HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister launches ‘Customized Crash Course Programme for COVID-19 Frontline Workers’ (Link)
- Decision to increase gap between COVISHIELD doses taken on scientific evidence in a transparent manner, asserts chairman of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) (Link)
- Ministry of Tourism invites feedback/suggestions on the draft “National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism” (Link)
- Member, Health, NITI Aayog asserts that Delta Plus variant has not yet been classified as Variant of Concern (Link)
- Union Minister of Minority Affairs launches “JaanHaiToJahaanHai” campaign to create awareness on COVID-19 vaccination in the country (Link)
- Union Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions launched "Vaccines for All-Free for All" program in Katra-Vaishno Devi, J&K (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7th May 2021. Since then there is continuous decline in daily cases. India accounts for 16% of daily cases reported globally with 21,097 cases per million.

WHO Situation Update

- India
  - 2,99,77,861 Confirmed Cases
  - 3,89,302 Total Deaths

- South East Asia Region
  - 34,110,785 Confirmed Cases
  - 473,162 Total Deaths

- World
  - 178,503,429 Confirmed Cases
  - 3,872,457 Deaths

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (16-22 June), as compared to previous week (9-15 June), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Mizoram, D & N Haveli, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Meghalaya.
• In Punjab, the government has included more categories in “priority group for vaccination” including shopkeepers and their staff, gym owners and trainers, staff working in the hospitality industry, etc.
• In Delhi, Unlock-4 was announced on 21 June which allows opening of parks, and allows restaurants to function at 50% of their capacity
• In Jammu and Kashmir, Amarnath yatra has been canceled in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

• WHO and its COVAX partners are working with a South African consortium comprising Biovac, Afrigen Biologics and Vaccines, a network of universities and the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish its first COVID mRNA vaccine technology transfer hub, details here
• Breakthrough WHO initiative launched in Europe to engage and empower civil society organizations in health emergency responses, details here
• WHO called upon countries in WHO South-East Asia Region to scale up and rigorously implement public health and social measures, along with efforts to accelerate vaccination for COVID-19, to prevent another surge, as more countries confirmed prevalence of highly transmissible variants of concerns, details here.
• WHO-PAHO Director asks G7 nations to prioritize Latin America and the Caribbean for 1 billion vaccine donations, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WHO State Units participated in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.
- 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.
- Participated in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana.

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 supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.

Information and Planning

- Facilitating laboratory strengthening activities in Andhra Pradesh to initiate DPT surveillance.
- Supported training of over 250 youth master trainers across 10 districts of Madhya Pradesh regarding COVID appropriate behaviour and COVID-19 vaccinations; as part of the ‘Yuva Shakti- Corona Se Mukti Abhiyan’, a joint initiative by health and education departments.
- Conducted training workshop in Andhra Pradesh for paediatricians working in Paediatric Care Units (PICU), Sick New-born Care Units (SNCU), mini-SNCUs on paediatric management of COVID-19 in collaboration with UNICEF.
• Supporting Tamil Nadu with development of guidelines on management of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) in collaboration with UNICEF.

**Essential Services**

• Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
• Supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.
• Supporting Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan with smooth implementation of polio SNID.
• Supporting Puducherry with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT

As of 22 June 2021, India tested more than 386 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 3.25%.

**Testing - National Level**

![Graph showing daily test and test positivity rate 7DMA](image)

India continued to drive Covid-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details [here](#).

Cumulative Coverage Report of Covid-19 vaccination (as on 22 June 2021, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK**

• Refugees and migrants in times of COVID-19: mapping trends, migration policies and practices [LINK]
• Hypertension and COVID-19- Scientific brief [LINK]
• Making every school a health-promoting school- Guidance [LINK], -Global Standard & Indicators [LINK]
• WHO guideline on school health services [LINK]
• Guidelines on Operationalization of COVID Care Services for Children & Adolescents [LINK]
• Guidelines for Management of COVID-19 in Children [LINK]
• Toolkit for Youth Campaign Appropriate Behaviour, Vaccination drive & Psychosocial well-being [LINK]

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