HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre rushes teams to Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, and Tripura, for COVID-19 control and containment measures (Link)
- MoHFW announces that pregnant women are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination (Link)
- Prime Minister addresses CoWIN Global Conclave as India offers CoWIN platform as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID-19 (Link)
- MoHFW organizes capacity building workshop for media/health correspondents of North Eastern and Southern states on COVID-19 (Link)
- Vice President calls for fast-tracking of genome sequencing of new COVID-19 variants to speed up vaccine and drug development (Link)
- Government readies two more central drug laboratories at Pune and Hyderabad for COVID-19 vaccine testing (Link)
- Additional 1,14,000 vials of Liposomal Amphotericin- B allocated to all States/UTs & Central Institutions (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021 and since then there is a continuous decline in daily cases. Currently, India reports 11% of new COVID cases reported globally (7DMA), and 32 daily cases per million population.

WHO Situation Update

- India
  - 3,06,19,932 Confirmed Cases
  - 4,03,281 Total Deaths
- South East Asia Region
  - 35,450,108 Confirmed Cases
  - 500,129 Total Deaths
  (as on 7 July 2021)
- World
  - 183,934,913 Confirmed Cases
  - 3,985,022 Deaths

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (30 June – 6 July), as compared to previous week (23 – 29 June), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur and Kerala.
In **Karnataka**, orders have been issued to ensure that those traveling to the state from Kerala and Maharashtra either have a Negative RTPCR report or have been vaccinated at least once.

In **Maharashtra**, district collectors have been asked to prepare a district level oxygen management plan; the plan should take into account the highest number of cases in each district during the second wave and ensure that three times the amount of oxygen is presently available.

In **Telangana**, education department has issued orders instructing all private schools to collect tuition fees on a monthly basis and refrain from increasing fees during the academic year 21-22.

### WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children and the MHPSS Collaborative jointly developed new training resources to help young people support one another during emergencies, details [here](#).
- COVAX facility urges all regional, national and local government authorities to recognize as fully vaccinated all people who have received COVID-19 vaccines that have been deemed safe and effective by WHO, details [here](#).
- WHO has announced multiple commitments to drive change for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls with special focus on COVID-19-exacerbated gender inequalities, details [here](#).
- WHO global conference on communicating science during health emergencies sparks enormous public interest. The conference intended to identify the challenges encountered during the pandemic and find solutions to make science accessible and relevant to all., details [here](#).
- WHO recommends life-saving interleukin-6 receptor blockers for COVID-19 and urges producers to join efforts to rapidly increase access. Further, WHO has launched an expression of interest for prequalification of manufacturers of interleukin-6 receptor blockers, details [here](#).

### WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

#### Coordination
- WCO has been monitoring Covid19 epidemiological trends and sharing the information with States/UTs.
- 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 staff contributed to meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu.

#### COVID-19 vaccination
- 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 (UP); which also include supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
- WHO State and District Units supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Haryana Punjab, and UP.

#### Information and Planning
- Supported implementation of sero-survey in Gujarat, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

#### Essential Services
- Technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Gujarat.
- Strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in Karnataka, Puducherry, Telangana, and Maharashtra.
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- Supporting fever and rash surveillance in Maharashtra
- Implementation of IHIP in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

As of 6 July, India has tested more than 411 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.4%.

**Testing - National Level**

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*Exclusive of data reconciled by states on 2nd June, 2021 (Dashboard cumulative figure varies from the cumulative figure on ICMR website)*

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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 7 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK**

- Ethical Framework for WHO’s work in the ACT-Accelerator (COVID-19 tools for decision making) [LINK]
- Protocol template to be used as template for observational study protocols: cohort event monitoring (CEM) for safety signal detection after vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines [LINK]
- Policy considerations for implementing a risk-based approach to international travel in the context of COVID-19, 2 July 2021 [LINK], Interim guidance [LINK]
- Considerations for strengthening legal frameworks for digital contact tracing and quarantine tools for COVID-19 [LINK]
- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline [LINK]
- Operational Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination of Pregnant Women (MoHFW) [LINK]

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