**HIGHLIGHTS**

- MoHFW reviews preparations under “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II” with States/UTs ([LINK](#)).
- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launches nationwide campaign ‘COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam’ aimed to clear misconceptions regarding COVID vaccine amongst tribal population ([LINK](#)).
- Prime Minister interacts with Chief Minister of 6 States to discuss COVID-19 situation ([LINK](#)).
- B.1.617.2, known as the Delta variant, is around 40-60 percent more transmissible than Alpha Variant; shares Co-Chair, INSACOG ([LINK](#)).
- IIT Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind ‘oxygen rationing device’ – AMLEX to increase the life of medical oxygen cylinders ([LINK](#)).

**INDIA SITUATION**

- In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021. Since then there has been a continuous decline in daily cases, now India reports 28 daily cases per million population.

**WHO Situation Update**

- **India**
  - 31,174,322 Confirmed Cases
  - 414,482 Total Deaths
- **South East Asia Region**
  - 36,938,862 Confirmed Cases
  - 531,186 Total Deaths
- **World**
  - 190,671,330 Confirmed Cases
  - 4,098,758 Deaths

**COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES**

- In the past week (15-20 July), as compared to previous week (8-13 July), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except A & N Islands, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Sikkim, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh and Telangana.

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*Data source: NCDC/IDSP as of 14th July 2021 [https://ihip.nhp.gov.in/idsp/#/]*
July 21, 2021

In Andhra Pradesh, night curfew implemented from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am has been extended till further notice.

In Delhi, second dose of COVID-19 vaccine is given to children of 12-18 years of age as part of a trial in AIIMS Delhi.

In Tamil Nadu, the fourth round of “Mask Compliance” survey by ICMR in Chennai is demonstrating improved results.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO warns that HIV infection increases the risk of severe and critical COVID-19, details here
- WHO Director-General convened 8th meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, details here
- WHO and UNICEF joint report states that 23 million children missed out on basic childhood vaccines through routine health services in 2020, the highest number since 2009 and 3.7 million more than in 2019, details here
- Germany reaffirms support to WHO’s work and appreciated the leadership role WHO is playing in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, details here
- WHO & United Nations World Food Program (WFP) launch innovative project on Emergency Health Facilities, details here
- A new joint global study reveals that during the first 14 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, at least 1.5 million children lost a parent, custodial grandparent, or other caregiver due to COVID-19, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WCO is monitoring the trends using our inhouse developed indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with states/UTs for requisite actions.
- 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 is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- WCO is supporting Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, and Odisha for orientating them on COVID-19 vaccination guidelines for pregnant women and its roll-out

Information and Planning
- Supporting orientation of Medical Officers in Udupi District, Karnataka on COVID-19 preparedness and management in paediatric population.

IPC
- Continuing to support capacity building of healthcare workers regarding IPC in Delhi and Chhattisgarh.

Essential Services
- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Supporting Karnataka, Maharashtra, Puducherry with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT.
Supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.

Providing technical support to Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat with fever and rash surveillance.

Monitoring of Mission Ramdhenu sessions and allied activities in Assam.

Supporting Telangana for Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for lymphatic filariasis in 14 districts.

As of 20 July, India has tested more than 436 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2%.

India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 20 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- WHO technical consultation on oxygen access scale-up for COVID-19 [LINK]
- Progresses and Challenges with Sustaining and Advancing Immunization coverage during the COVID-19 Pandemic [LINK]
- Clinical features and prognostic factors of COVID-19 in people living with HIV hospitalized with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection [LINK]
- WHO SAGE Roadmap for Prioritizing Uses Of COVID-19 Vaccines in the Context of Limited Supply [LINK]
- Guidance on utilization of COVID-19 vaccines before the date of expiry [LINK]
- Guidance for clinical case management of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) following vaccination to prevent COVID-19 [LINK]

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