and partners globally, details [here](#)

### 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**
- 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 **Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Odisha, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh**
- WHO State Unit is supporting planning for establishing auxiliary health facility in **Maharashtra**

**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 **Uttar Pradesh and** providing supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis
- Supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in **UP and Haryana**

**Information and Planning**

- Supported development of SOP for COVID-19 management in peri-urban, rural, and tribal areas in **Assam**
- Assisting capacity building of elected representatives and urban local body functionaries regarding COVID-19 vaccine in Mysore, **Karnataka**
- WCO personnel in **Madhya Pradesh** had supported in collecting data from over 1800 patients admitted in COVID health facilities during ‘second wave’ to assess impact of vaccination; analysis of data, and further recommendations have been shared with state officials
Assisting Rajasthan in capacity building of Community Health Officers (CHOs) who have been recently recruited to manage COVID-19; over 6000 CHOs trained so far

Supporting refresher training on COVID-19 vaccination and AEFIs, and management of CVCs in Delhi

Supporting development of SOPs on prevention and management of Mucormycosis in Tamil Nadu

Oriented 32 Radio Jockeys of various FM Channels in Rajasthan on COVID-19 messages in collaboration with UNICEF

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Karnataka, Mizoram, and Odisha
- Supporting Karnataka, Delhi, Puducherry and Odisha in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

As of 25th May 2021, India has tested more than 332 M samples. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 12%. A total of 20,58,112 tests reported on 25th May 2021.

Cumulative Coverage Report of Covid-19 vaccination (as on 25 May 2021, 07:00 AM)

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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- Evidence review - Public health measures in the aviation sector in the context of COVID-19: quarantine and isolation [LINK], Annexure [LINK]
- Updated Clinical Management Protocol for adult cases of COVID19 (by MoHFW) [LINK]
- Guidelines for Integration of Co-WIN with Third-Party Applications Developed by Ecosystem Partners (by MoHFW) [LINK]

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