HIGHLIGHTS

- Indian Immunologicals Limited to initiate production of drug substance for Covaxin (Link)
- National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur has developed a Gargle RT-PCR Method for testing COVID-19 samples (Link)
- Centre issues advisory to States/UTs to encourage work-from-home for nursing mothers (Link)
- Family pension to be given to dependents of those who lost their lives due to COVID under Employees State Insurance Corporation (Link)
- Union Minister of State, Development of North Eastern Region, requests all government employees 18 years of age to get vaccinated at the earliest (Link)
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) asks States/UTS to upload data of children who have lost their parents to COVID-19, on online tracking portal “Bal Swaraj” (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- There is a decline of 69% in daily cases during last 25 days after reporting the highest number of cases (4,14,188) on 7th May 2021.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week, as compared to previous week, 30 states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Haryana (-63%), Delhi (-61%), Uttar Pradesh (-60%) and Rajasthan (-60%).
In Punjab, District authorities have been directed to allow issue of oxygen cylinders to patients who require oxygen assistance after being discharged from the hospital.

In Telangana, Mucormycosis was declared a notifiable disease under epidemic act 1897 and all Government and private hospitals have been directed to report all suspected and confirmed cases on daily basis to the IDSP.

In Andhra Pradesh, instructions regarding prevention and management of COVID-19 - containing and controlling infection in peri-urban, rural, and tribal areas, have been issued by the Chief Secretary.

In Kerala, going forward, the state will adopt the education of children orphaned during COVID-19 and will support them financially.

In Maharashtra, State COVID taskforce and pediatric taskforce have jointly appealed to the state government to inoculate children younger than 5 years with the influenza vaccine.

**WHO GLOBAL UPDATE**

- COVAX facility, the global initiative to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available worldwide to both higher-income and lower-income countries, issues statement on call to action to deliver 2 billion doses in 2021, detail [here](#).
- Director General, WHO and the President of the Republic of Costa Rica call once again on all WHO Member States to actively support the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP), detail [here](#).
- WHO supports people quitting tobacco to reduce their risk of severe COVID-19, details [here](#).
- WHO announces simple, easy-to-say labels for SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Interest and Concern by using letters of the Greek alphabet, details [here](#).
- Heads of International Monetary Fund (IMT), World Bank Group (WB), World Health Organization (WHO) and World Trade Organization (WTO) issued joint statement on US$50 billion investment to generate US$9 trillion in global economic returns by 2025 and boost manufacturing capacity, supply, trade flows and the equitable distribution of diagnostics, oxygen, treatments, medical supplies and vaccines, details [here](#).
- WHO validates Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use & issues interim recommendations, details [here](#).

**WHO COUNTRY UPDATE**

**Coordination**

- WCO continues to participate in Joint Monitoring Groups meetings and 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, third wave, response and preparation, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, and Uttar Pradesh.

**COVID-19 vaccination**

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

**Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance**

- Supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in UP, Haryana and Punjab.

**Information and Planning**

- Assisting Himachal Pradesh with death audits and analysis.
- Supported development of guideline for prevention and management of Mucormycosis in Karnataka.
- Supporting Rajasthan with building capacity of rural health centers for Rapid Antigen Testing.
RCCE

- Facilitated sensitization and advocacy meeting of religious leaders regarding COVID-19 response in Delhi

IPC

- Supported IPC training at District COVID Hospital in Ladakh

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, and Maharashtra
- Supporting Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

As of 1 June 2021, India has tested more than 346 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 8.6%.

India continued to drive Covid-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of Covid-19 vaccination (as on 1 June 2021, 07:00 AM)

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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Technical note on delayed shipments for the ChAdOx1-S (recombinant) vaccines: what are the implications for the administration of second doses? - Scientific brief [LINK]
- Critical preparedness, readiness and response actions for COVID-19: Interim guidelines [LINK]
- Operational guide for engaging communities in contact tracing [LINK]
- Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres (NHCVC) for Elderly and Differently Abled Citizens [LINK]
- Clinical Guidance on Diagnosis & Management of Diabetes at COVID-19 Management facility [LINK]

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