HIGHLIGHTS

• MoHFW finalizes advance arrangement with M/s Biological-E Ltd., Hyderabad for 30 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses (Link)
• Xray Setu, a new AI-driven platform launched to facilitate early-COVID interventions over WhatsApp (Link)
• CSIR India and Laxai Life Sciences initiate clinical trials of promising repurposed drug, Niclosamide for treatment of COVID-19 (Link)
• Member, Health, NITI Aayog and Director AIIMS address FAQs regarding COVID-19 (Link)
• Director, AIIMS asserts that there is no data to show children will be seriously infected in subsequent COVID-19 waves (Link)
• Unique Disability Identification Card (UDID) now acceptable as photo ID for registration on Co-WIN 2.0 (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

• There is a decline in number of cases since last week though India accounts for 28% of new cases reported in the world.

WHO Situation Update

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COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (2-8 June), as compared to previous week (26 May – 1 June), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases. Higher decrease reported from Uttarakhand (-65%), Rajasthan (-64%) and Delhi (-60%).
In Punjab, Chief Minister virtually inaugurated a 50-bed pediatric COVID care ward, in CMC Hospital, Ludhiana in preparation for the third wave of the pandemic

In Maharashtra, the government has put a cap on cost of treatment for mucormycosis in private hospitals

In Tamil Nadu, a technical committee to review and monitor the rising incidence of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) has been established

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

7th meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee regarding COVID-19 advice to keep on updating WHO interim position on guidance and tools related to standardization of paper and digital documentation of COVID-19 travel-related risk reduction measures, details here

74th World Health Assembly dominated by discussions on responding to the short- and longer-term consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and on ensuring that countries, health systems, organizations and societies are better prepared to meet the challenges of future health threats, detail here.

WHO EMRO tri-regional policy dialogue seeks solutions to challenges facing international mobility of health professionals, details here.

Council on the Economics of Health for All issues brief on equitable health innovation, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WHO field teams 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, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and UP
- Around 70 tents for setting up auxiliary health facility has been received by Maharashtra, Assam, Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar. States are setting up the tents with guidance from WCO.
- 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

COVID-19 vaccination
- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring
- Supported training of vaccinators in Chhattisgarh regarding proper filling of vaccine utilization reports to better reconcile vaccine wastage
- Assisting Gujarat with review of COVID-19 vaccination data and field visits to assess gaps in coverage; 5 districts have been visited so far and observations and recommendations have been shared with the state
- Supporting district level workshops in Karnataka on COVID vaccination and AEFI, basis guidelines shared by state on vaccinating those between 18-44 years of age

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance
- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh; field teams also provided 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 Haryana, Punjab, and UP

Information and Planning
- Assisting Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu with death audits and analysis
- Supporting Tamil Nadu with development of guidelines on “preventive maintenance & disinfection procedure of medical equipment (including oxygen concentrators) in health facilities & homes”
**IPCs**

- Supporting strengthening of ward level taskforce committee on ILI & SARI surveillance in Karnataka
- Supporting district level training for capacity building on IPC protocol, COVID appropriate, and COVID surveillance and contact tracing in Delhi

**Essential Services**

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supporting Delhi, Karnataka, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening AEFI surveillance
- Supporting Delhi with smooth implementation of polio SNID
- Supporting Chhattisgarh, Goa, and UP for roll out of Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV)

As of 8 June 2021, India has tested more than 360 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 5.93%.

### 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 8 June 2021, 07:00 AM)**

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK**

- Council brief: The WHO Council on Economics of Health for All [LINK],
- Advisory for Rational use of Remdesivir for COVID-19 Treatment [LINK],
- SOPs on Administration of Second Dose of Covishield Vaccine Prior to Prescribed Time Interval under special circumstances [LINK]
- Revised Guidelines for implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program [LINK]

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