

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- 500-bed COVID hospital by DRDO operationalized in Srinagar ([Link](#))
- CSIR and Laxai Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad given regulatory approval to undertake clinical trial to assess efficacy of Colchicine in improvement of clinical outcomes during treatment of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Indigenously designed and manufactured high purity oxygen concentrator being supplied to Indian hospitals ([Link](#))
- Member, Health, NITI Aayog asserts that there is no need for immediate change in COVISHIELD dosage interval ([Link](#))
- Press Information Bureau holds webinar to engage with public regarding post-COVID symptoms, and recovery from COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- MoHFW emphasizes the role of Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genetics Consortium (INSACOG) in detection of Variants of Concerns (VOCs) ([Link](#))

#### WHO Situation Update

##### India

**2,95,70,881 Confirmed Cases**

**3,77,031 Total Deaths**

##### South East Asia Region

**33,666,359 Confirmed Cases**

**461,830 Total Deaths**

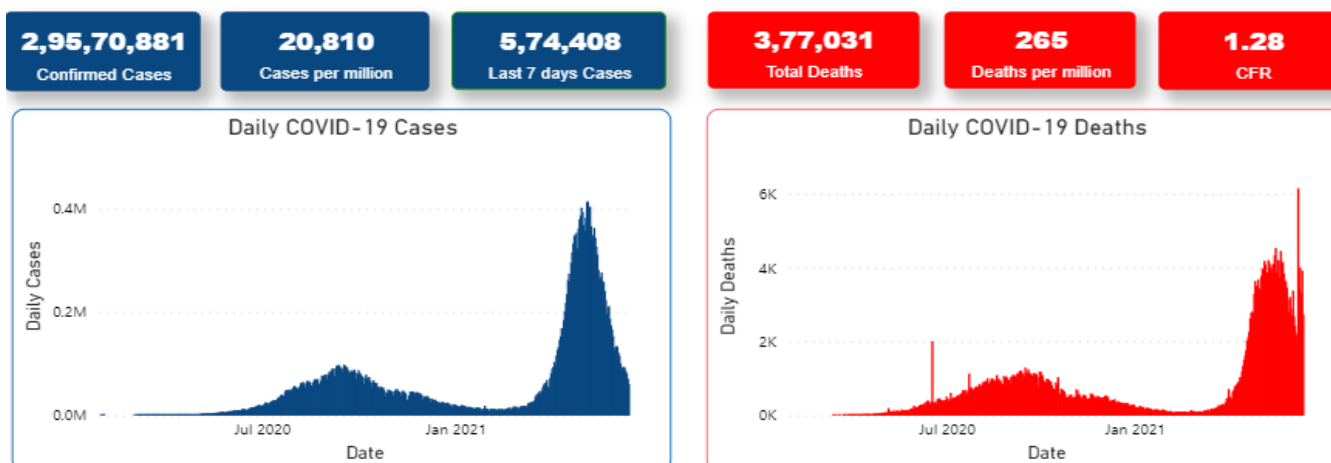
##### World

**175,987,176 Confirmed Cases**

**3,811,561 Deaths**

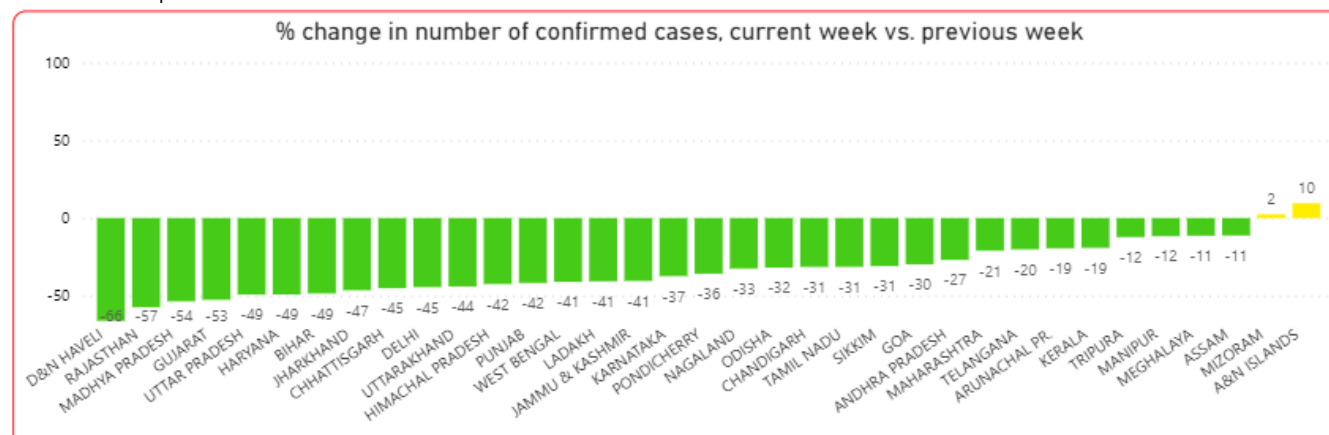
### INDIA SITUATION

- In India highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188 reported on 7 May 2021; since then there is continuous decline in daily cases.



### COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (9-15 June), as compared to previous week (2-8 June), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Mizoram.



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- In **Kerala**, plans have been made to upgrade infrastructure of medical colleges, district hospitals, and block/taluka hospitals to facilitate effective pediatric case management
- In **Tamil Nadu**, task force committee has been constituted for supporting surge capacity in case of a third wave
- In **Himachal Pradesh**, directives have been issued to administer second dose of Covishield between 28-84 days of first dose to facilitate smooth foreign travel for the purpose of education, employment, sports events, etc.
- In **Punjab**, the Chief Minister has asserted that a group of specialist pediatrics will develop treatment protocol for the possible third wave of COVID-19

## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities and WHO jointly issued statement for healthcare professionals regarding how COVID-19 vaccines are regulated for safety and effectiveness, details [here](#)
- Global leaders have pledged to share COVID-19 vaccine doses internationally, in support of global equitable access and to help end the acute phase of the pandemic. It will be great boost to COVAX facility, details [here](#)
- The ACT Accelerator partnership welcomes commitment of 870 million vaccine doses and calls for more investment in all tools to end the pandemic, details [here](#)
- WHO identifies young people as a priority target audience with specific concerns, experiences and behaviours regarding COVID-19, details [here](#)
- WHO issued updated recommendations for use of Pfizer–BioNTech, Moderna and Janssen vaccines against COVID-19, 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 on response, preparation for addressing any future surge, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in **Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, and UP**
- **Odisha** has set up Auxiliary Health Facility with WHO provided tents in Balasore district. The facility is functional and is helping in reducing pressure on district hospital.

### 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

- WHO Country office and field offices are providing supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis

### Information and Planning

- Supporting facilitation of sensitization meetings of doctors and local practitioners of North East district in **Delhi** regarding COVID response
- Supporting **Kerala** with development of guidelines for vaccinating bed-ridden and palliative patients at their place of stay
- Facilitating lab strengthening activities in **Andhra Pradesh** to initiate DPT surveillance
- Supporting implementation of serosurvey in **Maharashtra**
- Supporting **Rajasthan** with death audit and analysis

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### IPC

- Supporting training of health workers in public and private hospitals in **Delhi** on IPC protocol
- Supporting capacity building of Medical officers and ANMs on IPC in **Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, and Rajasthan**

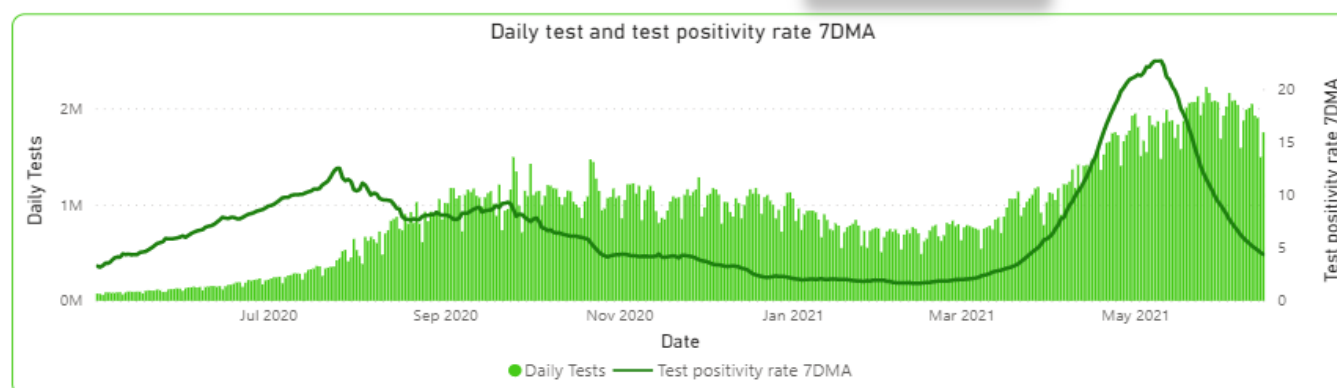
### Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana**
- Supporting **Chhattisgarh and Puducherry** with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT
- Supporting **Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, and Punjab** with fever and rash surveillance

As of 15 June 2021, India has tested more than 373 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 4.38%.

### Testing - National Level

**37,37,28,224 \***  
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 16 June 2021, 07:00 AM)

India	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	Total Doses
	21,26,81,921	4,92,90,093	26,19,72,014
	24,02,842 in last 24 Hours	3,97,616 in last 24 hours	28,00,458 in last 24 Hours

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Young people and COVID-19: Behavioural considerations for promoting safe behaviours [\[LINK\]](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing tool (CVIC tool)- Version 2.2 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Technical specifications for selection of essential in vitro diagnostics for SARS-CoV-2 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health & social measures for COVID-19 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Guidelines on Operationalization of COVID Care Services for Children & Adolescents [\[LINK\]](#)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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