HIGHLIGHTS

- Cabinet approves “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II” at a cost of Rs 23,123 crore (Link)
- Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Kingdom of Denmark on cooperation in the field of health and medicine (Link)
- Union Home Secretary reviews steps taken by State Governments for curbing the spread of COVID-19 in hill stations and tourist locations (Link)
- Breastfeeding mothers should get themselves vaccinated against COVID-19 without any hesitation, asserts Head of Division of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, ICMR (Link)
- PM interacts with Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern states on COVID-19 situation (Link)
- Union Health Minister inaugurates 2 PSA Oxygen Plants at Sir Takhtasinhji hospital, Bhavnagar, Gujarat (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- India currently reports second highest number of COVID-19 cases and third highest number of deaths in the world. The 7DMA of daily cases in India accounts for 9% of new cases reported in the world.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (7-13 July), as compared to previous week (1-6 July), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Sikkim and Kerala.

WHO Situation Update

- India
  - 30,907,282 Confirmed Cases
  - 410,784 Total Deaths

- South East Asia Region
  - 36,039,776 Confirmed Cases
  - 512,592 Total Deaths

- World
  - 187,086,096 Confirmed Cases
  - 4,042,921 Deaths
In Haryana, “Khelo India Youth Games” have been postponed to February 2022 in light of the possible third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Puducherry, two villages, namely Pudukuppam & Ilayankudi, have been declared 100% vaccinated for 45+ and similar efforts are being undertaken in other rural areas of the state.

In Punjab, Chief Minister has asked concerned departments to expedite Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) to identify cases of new COVID-19 variants.

**WHO GLOBAL UPDATE**

- COVID-19 subcommittee of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) issued a statement reviewing initial reports of mild myocarditis following COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, details [here](#).
- WHO and FIND (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics) co-developed a self-learning online course ‘SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic testing’ which aims to provide Ag-RDT users with a deeper understanding of the theoretical and practical components of SARS-CoV-2 Ag-RDT testing, details [here](#).
- United Nations issued a multi-agency report estimates that around a tenth of the global population - up to 811 million people- were undernourished last year. This spike in world hunger has largely been attributed to COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#).
- WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia Regional Director’s opening remarks at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts reaffirm commitment to advocate for sustained and scaled up investments in health to build a health and economic recovery from COVID-19 that is more resilient, equitable and sustainable, details [here](#).

**WHO COUNTRY UPDATE**

**Coordination**
- WCO has been monitoring the trends using inhouse developed indicators and thresholds 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 field offices 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, and Tamil Nadu.

**COVID-19 vaccination**
- WCO has been supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- WHO field offices are supporting Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala, and Punjab in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out.

**Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance**
- WHO field offices supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.

**Information and Planning**
- Supporting implementation of sero-survey in Karnataka.

**IPC**
- Continuing to support capacity building of healthcare workers regarding IPC in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.
**Essential Services**

- WHO field teams are providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supporting implementation of IHIP in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Delhi, Ladakh, and Punjab

As of 13 July, India has tested more than 423 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.3%.

**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 13 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK**

- Modelling the health impacts of disruptions to essential health services during COVID-19 [LINK]
- Diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccine readiness, and other health products for COVID-19 [LINK]
- Infection prevention and control during health care when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is suspected or confirmed [LINK]

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